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A Prayer

Through every minute of this day,
  Be with me, Lord!
Through every day of all this week,
  Be with me, Lord!
Through every week of all this year,
  Be with me Lord!

So shall the days and weeks and years
  Be threaded on a golden cord,
And all draw on with sweet accord
  Unto Thy fullness, Lord;
  That so, when time is past,
By grace I may at last
  Be with Thee, Lord!

—John Oxenham

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Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Owens, of Fountain, North Carolina, celebrated their birthdays on Sunday, December 19, 1943. Mr. Owens was 83 years old on December 22, and Mrs. Owens was 73 on November 23.

A bounteous dinner was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Roney Lee Owens and boys; Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Everette and family; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Bell; Mr. and Mrs. Wright Webb and family; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thomas and son; Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Bell and daughter; Mrs. Stanley Warren; Mrs. Kate Owens; Mr. and Mrs. Jym Wainright and son; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Eason.

Following the splendid dinner festival, lovely gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Owens.

By Reporter

ALL OF GRACE

By T. O. Chisholm

It was grace alone that saved me;
"Not of works," lest I should boast;
Grace, o'er all my sin abounding,
Saved me to the uttermost.

All of grace and naught of merit;
Sin had deeply dyed my soul;
But His blood completely cleansed me,
Every whit His grace made whole.

What the law could not accomplish,—
Law I strove to keep in vain,—
Grace did perfectly accomplish,—
Wrote that law my heart within.

All of grace! To God be glory,—
Father, Holy Spirit, Son!
Through His grace to me extended,
Love's redeeming work was done.

Unto him that love us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Rev. 50: 5, 6.

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EDITORIAL

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE—

The first session for the year 1944 of the Christian Workers' Institute, which is sponsored by the National Association, will be held in the Kinston Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Robert Crawford, the National Executive Secretary, has already made the announcement of it through the columns of the Baptist paper.

The Reverend N. Bruce Barrow, of LaGrange, North Carolina, is pastor of the Kinston Church. He and the church gave this cordial invitation for the Institute to be held there, begenning on January 17, and continuing through January 28. They are to be congratulated for having the honor to entertain the first of these institutes to be held in the State.

From all reports, the work of the Institute heretofore has been gratifying indeed, and the churches that have entertained it received great benefits. In this case, it is expected that the Kinston Church will be greatly benefitted by having the Institute conducted in the midst of its people. Ministers and Christian workers from the several churches in Eastern North Carolina are urged to attend this Institute, if they can possibly do so. They will gain many good ideas for Christian service, as well as receive splendid instruction from the course of study which they will pursue. There are within a twenty-five mile radius of Kinston over twenty Free Will Baptist churches. From these churches, at least, there are quite a large number of Sunday School teachers and Auxiliary workers who should plan to attend the Institute for training in religious work. Much good can be derived from the advancement of their local work in their churches by their attending the Institute and gaining additional knowledge for the work which they are doing in their Sunday Schools and in the local Auxiliary work.

"THE FREE WILL BAPTIST MESSENGER"—

We were glad to receive a copy of the "Free Will Baptist Messenger" a few days ago from the Editor, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Tupelo, Mississippi. The issue contained some good messages for the readers. We want to commend Brother Hollis and his staff of helpers for their good little church paper, and hope that it will be acceptably received by the church people wherever it shall be sent for the glory of God. We have felt for a long time that the State of Mississippi should have a splendid Church paper for the many Free Will Baptist people in that State. Let everyone hope for it a large circulation, and that it shall do much good through the years for the cause of righteousness.

We are personally acquainted with Brother Hollis, and have learned to appreciate him in his untiring efforts to spread the gospel not only in his own State, but also in other states where he has held many successful revivals during the past few years. His Christian influence is meaning much for the spreading of the gospel and the upbuilding of the Free Will Baptist cause in the Southern States, as well as in other sections where he has gone to serve the Lord.

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REPORT OF THE SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN—

As we promised several weeks ago, we are giving here the report of the results of the "Subscription Campaign" for the Baptist paper during the last four months of the year. The total number of new and renewal subscriptions for this period is 1584. Of this number some are semi-annual and quarter subscriptions, while about half of the total number are annual subscriptions. It is certainly gratifying to note that the campaign exceeded its quota by 584 subscribers, as we put on the campaign for one thousand new subscriptions to the Baptist paper. We want to thank everyone who participated in this campaign. It certainly did boost the paper in many sections of the country, and caused quite a number of people to become more interested in it.

But there is another story to be related in connection with the subscription roll. This is not so encouraging to us nor is it to the church people as a whole, we believe. Since September first, to December 31, 1943, the Business Management of the Press has had to remove from the Baptist mailing list 397 names of subscribers who failed to renew their subscriptions. Brother C. K. Dunn hated to do this, but he knew that it would not be good business to keep their names on the mailing list indefinitely without receiving the renewal for their subscriptions. Some of these will, no doubt, renew their subscriptions within the next few weeks, as so often has been the case in the past. But we cannot count them at the present reckoning of the present status of the subscription roll.

In subtracting this 397 names from the 1584 names, we have left 1187, which is 187 more than we set out to get in the campaign. It is to be remembered however, that, of this 1187 subscribers, 677 were old subscribers who promptly renewed their subscriptions during the four months' period, thus giving us 500 new subscribers for the same period of time. At the beginning of the campaign on September the first, our subscription roll was 2475 subscribers, and the last issue for the month of December was 2975. Now, if the 397 old subscribers, who failed to renew during this period, had renewed, we would have, to be exact, 897 subscribers as an increase at the end of the campaign instead of 500. Here again note, the actual increase is only 103 above the number dropped, and this looks bad, doesn't it? The rate of dropping, as here shown, is too great as compared to the rate of increase. It shows this one truth, as long as the rate of dropping is great, it will be very hard for the Editor and the Business Management to be able to build up a large subscription roll for the Baptist paper.

The Need of Following Jesus

By Elder Colonel Pendleton
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Christian friends, let us study together a lesson on obedience. For a text we take 1 Peter 1: 22. Which reads, "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

In 1 Cor. 11: 1, we hear Paul saying, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." Yes, beloved, we must obey God in all things. We are to follow our leaders, "even as" they are following Christ. All must obey the will of our heavenly Father. There are no exceptions. Before eternal life is bestowed upon anyone, explicit obedience must be learned and practiced and our blessed Lord Jesus Christ was no exception. He hearkened and obeyed, setting us an example of the way to power and eternal life. It is written in Heb. 5: 8, "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things He suffered."

Please let us notice that though Jesus was the Son of the most High God, and God's heaven sent ambassador to fallen mankind, yet He obeyed the commands of His father. Now, if Jesus Christ was no exception, and through obedience, claimed the right to become our Lord and Saviour, what can we expect other than full and complete obedience, if we hope to gain eternal life from the sacrifice of the OBEDIENT ONE? The Holy Scriptures also say, "Being found in fashion as a man, He (that is Jesus) humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross—wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling" (Phil. 2: 8-12). Yes, because Jesus was obedient to God, and though that obedience led Him to the cruel cross, God the Father exalted Him, and gave Him a NAME THAT WAS ABOVE EVERY NAME. And, if you and I wish to become sons and daughters of God, we, too, must come the very same way Jesus came—the highway of obedience.

We find Paul on the way to persecute the children of God, who were obedient to Him. And as he journeyed, he was smitten down, and Jesus appeared to him in His brightness, even above the shining of the sun, and called him to forsake his old religion, to leave kindred and friends, of the old order, and come into the new way. Paul did not hesitate. The old religion meant nothing to him now, that he was shown the better way. Old friends, who would not obey the heavenly message, would be replaced with God's obedient children. Even the family ties were nothing to Paul, for the loss of brothers or sisters, or father or mother, wife or children would be replaced with real "born again" brothers and sisters in the family of God. "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision," said that great man of God. Can you, can I, witness to the same great truth? If you have heard the truth of God's holy word, and have not been disobedient to the heavenly vision, you will be following in the right way. Don't wait for the Lord to smite you down. The light of God's word has shone unto you from the Spirit, and from the lives of His "born again" sons and daughters. The voice of the prophets and the apostles, yea, even the voice of the Son of God, and that of God the Father Himself, has spoken to you, as you have heard His messages in the Sacred writings of His holy men who spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Many times the Lord has by His Spirit, spoken to you, saying, Why hesitate? You have had the heavenly vision. Are you obedient? If not, Why not?

One time man was riding in his chariot, reading God's word. And our blessed Master knew that he needed more light on the Scriptures, so the Lord sent a heavenly messenger to one of His ministers named Philip, and the angel said unto the preacher, "Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went." Yes, that preacher "Arose and went." Obedience! Has the blessed Lord ever sent His message to you? Has He ever sent His message to me? saying, "Go." Philip arose and went! What about you? What about me?

So Philip arose and went, and behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch, was riding in a chariot, reading the Scriptures, and seeing the minister, the Spirit of the Lord said to Philip, "Go near, and join thyself to this chariot." Now, notice that there was no tarrying, no hesitation, no questions asked, no waiting! The obedient preacher ran.

But what did this preacher see, when he came to the chariot? A king? or some other great man? What then? Just a man of another race to preach to; but that preacher arose and went, ran thither and joined company with that man in the chariot.

Now, please let us notice that no race hatred, no superiority, no class distinction held that preacher back from obeying the voice of his Lord God. Only one soul, yet that soul was precious in God's sight.

One day Jesus, while walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And He saith unto them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And

they straightway left their nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they immediately left one ship and their father, and followed him." (Matt. 4: 18-22).

They left all and followed Him. Family ties are wonderful. Love for father, mother, brothers, and sisters, and children for their parents, and parents for their children, is a blessed force, but such must not stand in the way of our obedience to our heavenly Father.

Peter said, "We have left all, and followed thee. And He (that is Jesus) said unto them, "verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake. Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting" (Luke 18: 28-30).

Yes, we who are saved, have left all to follow our blessed Lord Jesus. And as we "Go" through this world, let us live clean, true lives, and pray with the author of the old song which is:

"Lead on, O king Eternal,
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning,
Where thy face appears;

Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on O God of Might."

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Orphanage Chapel

At the last session of the Eastern Carolina Conference, it was agreed to raise the amount of $1,500 for the purpose of helping to erect the "Chapel" at the Orphanage at Middlesex.

When the Executive Committee met to make the arrangements and to plan for the raising of this amount it was agreed that each congregation be asked to contribute the amount of 25 cents per member. If your church has 100 members on the roll, you are expected to contribute the amount of $25.00. This amount is above the regular offerings and stipulated amount to run the Orphanage. This fund is known as "Chapel Fund." This is the amount and the way to raise the amount for the Eastern Conference of North Carolina. If any one knows of a better plan than the 25 cents per member, just work the better plan. The thing wanted is the FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS.

More About the Year Book

Have you seen a copy of the Year Book of Programs for 1944? It is a nicely arranged booklet with helpful and suggestive material for study by those who are seeking to fill a helpful place in the National Auxiliary and the denomination of Free Will Baptists at large. Every member of the various auxiliaries should have a copy. Notice the address in our Notes and Quotes, as given last week.

The Union Meetings

The last of January brings us up to another District meeting known here in the State of North Carolina as the Union Meeting. In some sections it is known as the Quarterly Meeting. These meetings are mediums by which we may profit. We have the opportunity of getting together and devising plans for the district in which we live and work, for the carrying on of the work of the church. The very best and most interested members of each local church should be elected as delegates to these meetings—men and women who are consecrated to the work of the Lord. Along with the very best spiritual workers, as far as possible, the best in literary training should be chosen in order that the business end of these meetings should go over with intelligence and enlightenment.

Too, with the circulation of money at the present time all donations should be greatly increased over any preceding Union.

ELDER E. T. PHILLIPS EXTENDS THANKS

Brother and Mrs. E. T. Phillips have requested us to extend their thanks, through the columns of the Baptist paper, to their many friends for the nice gifts and Christmas cards which they received during the Christmas holidays. They were greatly appreciative of every card and Christmas remembrance sent to them by a large number of their friends both in and out of the State.

Realizing that many should like to know how they are getting along now during the bitter cold weather, we are asked to say that they are as well as could be expected. Brother Phillips' condition is not at all improved, for he is still confined to his bed, and remains helpless. Mrs. Phillips is able to wait upon him, though she is not very strong at times.

Both of them are always glad to see their friends drop in for a few moments of visitation. They become lonely at times, and enjoy to have company to spend a short while in conversation with them.—Editor.

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Pliney A. Wiley

Becalmed upon an ocean vast,
The sailors pray, "Dear God, we know
Upon Thy mercy we are cast,
Let now the winds of heaven blow.

"Rise with the crimson flush of morn;
Follow the chariot of the sun;
So shall success our cruise adorn,
Our western haven thus be won.

"Becalmed upon Life's vaster sea,
When heavenly breezes all seem lost,
Like saints of old, we cry to Thee
'Send rushing winds of Pentecost';

"Sweep from our souls the foes of sin,
Which, cloudlike, veil us from Thy face,
Then waft Thy Holy Spirit in
On zephyrs of Thy matchless grace."

KNOWIN' IS LOVIN', LOVIN' IS DOIN'

That Christianity suffers more from its followers than from its opponents is a deplorable fact, to which Christian people are in danger of becoming reconciled. But a terrible awakening time must come, sooner or later, to those who are not "out and out" for Christ—who allows peculiar or trying circumstances to prevent or effect their entire consecration to God.

Few are wholly set apart. A large majority live, like poor Lot, on the edge of the world—miserable, impotent, and unhappy lives. Why is this? It is because they have never really been cleansed in the precious blood of Jesus from **all** sin. They have taken Christ for pardon only, and not for purity. Full salvation, purchased by Him for us, means pardon, purity, and power for the youngest believer. "Thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save **His people** from their sins" (Matt. i, 21). "From **all** your filthiness, and from **all** your idols, will I cleanse you" (Ezek. xxxvi, 25).

The following beautiful incident of consecration in lowly life teaches us that the most adverse circumstances, coupled even with intense suffering, need not interfere with a life of intensest devotion to Jesus Christ.

In one of the deplorably miserable East London homes, in a dark, wretched room at the top of a house, lay a cripple boy. He had lain there for over two years, greatly neglected and comparatively unknown. When quite young his parents had died, leaving him to the mercy of an aged relative, whom he called "Granny."

Born a cripple, he had always been a sufferer; but as long as he was able, he'd swept a crossing on his crutches or gone short errands to earn a few pence. But soon after his parents' death, the boy had to take to his bed. Very ungraciously the old woman allowed him to occupy the top room in her house; which room he never left again.

His mother had taught him to read and write, but not knowing the truth herself, she had never told him of "Jesus and His love." Sometimes, however, on a snowy night, when the wind was blowing hard and cold, the lad had crept into the mission hall not far distant, merely for the sake of getting warm by the comfortable stove. Numb with cold and weary in body he took little heed of what he had heard on those nights; but lying alone day after day, there came into his mind the memory of it, and by degrees he was possessed with a great longing to know more about the things of God, and to have a Bible of his own. He knew that it was from the Bible that the speakers had gathered their knowledge, and that was all. So summoning up courage, he one day consulted Granny about it. His only encouragement in that direction was an ironical laugh. "Bibles weren't in her line! What did a lad like him want with Bibles?" So the matter dropped for a time, but the lad's desire to possess one did not grow less.

One day, however, up the creaking stairs came noisy, boisterous Jack Lee, the only friend the cripple had in the world.

"Hurrah! hurrah! Got a new box! Off north tomorrow! Come to say good by, Tom," he cried, all excitement, seating himself on the bed, and wiping the perspiration from his brow; "but I've got a real beauty present for yer, my lad," taking from his pocket something wrapped in a greasy bit of brown paper.

Tom raised himself on his elbows, not at all gladdened by the news he had heard.

"A bright new shillin' for yer, Tom, lad and you're not to spend it till yer wants suffin' real partic'lar."

"O Jack! you are good, but I want something now, very, very partic'lar."

"Yer do? what's he?"

"I want a Bible."

"A Bible! well, I never! Who ever heard of a por lad spendin' all that on a Bible, when I had to scrape months to save it in coppers!"

"Don't be angry, dear Jack," said the cripple boy; "you're goin' away, and I shall be lonelier than ever, and oh, I do so want a Bible. Please get it, Jack—now—this very evenin' at Fisher's before the shop closes. Granny never would; she'd spend it in gin, if I let it get into her hands."

"What can you want with a Bible, Tom, lad? Only scholars understands them there things," he answered rather crossly.

"Maybe so, Jack, but I'm hankerin' after one, for I must find out whether them there folks in that mission you and I sometimes used to go to, told true about some one they called Jesus. Let it be your partin' gift, Jack, and you will make me so glad."

"Very well, lad, then I'll go, but I knows naught about Bible buyin'."

"Fisher has 'em at a shillin' for I saw 'em marked in the window when I used to go by. Quick, Jack, or the shop will be closed!"

Jack complied very ungraciously, and descended the stairs less rapidly than he had mounted them. But he got over his disappointment before he returned with a beautiful shilling Bible. Fisher says I couldn't leave you a better friend, Tom lad, and he declares the shillin' couldn't be 'vested better; and, says he, 'It may be worth a thousan' pounds to the lad.' So 'pears there's suffin 'as we ought to know about."

Tom's joy and gratitude were unbounded. "I know it, Jack! I know it!" hugging the book to his breast; "I am happy now. Oh, how kind you were to save that shillin'."

The lads never met again; but if the honest errand-boy could only have known what a precious treasure that Holy Book became to his cripple friend, he would have been amply rewarded for the sacrifice he had made to save the shilling, Tom Reed knew more about his Bible than many who have professed to study it for twenty years. He had learned the way of salvation, his only teacher the Holy Spirit; he had learned also that obedience to God's will meant helping to save others.

"It won't do to keep all this blessed news to myself," he said; so he thought and though until at last a simple, but very beautiful work was decided on for the Master. His bed stood close by the window sill, which was low, and somehow he got a pencil and paper, and wrote out different texts, which he would fold, pray

over, and then drop into the noisy street below, directed:

TO THE PASSER-BY—PLEASE READ.

He hoped that by this means some one might hear of Jesus and His salvation. This service of love, faithfully rendered, went on for some weeks, when one evening he heard a strange footstep, and immediately afterward a tall, well-dressed gentleman entered the room and took his seat by the lad's bedside.

"So you are the lad who drops texts from the window, are you?" he asked kindly.

"Yes," said Tom, brightening up. "Have you heard as some one has got hold of one?"

"Plenty, lad, plenty! Would you believe it if I told you that I picked up one last evening, and God blessed it to my soul?"

"I can believe in God's Word doin' anything' sir," said the lad, humbly.

"And I am come," said the gentleman, "to thank you personally."

"Not me, sir! I only does the writin'; He does the blessin'."

"And are you happy in this work for Christ?" said the visitor.

"Couldn't be happier, sir. I don't think nothin' of the pain in my back, for sha'n't I be glad, when I sees Him, to tell Him that as soon as I knowed about Him, I did all I could to serve Him? I suppose you get lots o' chances, don't you, sir?"

"Ah, lad, but I have neglected them; but God helping me, I mean to begin afresh. At home in the country I have a sick lad dying. I had to come to town on pressing business. When I kissed him goodby he said, 'Father, I wish I had done some work for Jesus. I cannot bear to meet Him empty-handed,' and the words stuck to me all day long, and the next day too, until the evening, when I was passing down the street and your little paper fell on my hat. I opened it and read, 'I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work' (John ix, 4). It seemed like a command from Heaven. It startled me and brought me to my knees that night, and I could not sleep until I could sing:

"Oh the cleansing blood has reached me!

Glory, glory to the Lamb!

I have professed to be a Christian for twenty-two years, my lad, and when I made inquiries, and found out who dropped these texts into the street and why it was done, it so shamed and humbled me that I determined to go home and work for the same Master that you are serving so faithfully."

Tears of joy were rolling down the lad's face. "It's too much, sir," he said, "altogether too much."

"Tell me how you managed to get the paper to start it with, my lad."

"That warn't hard, sir. I jest had a talk with Granny, and offered to give up my hap'orth of milk she gives me most days, if she would buy me paper instead. You know sir, I can't last long. The parish doctor says a few months of cold weather may finish me off, and a drop of milk ain't much to give up for my blessed Jesus. Are people happy as has lots to give Him, sir?"

The visitor sighed a deep sigh. "Ah, lad, you are a great deal happier in this wretched room, making sacrifices for Jesus, than thousands who profess to belong to Him, and who have time, talents, and money and do little or nothing for Him."

"They don't know Him, sir. Knowin' is lovin', and lovin' is doin'. It ain't love without."

"You are right, Tom. But now about yourself. I must begin by making your life brighter. How would you like to end your days in one of those homes for cripple lads, where you would be nursed and cared for and where you would see the trees and flowers and hear the birds sing? I could get you into one not far from my home if you liked, Tom."

The weary lad looked wistfully into the man's kindly face, and after a few moments' silence answered: "Thank'ee, sir; I've heard tell of 'em afore, but I ain't anxious to die easy when He died hard. I might get taken up with 'em things a bit too much and I'd rather be a lookin' at Him, and a-carryin' on this 'ere work till He comes to fetch me. Plenty of joy for a boy like me to have a mansion with Him through eternity."

The visitor felt more reproved than ever.

"Very well, my lad; then I will see that you have proper food and all the paper you need while you live. I will settle it all with one of the Bible-women. Now, laddie, before I go, I want you to pray aloud for me"; and as he made the request the strong man knelt down by the dying boy's bedside, scarcely repressing a sob as he covered his face with his hands. The lad trembled at having to do such a thing, but when he saw that bowed form, and heard that half-stifled sob, he knew he ought to comply with the request.

There was a seraphic light on the poor, pale, unturned face as he said, in a tone of the deepest reverence: "Lord Jesus, I know you're a-listenin', and I'm much obliged to you for sendin' this friend here to cheer me in my work. Now, Lord Jesus, he's a bit troubled about not havin' worked for Thee enough in the past days; will you help him to see to it that there's nothin' left undone in the comin' days; and please, Lord, make him go straight away and tell them other rich men that they don't know Thee if they arn't a-working for Thee. I'm grateful to you, Jesus, for all the paper and food that's a-comin' to me while I live. Maybe I'll hold out a bit longer to write these texts for Thee. Now, Lord Jesus, please bless this kind friend, all roads and always. I ask this for Thy name's sake."

"Amen," said the deep-toned voice.

Then the gentleman rose and said farewell. Before leaving London, he made every arrangement for the lad to be cared for, and then, with a gladder heart, he went back to his beautiful country home, and lived for Christ. As soon as he could, he built a mission hall on his own grounds, and preached Jesus to the villagers. When he confessed his sin of negligence toward them, and told them of his second conversion through the cripple boy and his text, many of them were led to "seek Jesus."

News of the dying lad reached them from time to time through the Bible women, but it was not till win-

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

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NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTE

The first session of THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE will be held at First Free Will Baptist Church in Kinston, North Carolina, January 17 through 28. Every minister and Christian worker of the State is urged to attend. Write to Brother Bruce Barrow for an Application Blank. Ask him what boarding charges are. You may use the blank printed in the issue of December Twenty-Ninth of the Free Will Baptist paper. Fill it out and send it to Rev. Bruce Barrow, Route 1, LaGrange, N. C.

Please pray and plan to attend this Institute. You and your work for Him will be blessed richly.

Robert Crawford,
National Executive Secretary

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NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE

WHERE? First Church, Kinston.

WHEN? January 17 through 28.

WHO ATTENDS? All ministers, Sunday School, F. W. B. L., and Women's Auxiliary workers, and any other Christian workers who wish to attend a "Portable Bible College."

WHAT DOES IT COST? Registration fee of one ($1.00) dollar from all students. Board and lodging cost will be told you by Rev. Bruce Barrow.

WHAT TO DO? Write Brother Barrow, and get a Student Application blank, and find out what board and room will be. FILL OUT THE BLANK HERE PRINTED (below), and send it at once to Brother Barrow, and tell him you will pay the reasonable amount he will charge.

We are grateful to the Kinston Church for the invitation to hold a session of the Institute with them. Brother J. C. Griffin says: "Kinston is pretty well in the center of the largest group of Free Will Baptists in our State." We are expecting a wonderful time with a large number in attendance. So, please make every effort to be there with a group from your church.

This is the first session of four offered. Address all communications to: Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, Route One, LaGrange, North Carolina. The church is located in the 100th Block, North Independent Street, Kinston, North Carolina.

Student's Application
For Admission to the Christian Workers' Institute

Name _____

Address _____ Age___
Give name of church of which you are a member _____

Are you a minister?_____
Of what church, or churches, are you now pastor? _____
If not a minister, for what phase of Christian work do you desire preparation? _____
Will you pay your expenses for the duration of the Institute, or will your church assist you? _____
What amount of your expenses will be paid by your church? $_____
What amount, in excess of your registration fee ($1.00), are you forwarding with this application? $____

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In which session of the Institute do you desire to enroll. Give time and place _____
Please mail your application with one dollar ($1.00) registration fee to Rev. N. B. Barrow, Box 521, Kinston, N. C.

Signed_____

A NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED

Dear Editor:

I am of the Free Will Baptist faith and a member of the Depriest F. W. B. Church which we organized here about three years ago. We, being the only F. W. B. in this community, were deeply impressed with the need of a church here of our faith, so we started to work to that extent, and organized with five charter members, three men and two women. We now have a membership of forty-eight, a nice church completely furnished with the exception of a library, which we are beginning to build. During this short time we have paid our church and all property out of debt, and have cash on hand now for the purpose of building a parsonage when materials are released. We have two members that tithe and the others contribute about like most F. W. B. that we know anything about.

Though not too liberally, our church took $150.00 worth of checks for the Bible School at Nashville, while Bro. Davidson was with us a few months ago, which no doubt was the cause of our writing this letter. We read your "Weekly Magazine" with much interest, with the exception of the activities of women preachers. If it takes upholding women preachers to be a F. W. B., we are not one. We have spent much time in studying God's Word and can not find where any woman was ever called to preach, but find many scriptures that forbid them to do so. While reading this issue of your paper we noticed where Mrs. McAdams mentioned one of the ladies attending the Nashville school having to leave school on account of her health, which had cost $77.15. When we read this, we were made to wonder deep down in our heart if we had been contributing to this school, and the money used for encouraging our future motherhood to go contrary to God's command to them, and go out into the world wasting their lives calling themselves preaching.

God forbid that one cent of God's money entrusted in our hands should be used for encouraging women preachers. We have given much

study to this subject, we have also discussed this with many of the leading preachers of our denomination, as well as many preachers of other denominations, and believe that they all agree that a woman has no Biblical right to preach, with the exception of two Holiness Preachers. Would to God that our preachers were big enough, and strong enough for God to hold up righteousness and condemn the wrong anywhere or at any time. We as a denomination must condemn women preachers if we expect to progress for the cause of Christ. Please do not misunderstand us, we are not a woman hater, we believe that women are the greatest gifts given to man of all things except the Christ. We believe they have their place in the church and should be educated for that place. We do think they should attend Bible schools when convenient, for the purpose of helping them to make better wives, mothers, and church workers in their respective places, and by no means for the purpose of preaching.

We have not given scriptures concerning this, but will ask that you who read this, if our Editor will allow this printed in his paper, especially our preacher brethren, study this carefully from your Bible and if you find scriptures that prove we are wrong, please write us giving chapter and verse, and we will ask God to forgive us and apologize for our lack of understanding.

May God help us all to be watchmen on the wall.

Yours in his service,

C. R. Hollis, Chairman,

Miss. State Home Mission Board

NOTICE

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Forbes Free Will Baptist Church has elected its new officers for the coming year. They are as follows: Mrs. Herman Lilley, president; Mrs. L. R. Bell, vice-president; Mrs. Johnnie Wooten, secretary; and Mrs. Zeb Everette, treasurer.

By the Secretary

THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

Seeing the need of our churches in North Carolina to move forward, and finding that we belonging to an association chartered in South Carolina it hindered, to some extent, the ministers and churches in North Carolina, we began to make plans for an association in North Carolina in this section of the State. On December fourth, 1943, the Beaver Creek Association called a meeting in Gastonia, North Carolina at the Rhyne Street Free Will Baptist Church.

After some discussions were entered into, and explanations were made concerning the matter, the association gave a letter of dismissal to as many churches and ministers as wished to be dismissed for the purpose of arranging a New Association. As a result, there were nine churches, and twenty-two ministers that came out.

At 1:45 P. M. the afternoon session was called to order for the purpose of setting up the association. There were ten churches that came in the New Association. They were as follows:

Goshen, North Belmont, N. C., Rev. W. H. Valvert, Pastor.

Rhyne St., East Gastonia, N. C., Rev. R. P. Sawyer, Pastor.

Ben Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C., Rev. E. R. Tyner, Pastor.

Fair View No. 1, Caroleen, N. C., Rev. O. M. Hilbourn, Pastor.

Washington St., West Gastonia, N. C., Rev. Sherman H. Oakes, Pastor.

Rocky Path, Nebo, N. C., Rev. Kinneth Hix, Pastor.

Mabel Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C., Rev. L. D. Gray, Pastor.

Arrington Heights, Lexington, N. C., Rev. J. C. Benson, Pastor.

Ridgeway, Glennwood, N. C., Rev. L. P. Jordan, Pastor.

A New Church, Mt. Holly, N. C., Rev. L. S. Grady, Pastor.

There were 23 ministers, with the pastors mentioned above, who came in, and six of these were licensed ministers. At this time it was decided by vote that the New Association is to be called "THE PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION" of the Original Free Will Baptist Church. Then the assembly proceeded to elect officers as follows: Rev. O. M. Hilburn, moderator; E. W. O'Dell, Clerk; L. V. Wiggins, assistant clerk; and the Ordaining Council follows: Rev. W. Calvert, Chairman; R. P. Sawyer, E. R. Tyner, L. D. Gray, and Sherman Oakes. The Executive Board as follows: Rev. L. H. Clayton, Chairman; Brother C. A. Lawson, Rev. E. O. Conely, Brother Loyd V. Wiggins, and Rev. L. S. Gray.

The Association adopted the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. This new association extends west as far as Shelby, North Carolina, North to Marion, East to Lexington, and South to the South Carolina line. The next meeting of the Piedmont Association will be held with the Goshen Free Will Baptist Church at Belmont, North Carolina, on Thursday and Friday before the First Sunday in August, 1944.

Yours in His great name,

E. W. O'Dell,

Belmont, N. C., Route 1.

ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.
Another year in leaning,
Upon Thy living breast,
Of ever-deepening trustfulness,
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness,
In the shining of Thy face.
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise;
Another year of proving
Thy presence "all the days."

Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier works above.
Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee!

—Frances Ridley Havergal

TRACT

ter set in and the snow had fallen and covered the earth with its crystal whiteness that they heard the dear lad had "gone to be with Jesus." The same post brought a parcel which contained Tom's much-prized and much-used Bible. What a precious relic was that marked Bible in that beautiful home! For when the cripple boy's friend lent it to his youngest son to read, the careful markings, the short, simple prayers written on the margin, and his dying wish on the fly-leaf, written about a week before his death, that "This Holy Book may be as great a friend to some one else as it has been to me," made such a deep impression on the youth that he gave himself to the Lord and later on to mission work in foreign fields; and out in Central Africa he has shown that worn Bible to many a native Christian, when telling about Cripple Tom and his texts.

Does the reader not see what one fully consecrated, lowly, self-sacrificing life can do? And are we not convinced that there is something terribly wrong that there are not more of such lives? Thousands of sad, weary hearts are wanting the little ministry of love that we might render. Shall we then take our ease, enjoy our pleasure, or indulge in our luxuries?

Millions of dark, benighted souls are crying out for the light; they have to continue groping in darkness, while many of us, professing to love Christ, live self-centered and self-indulgent lives. Today, without the help of the world, the Christian church could easily send out enough missionaries to evangelize the world; but the dark blot of "it won't" stains its fair name with a stain that nothing but the blood of Jesus Christ can ever wipe out. Oh, that the Spirit of God would, by His mighty power, cleanse away all slothfulness, unreality, and self-complacency from our lives! For following Christ means self-sacrifice, self-denial; and there is no such thing as holiness without it. If a dying lad in suffering and destitution could joyfully deny himself a little sip of milk, which cooled his parched lips and partly fed his weary body, surely it is possible for us to do more!

"There are lonely hearts to cherish,
While the days are going by;
There are weary souls who perish,
While the days are going by.
If a smile we can renew,
As our journey we pursue,
Oh, the good we all may do,
While the days are going by!"

Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?"

—Anon.

—Gospel Tract submitted by a friend

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are everlasting arms. Deut 33: 27.

God is the refuge of his saints,
When storms of sharp distress invade;
Ere we can offer our complaints,
Behold him present with his aid.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen. Jude 24, 25.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor

New Bern, N. C.

TEN WAYS TO KILL AN AUXILIARY

1. Don't attend the meetings.

2. If you do, come late.

3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.

4. If you attend the meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.

5. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticise than to do things.

6. Nevertheless, be put out if you are not appointed on a committee; but if you are, do not attend committee meetings.

7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion on some matter, tell her you have nothing to say. After the meeting, tell everyone how things should be done.

8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but when members roll up their sleeves and willingly, unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, say that the Auxiliary is run by a clique.

9. Hold back your dues as long as possible, or don't pay at all.

10. Don't bother about getting new members. Let some one else do it.

—Selected

Contributed by Mrs. Eunice Edwards

Book List

For Women's Study Classes

Stewardship and Missions (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
Stewardship in the Life of Women (Helen Wallace)	$ .50
The Larger Stewardship (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
He That Giveth (John E. Simpson)	$ .60
Devotional Talks for Women's Organizations (Frankie Oliver)	$ .50
Women and the Church (Louise Novotny)	$ .60
Talks on Soul Winning (E. Y. Mullins)	$ .25
The Plan of Salvation (Austin Crouch)	$ .40
The Open Gate to Prayer (Mabel N. Thurston)	$ .25
This World's Goods (John E. Simpson)	$ .60
Missions in the Bible (J. B. Lawrence)	$ .25
Helping Others to Become Christians (Roland Leavel)	$ .35
Missionary Lessons from the Bible (Aulck)	$ .35
Stewardship Parables of Jesus (Roswell C. Long)	$ .50
Studies in Christian Stewardship	$ .30
How to Pray (R. A. Torey)	$ .20

HAPPY IN THE WORK

Dear Editor and Baptist Readers:

After a long time I am writing to our friends and brethren in the Lord that we are still living and serving the Lord. How good it is that we can live in a free land where we can worship God and have protection by our government.

In many lands religious liberty is unknown and it is sad to say so many of our people, by lack of loyalty to Christ and His Church, are trying to make our country a land without Christ and churches.

Our fathers were men who came here to worship God. Wherever they went they carried their religion with them. They were strict about worship on the Lord's Day, and it is no wonder God has honored us as He has no other nation and today we are considered the greatest nation on the fact of the earth.

The writer is serving churches in Florida and southeast Alabama. I find the field white unto harvest. We have been in Jackson County, Florida, since the latter part of October. The Lord is blessing us here. We find the people very liberal and with a desire to progress and go on to a greater church program. We find that our people put a premium on a trained leadership. Our best prepared men are all busy serving churches. And I am glad to see it this way, as most of our best preachers have spent their all to better serve the church of their choice.

Rufus Hyman,
Cypress, Florida

IS THIS THE FOURTH WATCH OF THE NIGHT?

By W. M. Czamanske

He bade them sail across the sea,
That He might be alone
And pray for them who offered Him
An earthly crown and throne.

He saw them toil against the wind,
He heard their plaintive plea,
And, in the fourth watch of the night
He walked upon the sea.

Their eyes beheld a Form approach,
And they were sore dismayed,
Until He spake and said to them,
"'Tis I; be not afraid!"

How gladly they received Him then,
As in their ship He trod;
And worshipped Him who truly is
The very Son of God.

We, too, are on the stormy sea,
Where waves and billows roar;
We toil against th mighty winds
And still are far from shore.
When will He hasten to our aid
And leave His heavenly throne?
Is this the fourth watch of the night
When He will save His own?

Come quickly, Lord, as Thou hast said;
Come, bid the tumult cease,
And take us Home to dwell with Thee,
To share Thy perfect peace.

Nursery Lesson Materials and Supplies







Plans and Stories for the Nursery Class

A CRADLE ROLL COURSE

By Louise M. Oglevee

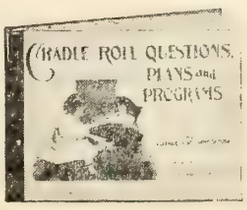
A book for the Nursery (or Cradle Roll) Class of the church school, or for the use of mothers of children under four years. It provides for fifty-two sessions, or hours, not by a set program for each, but by a seasonable story with which are verses, finger plays, songs and picture suggestions. With the story are informal talks which may lead up to it, and simple prayers which would naturally grow out of it.

The stories are of Jesus and the things He talked about—birds, trees, flowers and the things of His Father's world. There are stories also of those who help the little child—father and mother, the doctor, postman, and others. Price, $1.50.

Nursery Class Picture Papers

The Picture Papers form a complete library for the little child. The outside pages are in soft, beautiful colors, the Bible ones form famous paintings, and the others by Bess Bruce Cleaveland, and other child-life artists. Each paper contains the same story that is in the book, "Plans and Stories for the Nursery Class," for that day. Stories and papers are numbered to correspond, but may be used at any time and in any order that the teacher may choose. Pictures, stories, rimes, finger plays and songs help each paper to center around some sweet and happy and holy thought. There are many new nature verses and simple prayers written for this series. Sold only in sets of fifty-two. Price, per set, 50c.

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There are many plans, and there are many programs, but everything pertaining to each plan and program is in question form, and each question is definitely put and definitely answered. The Cradle Roll worker may turn to the particular question that answers her particular problem, and get the desired information. Pointed, pungent, explicit, descriptive, enlightening. Size, 8 x 6 inches; 128 pages. Price, 85c.

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A set of twelve colored pictures (size, 10½ x 12 inches) has been prepared for use with "Plans and Stories for the Nursery Class."

These pictures are beautiful and full of meaning, and of interest for little children, teaching lessons of the world of nature, of Jesus, and of helpfulness and love. Many are reproductions of the pictures found on the picture papers, and they will add much to the atmosphere of any room. A note with each lesson in the book suggests which picture may be used. Price, per set, 75c.

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By Mrs. Phebe A. Curtiss

A most helpful handbook discussing all the necessary phases of Cradle Roll superintendents' and helpers' problems in this important Sunday-school department. Limp cloth. Price, 35c.

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By Louise M. Oglevee

These finger plays and motion verses are simple stories which the little child's fingers help him to tell. For underneath each jingle is a merry, happy, helpful thought to help plant seeds of kindness and gentleness, and to teach love of the heavenly Father through the birds and the trees and the flowers and other things that He has given.



The teacher says the verses and makes the motions, and, if the child is interested, he does as she does, thus learning them himself in time. Paper. Price, 50c.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

JESUS ANSWERS HIS CRITICS

(Lesson for January 16)

Lesson: Mark 2: 23—3: 6. Read Mark 2: 15 to 3: 35.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for My sake" (Mat. 5: 11).

Our text to-day starts with an apparent contradiction. The Greek word translated "blessed" or "blessing" conveys a sense of happiness and exaltation. One of the most interesting and quaintest of the recent discoveries of records from the past is an ostracon from the year 40 A. D., in which a young man writes to a friend to announce his engagement. Bubbling over with delight, he begins his short epistle thus: "Oh—the—happiness—of—me! Sionysid hath consented with me to wed!" The phrase "oh—the—happiness" is the same word that Jesus used to connate the attitude of mind that men should acquire through suffering for the sake of the Gospel and Kingdom of God! A complete and careful study of this text would save us from two very common errors, if we really translated its meanings into daily living. The first error is hurt and anger over injustice done us, when the tongue of slander and the lips of libel loose their poisoned barks against us. Many a believer and not a few ordained ministers have fled to the courts and taken refuge in the law when they were thus distinguished, instead of rejoicing in their happy lot! By that I mean to suggest that Satan is too busy to waste time, and he rarely if ever bothers those who let him alone! But if your Christian life and testimony are so real and convincing that you become a nuisance to **him**, rest assured that he will pay some attention to **you**!

But the second error is as bad as anger over unwarranted persecution. This common fault is the tendency to attribute **earned and deserved reproach** to persecution for Christ's sake. When our own misconduct is exposed and we are justly criticized, there is no aid or comfort in this text. The second key word is "falsely." If some person discovers sin in you and exposes it, this text is not for you. If you are in the wrong, and pressure is brought to bear to punish or change you, this is not persecution, it is prosecution. That one syllable makes a world of difference. The justified exposure of your own shortcomings is quite a different matter from martyrdom for Jesus' sake.

I know a woman who has no testimony of God's love for sinners, and who never seeks to win the lost to Christ. Instead she spends all her time talking about **her own experience** and witnessing orally to the blessing of what **she** calls "sanctification." After months of this her friends got tired of it, turned a deaf ear to her unwelcome voice, and shut her out of their lives. She now spends all her time complaining that she is being "persecuted" for the Gospel's sake!—Dr. Harry Rimmer.

II. Heart of the Lesson

1. The Purpose of the Sabbath:

And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath, verse 27. Let us reason here a moment why Christ made this statement. May we recall how God finished his **Creation,** his works on the sixth day, and "he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made" (Gen. 2: 2b, 3). God thus made the seventh day, the Jewish Sabbath day, a holy day from all work or labor. Jesus tells the Jews that the Sabbath was made for man. But, what did he mean by this statement? We believe it includes these things: (1) Man is to rest his body and mind from all work not essential or needful to be done on that day; (2) he is to worship God in an acceptable manner, and in a way that brings the greatest happiness to his soul; and (3) he is to do only those things for self, friends, beast or mankind, that, if otherwise left undone on the Sabbath (the Lord's Day, our Sunday), it would cause suffering, possibly death, disaster or the loss of property and lives.—Advanced Quarterly.

2. The Question about the Sabbath:

If we will get one fact about the Sabbath clearly fixed in mind, we will never be troubled about the question of the Sabbath: Nowhere in the Word of God is the Church, or the Christian, under grace, commanded to observe the Jewish Sabbath. To **Israel,** God said, "Speak thou also **unto the Children of Israel,** saying, Verily My Sabbaths **ye** shall keep: for it is a sign between Me and **you** throughout your generations" (Exo. 31: 13). Besides the seventh day, or weekly Sabbath, there were also the seventh and fiftieth-year Sabbaths, which Israel had to observe. Those who to-day put themselves under Law, observe, though only imperfectly the seventh-day Sabbath (comp. Exo. 35: 2, 3). They do not attempt to observe the other Sabbaths. We have found our Sabbath—rest—in Christ. Now I have Jesus and Jesus has me, and I have seven days' rest in seven. He is our Rest continuously. Bless God! (Read Mat. 11: 28-30; Gal. 5: 1; Col. 2: 16, 17).

3. Complaining (Mk. 3: 6):

This was the chronic attitude of the Pharisees. It was the chief purpose they had in their minds.

The Pharisees were unable to answer Jesus, but when they saw the miracle of healing they went out and plotted to kill Him. This shows their hardness of heart. They had not been able to prove that He was wrong, yet they were ready to condemn Him. They objected to a work of healing on the Sabbath, but on that day they could not plot murder.

They even went so far, on the Sabbath, as to counsel with their bitter enemies, the Herodians, how they might put Him to death. "As Jesus did this miracle, He had been filled with sadness; as they saw it, they were filled with madness."

"Do you know the world is dying
For a little bit of love?
Ev'rywhere we hear the sighing
For a little bit of love.
For the love that rights a wrong,
Fills the heart with hope and song;
They have waited, oh, so long,
For a little bit of love.

"While the souls of men are dying
For a little bit of love,
While the children, too, are crying
For a little bit of love,
Stand no longer idly by,
You may help them if you try;
Go, then, saying, 'Here am I',
With a little bit of love!"

—Selected

O GOD, DEFEND THE RIGHT

By T. O. Chisholm

Almighty God, enthroned in light
High above sun and moon and star,
Open are all things to Thine eyes,—
Thou seest all things as they are;
People of many lands are we,—
'Dust of the balance," are to Thee.

Thou are our Maker, not ourselves;
We are the sheep of Thine own hand.
Lo! what destructions men have wrought!
What cries go up from many a land!
Rend Thou the heav'ns, O God of might!
Make bare Thine arms! Defend the right!

We have done wickedly, O God;
We have departed far from Thee;
In Thy great mercy, Lord, forgive;
Cleanse us from our iniquity;
So shall our pray'rs in faith ascend,
And Thou, our righteous cause defend.

Thy Son hath died to make men free,
But freedom's lamps are burning low;
Stay Thou th' opprssor's cruel hand!
Turn back the tides that overflow!
We cry, as children in the night:
O God, our God, defend the right!

—Selected

A NEW YEAR'S PROCLAMATION

Our Government is not anti-religious. Some people make the mistake of assuming that it is because we are opposed to the union of Church and State. But the principle of the separation of Church and State is not devised to embarrass religion, nor is it to be construed as a doctrine which implies hostility to religion by the American State. Indeed, the opposite is true. The American State respects religious rights so reverently that it will not permit them to be monopolized by a single religion.

It cannot be doubted that our Government recognizes the sovereignty of God and the dependance of the American people upon Him. Thanksgiving Day, for example, is observed religiously, but it is proclaimed officially by the President of the United States. An anti-religious state would not permit that. Other examples of the same kind might be cited, but the most recent is the Presidnt's New Year's Proclamation which states, "At the end of the year 1943 . . . it is fitting that we set aside a day of prayer to give thanks to Almighty God for his constant providence over us in every hour of national peace and national peril."

It cannot be said or stressed too often that democracy depends utterly upon the degree to which people believe in God. All that we are and all that we ever hope to be as a free people is, and will forever be, determined by our belief in God as our Creator and Sustainer. For, if we recognize God as our Creator we know from whence our rights come. They come, as Jefferson so well knew, from God who endows us with them at birth. A Government which believes in God will recognize this truth and understand that its function is, as Jefferson said again, "to secure these rights" to men.

If the day ever comes when America ceases to believe in God, that day will mark the end of our freedom. For godless men cannot look to God as the origin of their rights. They must look elsewhere—to a class, or a race, or a State. And the conclusion must inevitably be drawn, as it has been in dictatorship countries, the membership in a particular race or class is the origin of man's rights. The further conclusion to be drawn is that, since man's rights are determined by membership in a certain class, those who do not belong to the favored race or class have no rights and can be reduced to slavery and slaughter.

This is not freedom nor is it what we prize in America—"liberty and justice for all."

It is New Year's again. Let America rededicate itself to God. By that act America will find the origin of its rights and liberties and the inspiration to defend them.

Rev. William C. Kernan,
Director Christian Institute for Democracy, N. Y.

A NEW LEAF

He came to my desk with a quivering lip—
The lesson was done—
"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," he said;
"I have spoiled this one."
In place of the leaf so stained and blotted,
I gave him a new one all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled—
"Do better now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul—
The old year was done—
"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?
I have spoiled this one."
He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave me a new one all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled—
"Do better now, my child."

—Kathleen R. Wheeler

Boys and Girls Corner

THE STORY OF A JOURNEY

Old King Herod thought the Wise-men would come back past his palace and tell him just where they had found the wonderful new baby. He had told the Wise-men he wanted to go and worship Jesus too, but all the time he was planning to kill the child. He was angry because they had talked about a new King. "Why, I am king," he said; "what is to become of me if this new King is found?" Wicked King Herod did not know that Jesus would not have a throne in a palace, but that His throne would be in people's hearts all over the world. Herod was afraid of losing his own crown of gold.

When the Wise-men failed to come back old Herod flew into a rage and said he would have the baby Jesus killed, if he had to kill every little boy in Bethlehem.

Then this wicked king sent for his servants and his soldiers and told them to go to Bethlehem, and to kill every baby boy there—to take them right away from their fathers and mothers and to kill them. While the fathers and mothers were crying for their children old Herod made a feast and laughed because he thought he had killed this Jesus who was to be the new King.

But when the soldiers reached Bethlehem the baby Jesus and Joseph and Mary were not there. God knew what the wicked Herod was planning to do, and one night He sent His angel down to Joseph to tell him to "arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt."

Joseph called Mary and told her what the angel had said. They decided they had better start right away before Herod's soldiers could get to Bethlehem. So Joseph went to the stable and saddled their donkey, and in the middle of the night they started on their long journey to Egypt.

Many days and nights they spent on the way. Often they had to sleep out under the sky, but God took good care of them all the way, and no harm came to the baby Jesus.

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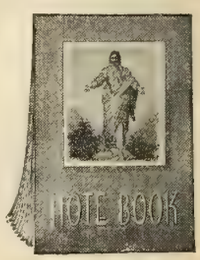
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"Ye children, seek my grace,"
My heart replied without delay,
"I'll seek my Father's face."

Know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. I Chron. 28:9a.

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On January 17, 1944, the Christian Workers' Institute is opening in Kinston Free Will Baptist Church located on N. Independent Street, between Gordon and Caswell Streets. This training service is offered by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. Courses will be offered in Bible Doctrine, Missions, Evangelism, Women's Auxiliary Work, League, and Sunday School Administration. Room and board is $13.50 for the entire session. Registration fee is $1.00.

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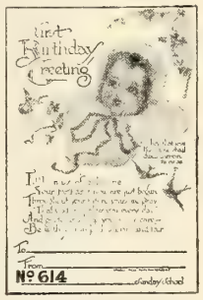
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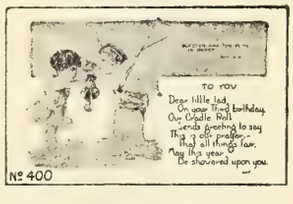
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For Month of November, 1943

Missions—

Mr. George Webster	$ 15.00
Mrs. Cylabet Rogers	2.00
Central Conference	40.00
Albemarle Union	40.00
Total	$ 97.00
Half for Home and Foreign	$ 48.50

Foreign Missions—

Mr. David H. Furlough	$ 2.50
C. L. R. Davis	4.12
Paul Gaskins	5.00
Kings Cross Roads S. S.	1.25
Edgemont, Durham, S. S.	20.00
Miss Webster	1.50
Mrs. Arthur Mason	10.00
R. R. Pait	4.10
V. C. Pait, Pee Dee Union (For Horse)	50.00
H. T. Lee, Cape Fear Union	12.10
Brought forward from Missions	48.50
Balance from last month	7.62
Total	$166.69
Sent to National Foreign Mission Treas.	160.00
Balance in State Foreign Mission Treas.	$ 6.69

State Home Missions—

Received from former Treas. by check	$384.43
Received from former Treas. One Bond	500.00
J. H. French	5.00
Balance from Missions	23.87
David H. Furlough	2.50
C. L. R. Davis	4.12
Paul Gaskins	5.00
King's Cross Roads S. S.	2.00
H. T. Lee, Cape Fear Union	9.40
Brought from Missions	48.50
Total	$484.82
Paid out for Home Missions, Rev. L. J. Potter	25.00
Paid out for Home Missions, Rev. J. L. Melton	25.00
Paid out for Home Missions, Treas., South Norfolk Ch., Mr. A. R. Toffton	25.00

Leaving a balance in cash $409.82
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  The best song hasn't been sung,
The best tune hasn't been played yet;
  Cheer up, for the world is young!

No chance? Why the world is just eager
  For things that you ought to create;
Its store of true wealth is still meagre,
  Its needs are incessant and great;
It yearns for more power and beauty,
  More laughter and love and romance,
More loyalty, labor and duty,
  No chance—why there's nothing but chance!

For the best verse hasn't rhymed yet,
  The best house hasn't been planned,
The highest peak hasn't been climbed yet,
  The mightiest rivers aren't spanned;
Don't worry and fret, faint-hearted,
  The chances have just begun,
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  The best work hasn't been done.

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DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY ALTAR?

You say you are busy this morning,
In the maelstrom of family cares,
And husband must rush to his work,
So there isn't a moment for prayers!

Then the children are sent to the schoolroom,
And the grind of the day thus begins,
With no word from God's Book to remember,
Nor the echo of strengthening hymns.

What wonder the burdens are heavy,
And the hours seem irksomely long;
What wonder that rash words are spoken,
And the life seems discordant and wrong!

And at even', discouraged and wearied,
You carelessly go to your rest,
Forgetting that Jesus is waiting
To pillow your head on His breast.

He longs for a word of thanksgiving,
And to hear your love spoken again,
He asks to review the day's record,
And to cleanse it of blotches and stain.

So pause for a little each morning,
And again at the close of the day,
To talk with the Saviour who loves you—
Remember, He taught us to pray.

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"My boy, where are you going?" asked the atheist.

"To the Bible School," was his reply.

"What are you doing that for? Don't you know you should be spending your time studying worthwhile things?" said the atheist.

"I am studying things worthwhile in the Bibue," assured the boy. "You see, the Lord made us in His own image, and He wants us to be like Him. To do this we must love and obey Him, and do what He says do. Isn't that learning worthwhile things? Are you doing just that?" questioned the boy.

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EDITORIAL

PAPER RATIONED—

Paper is getting scarcer, and this year we shall have to abide by the Federal government limitations. This means, therefore, that we shall have to drop the names of those who get in arrears with their Baptist paper sooner than we have been doing heretofore. In the past we have allowed the arrears to run, in some cases a week or so, before taking the names of those who did not renew from our mailing list. Now we must conserve paper for those who do renew.

Because of this fact, we are asking all subscribers to watch their labels on their Baptist papers for the expiration date, and please to renew at least a month in advance of the expiration date. By doing this the subscribers will be assured of receiving the paper continuously without missing any copies.

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SOME LITERATURE ON HAND NOW—

We should like to say to those who have delayed, for one cause or another, ordering their Sunday School and League literature that you will have to rush your orders to us right away, or else not be able to get your supplies for this quarter. We are still filling orders as they come in, but every quarterly will soon be shipped out, therefore no one should delay placing his order for this quarter of supplies. Here, again, we must conserve paper, and cannot print extra materials for a few late orders.

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A REQUEST—

We are requesting everyone, who renews his or her subscription to the Baptist paper, to be sure to state if it is a RENEWAL or a new subscription. By doing this it will facilitate matters here in the office concerning making records, and also aid the Business Management in removing names of those who fail to renew their subscriptions in due time. This has now become very important, and we are especially urging you to comply with this request.

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SOME ARE WONDERING WHY—

Some people are wondering why Miss Barnard is not, at the present time, out in the field doing Home Mission work among the needy places in the United States, since she has as yet been debarred from returning to India, due to war conditions. The people are saying that the need is great here at Home for mission work to be carried on, and there is money in the Home Mission treasury that might be used for a good cause.

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SHOULD WE BE KEPT POSTED?—

It has been several weeks since we have had a report of the progress of the mission work in Cuba. Doubtless they are very busy, and have not taken time to tell us just what they have been doing for the last two months of 1943.

It is a good practice to keep the church people well informed here at Home concerning the progress being made in the Cuban Mission Field. Some Free Will Baptists are prone to forget very soon the need and the meaning of the work of the foreign field, therefore, a brief report "now and then" will do good. A constant reminder often leads some people to do their duty.

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WHAT SHOULD BE DONE ABOUT IT?—

A great majority of the Free Will Baptist churches over the country, and doubtless many of other denominations, carry from year to year a long list of names on the Church Register that mean nothing to the church nor to the cause of righteousness. We have reference to those who became members of the church, but later moved elsewhere, or ceased to have anything to do with the church, and its work. In some cases some of them are deceased, but the church clerk or secretary does not know it, and consequently the names of the deceased members remain on the book. In such cases as pointed out here, we ask: What should the church do about the names of those dead or useless members?

If the names of such members are allowed to remain on the Church Register, then when quarterly, semi-annual or annual reports are made for the State and National associations for statistical purposes, or for the Federal government, large lists of names appear in the records which do not give the actual status of the church. If church members are not interested enough in their Christ to ever attend church services and offer support to the cause of the gospel, the question is: Are they worthy of a place on the Church Roll, and does God want their names there? We ask again, What do the loyal church members think about it? The Scriptures tell us that a person is either for Christ or against Him, and how can a person be for Christ, and never go about the church, nor give anything to support the cause of Christ?

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WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE?—

In serving the denomination, What is your attitude? If you are an employee in a denominational institution, What type of service should you render? Is it just to do enough to get by with the job which you are holding, or is it your purpose to do the job well? Are you interested enough in the institution and the denomination you serve to do an excellent job? If so, well and good, but

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DO THOU FOR ME

By Frances Ridley Havergal

"Do Thou for Me" (Ps. 109: 21, 27)

The Psalmist does not say what he wanted God to do for him. He leaves it open. So this most restful prayer is left open for all perplexed hearts to appropriate "according to their several necessities." And so we leave it open for God to fill up in His own way.

Only a **trusting** heart can pray this prayer at all. The very utterance of it is an act of faith. We could not ask any one whom we did not know intimately and trust implicitly to "do" for us, without even suggesting what.

Only a **self-emptied** heart can pray it. It is when we have come to the end of our own resources, or, rather, come to see that we never had any at all, that we are willing to accept the fact that we can "do nothing," and to let God do everything for us.

Only a **loving** heart can pray it. For nobody likes another to take their affairs in hand and "do" for them unless that other is cordially loved. We might submit to it, but we should not like it, and certainly should not seek it.

So, if we have caught at this little prayer as being just what we want, just what it seems a real rest to say, I think it shows that we do trust in Him and not in ourselves, and that we do love Him really and truly. There is sure to be a preface to this prayer—"Neither know we what to do." Perhaps we have been shrinking from being brought to this. Rather let us give thanks for it. It is the step down from the drifting wreck on to the ladder hanging still at the side. Will another step be down into the dark water? Go on, a little lower still, fear not. The next is, "We know not what we should pray for." Now we have reached the lowest step. What next? "Do Thou for me." This is the step into the captain's boat. Now He will cut loose from the wreck of our efforts, ladder and all will be left behind, and we have nothing to do but "sit still" and let Him take us to our "desired haven," probably steering quite a different course from anything we should have thought best. Not seldom "**immediately** the ship is at the land whither" we went.

What may we, from His own word, expect in answer to this wide petition?

1. "What His soul desireth, even that He doeth." Contrast this with our constantly felt inability to do a hundredth part of what we desire to do for those we love. Think of what God's desires must be for us, whom He so loves that He spared not His own Son. "**That** He doeth!"

2. "He performeth the thing that is appointed for me." This is wonderfully inclusive; one should read over all the Epistles to get a view of the things present and future, seen and unseen, the grace and the glory that He has appointed for us. It includes also all the "good works which God hath before ordained, that we should walk in them." It will not be our performance of them, but His; for He "worketh in you to will and to do," and "Thou also hast wrought all our works in us."

3. The beautiful old translation says, He "shall perform the cause which I have in hand." Does not that make it very real to us to-day? Just the very thing that "I have in hand," my own particular bit of work to-day—this cause that I cannot manage, this thing that I understood in miscalculation of my own powers—this is what I may ask Him to do "for me," and rest assured that He will perform it. "The wise and their works are in the hands of God!"

4. He "performeth all things for me." Does He mean as much as this? Well, He has caused it to be written for us "that we might have hope." And what more do we want? Then **let** Him do it. **Let** Him perform all things for us.

Not some things, but **all** things; or the very things which we think there is no particular need for Him to perform will be all failures—wood, hay and stubble to be burnt up. One by one let us claim this wonderful word; "the thing of a day in His day," "as the matter shall require," being always brought to Him with God-given petition, "Do Thou for me."

Do not wait to feel very much "oppressed" before you say, "O Lord, undertake for me." Far better say that at first than at last, as we have too often done! Bring the prayer in one hand, and the promises in the other, joining them in the faith-clasp of "Do as Thou hast said!" And put both hands into the hands of Him whom the Father heareth always saying, "Do Thou for me, O Lord God, for Thy name's sake," for the sake of Jehovah-Jesus, the mighty God, the everlasting Father, yet the Saviour of sinners.

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TRIPLE CURE

Everyone with disease is looking for a cure. Though some diseases are said to be uncurable, yet those who are afflicted hope they may find a cure. But the worst disease in the world is sin—and everyone is afflicted with this disease. It is palsy, leprosy, fever and blindness all combined. This disease fills jails, hospitals and Hell. The Bible tells us in Romans 5: 12—Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.

Is there a cure for sin? Yes, there is a "double cure." Yes, shall we go farther and say there is a "treble cure." Now to begin with the Bible tells us we were born in sin and that we went astray as soon as we were born, speaking lies. Then in Isaiah 53 we are told—all we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way. So you see YOU have the disease called sin. And it makes you an enemy of God, unfit to please Him in this world and unfit for Heaven in the world to come. And fit for Hell! But, thank God, there is a cure! You may say "Let's have it." You will find it in I John 1 :7—The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin. Then in John 1: 29 we read—Behold the

Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. Perhaps you have heard that good old hymn—

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

Then you may have heard that other good hymn—

Rock of ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Save me from its guilt and power.

Yes, when Christ was lifted up on the cross He died for the ungodly. And God has raised Him from the dead. He is a living Savior. Will you believe on Him? Your sin will be cleansed, your sins forgiven and you will be made fit for Heaven. A Treble Cure? Yes, you will be saved from sin's guilt and sin's power and in the end saved from the presence of sin—when we shall see Him and be like Him. And we will sing unto Him Who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. May it be so with you. If not you will join in the wail of the damned, where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched. Where he that is filthy, let him be filthy still. But today is your opportunity—why not believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved?

By D. R. Eberhart

—Selected

God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love. Heb. 6: 10.

True faith unites to Christ the root,
By him producing holy fruit;
And they who no such fruit can show
Still on the stock of nature grow.

Be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. Heb. 6: 12.

TO OUR BRETHREN OF NORTH CAROLINA

My dear fellow Christians and members of the Free Will Baptist family:

Please accept our heart-felt thanks for your generous contributions to our building fund. In keeping with our promise we are inclosing for print in the Baptist, a list of all the contributions that we have received from all sources except our local receipts.

We thought it would be an imposition on the paper to ask for space to print the names of the local contributors inasmuch as we are giving the names of all churches and individuals not local, and also the total amount of all contributions, both local and otherwise.

We are indeed very grateful to each of you for your help and to date we have raised seven hundred dollars for the fund, we could not have done this had you not been kind enough to help us in this great work of the kingdom.

I may say that we are now buying our lots. We have the money on hand to pay for them and will close the purchase as soon as our lawyer can finish with the legal end of the deal. It is indeed gratifying that we can say this to you and we thank you for making it possible for us to say it. The lots are two of the finest in the city of South Norfolk and are on the main thoroughfare and in the center of the city. We are giving seven hundred dollars cash for them, but they are valued at one thousand dollars.

With the help of God we are going forward with our building program, with the hope that we can build our Church this year. We realize that it is going to place a very heavy burden upon our little group, but we need a church so very much that we are going to do everything in our power to raise the necessary funds for this and try to build this summer.

It is almost impossible for us to do this without your help, and we are asking now that every church and individual that can please continue to help us or we will surely fail. We need a church, God needs it, and if every church will help just a little we will not fail. Please don't forget us. It is building with Christ, He has no other hands with which to build but yours. Will we fail Him this year? And now may I say God bless you all.

I am yours as a builder with God,
H. Edgar Harden, Pastor
South Norfolk F. W. B. Church

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P. S.—To date we have raised from all sources a total of seven hundred dollars for the building fund.

H. Edgar Harden, Pastor.

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Satan's Religion

Religion without Christ is well pleasing to the devil. The Devil, or Satan as often called by holy writers, is an enemy of God and the church of Jesus Christ. He does not care how loud nor how often you proclaim Christianity just so long as you leave off the doctrine of the "New Birth," and the knowledge of an absolute salvation through and, "By Grace, through faith" in the only begotten Son of God. Satan's religion denies every fundamental doctrine of the New Testament, but often advertises itself as "Christian" when it is only a religion.

To Be A Christian

To be a Christian is to be more than a professor. It is more than a membership in some body that is called "Christian." It is more than a membership in any and all denominational churches.

To be a Christian you must be born again. Christ said "Ye must be born of water and of the Spirit." He repeated the assertion and said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee" (He was talking to Nicodemus for all time) "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3: 5).

Regeneration

In the Treatise of 1935, as arranged and adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and now accepted by the majority of Free Will Baptists, throughout the nation, we have the following on the work of REGENERATION:

"As man is a fallen and sinful being he must be regenerated, in order to obtain salvation. This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is disposed to serve Him. This is called in Scripture, "Being Born again"—born of the Spirit, being quickened, passing from death unto life, and a partaking of divine nature."

This is the doctrine of REGENERATION as taught by the Scripture and believed by Free Will Baptists. If you wish to know more about what Free Will Baptist believe and teach, you can find it by sending 25 cents to either the Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Mo., or the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., saying, "Send me a copy of the Treatise of the Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptists."

More About the Treatise

The New Treatise is a booklet four and one-half inches by six and one-half inches. It has 80 pages. Its composition is of the best. With every part of doctrine there is Scripture set forth right where you can read it for yourself.

In searching for what Free Will Baptists Believe, the various Treatise and Disciplines of more than 100 years of the past were sought out. The Scriptures were consulted. A harmonizing of the doctrine of all articles of faith and practices were the chief aim of the committees of 1935, 1939, and 1940. Every article of Faith is based upon the Holy Scripture. This Treatise is not only good for Free Will Baptists, everywhere, but for persons who are seeking for the truth and light that is recorded in holy Writ. It is a marvelous work in which enlightenment can be received. Buy it and read it, without prejudice and be convinced of its soundness in the DOCTRINE of both the Old and New Testaments. Especially, it sets forth the DOCTRINE of the NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH.

Sixteen ministers of the National Association and two laymen, went back over the work of twenty-five leading Free Will Baptist ministers, reaching as far back as 1832, covering a period in which the Free Will Baptist had great experiences in growing and expanding and in being swallowed up by other denominations, only to rise out of adverse conditions and come forth with the Spirit of the Man of Galilee as heralds of the Truth for the salvation of man.

The last revision of one of the leading Treatise consulted, which revision was made by Revs. W. H. Frost and E. T. Phillips of North Carolina, and Dr. Thomas E. Peden, originally of Ohio, but who then was professor and superintendent of the old Seminary in Ayden, N. C., was the revised editor of 1901. Rev. E. T. Phillips is living at this time.

The Treatise as amended and revised by Elds. Frost and Phillips and Dr. Peden, according to their appointment, which appointment was made in Nashville, Tenn., October the 2nd, 1901, was largely used as the work from which the new Treatise is now a part.

Allow me to say, again, it is based from beginning to end upon the holy Scriptures. It is in keeping with what leading Free Will Baptists have taught and practiced for not only a hundred but for two hundred years and more. In fact, as we see it, it is the DOCTRINE as set forth by the Lord Jesus Christ and His apostles, and prophesied of by the prophets of old.

I KNOW HE CARES

Often when I'm sad and lonely and I seem to have no friend,
Not a soul on earth to comfort in despair;
When my heart is sorely aching and my troubles have no end,
To the Lord I go because I know He cares.

When my work on earth is finished and my time has come to die,
And the pangs of Death may seem too hard to bear;
But I know He'll stand beside me when I bid my friends good-bye,
For He cares, oh yes, I know my Saviour cares.

Oh, yes, He cares, I know He cares when I am lonely,
He is waiting now my grief and woe to share;
So I take them all to Him, and to Him only,
For I know He cares, oh yes, I know He cares.

By Mrs. Venie Carney,
Durham, N. C.

SOME JUDGMENT DAY SURPRISES

Many will be surprised to find the judgment a reality. "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it also be in the days of the Son of man." (Lu. 17: 26). Yes, men and women are going on in sin, thinking nothing about having to leave this world. Some will be surprised at the time of His coming. In 2nd Peter 3: 4, we read, "And saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

We hear many people say today, "Why, I've heard the second coming of Christ preached all my life and still hear it today." To people of this type Christ is coming as a thief in the night. Some will be surprised at the manner of His coming. Acts 1: 11 says, "Which also said, Ye men of Galilee why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." Yes, a visible coming, every eye shall see Him. I'm glad that the Christian is looking for Him today.

Many will be surprised at the purpose of His coming. Mat. 25: 32 says, "And before Him shall be gathered all nations and He shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." Many will be surprised at the standard by which men will be judged. John 12: 48, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my word, hath one that judgeth him, the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in that day."

Some Classes that will be Surprised:

1. The self righteous. The person who thinks he has never done anything wrong, one who is trusting in his own righteousness. See Romans 3: 23, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

2. The popular preacher. The one who is going in himself, not depending on Christ, going for what he might be able to get out of it financially. "Many will say unto me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils, and in thy name done many wonderful works?" (Matt. 7: 22).

3. The worldly professor. Eph. 5: 11 says, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him." (Jon. 2: 15-17).

4. The humble Christian will be surprised at the greatness of His reward. "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25: 34). Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man, what is in store for them that love God. I'm glad that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. I have a little Motto that reads like this: Only one life; 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last. Regardless of how much we are able to do in this life, only what we do for Christ will ever do us any good. The world looketh on the outside, and judgeth from the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart. A person is judged by the world according to the position he holds or the wealth he is able to accumulate in this life, but Solomon says, "He that winneth souls is wise."

Rev. R. W. Allman,

Kannapolis, N. C.,

THE TWELVE STEPS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him.

4. Made a searching and fearless inventory of ourselves.

5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongdoing.

6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.

9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.

10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

12. Having had a spiritual experience as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to alcoholics, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

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"I am not a temperance lecturer in disguise, but a man who knows and tells you what observation has proved to him; and I say to you that you are more likely to fail in your career from acquiring the habit of drinking liquor than from any of the other temptations likely to assail you. You may yield to almost any other temptation and reform, but from the insane thirst for liquor escape is almost impossible. I have known of but few exceptions to this rule."—Andrew Carnegie.

—In The Voice.

The community gossiper, who goes over to her neighbor's house to chat about the pastor's weak spots, is guilty of spreading ill-will and contention among the laity. She should stay home and read her Bible more.

—The Beacon Light.

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We are looking forward to a glorious Institute.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,

Robert B. Crawford,
Executive Secretary.

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CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE

On January 17, 1944, the Christian Workers' Institute is opening in Kinston Free Will Baptist Church located on N. Independent Street, between Gordon and Caswell Streets. This training service is offered by the National Association of Free Will Baptists, with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. Courses will be offered in Bible Doctrine, Missions, Evangelism, Women's Auxiliary Work, League, and Sunday School Administration. Room and board is $13.50 for the entire session. Registration fee is $1.00.

The Christian Workers' Institute is virtually a portable Bible school and brings within reach of all an opportunity to train for Christian work and render a more efficient service to those in need of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bros. D. W. Alexander, of Bethel, N. C., and J. C. Griffin, of New Bern, N. C., are the committee to work with the local pastor and people in making successful the entire session, which will close January 28. All Students successfully completing courses will be awarded certificates and credits may be obtained for work if enough class hours are completed.

This Institute, even though sponsored by Free Will Baptists, has as its major aim to present the gospel in its simplicity and purity and may be taken by any sincere Christian worker regardless of demoninational affiliations. We are depending on pastors, superintendents, and auxiliary workers to take advantage of this opportunity.

Address all inquiries to:

Rev. N. B. Barrow,
P. O. Box 521,
Kinston, North Carolina

Who said, "War is hell"? An American general. Recently a soldier said that if hell is worse than this war he does not want to get into it. He wants to find a better place.

—The News.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

"DEATH OF A BOY REARED IN THE ORPHANAGE"

John Robert Fleming who came to the Orphanage January 12, 1921, and remained until March 24, 1928, died January 2, 1944. John Robert lived in the Malachi's Chapel community and his funeral was preached from that church on January 4, 1944. John Robert left a widow and one son that reside in the Malachi's Chapel community.

James A. Evans,
Superintendent

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DECEMBER RECEIPTS INCLUDING CHRISTMAS

Concert class receipts— 31st week	$270.94
Belva Davis	5.00
Union Grove Church (Western Conference)	30.00
Kings Cross Roads Church	30.00
Miss Vera Mae Jones and Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Oldham	4.00
Sweet Gum Grove S. S.	20.00
Cabin F. W. B. Church	34.00
Otter's Creek Church	23.21
Pilgrim's Rest S. S.	17.00
Jessie Penland	1.00
Davis L. A. S.	20.00
Howell's Swamp S. S.	13.00
Miss Lizzie Lucas	3.00
Cape Fear Conference	70.00
Hopewell Church	96.23
Dublin Grove Church	1.00
Spring Branch Church	4.00
Mrs. Hiram Ward	5.00
Rev. L. J. Carlyle	55.30
St. Johns Chapel	29.60
Trininity F. W. B. Church	30.00
Gum Swamp Church	28.50
Pearsall Chapel	60.00
Rose Hill Church	18.75
Daniel's Chapel (Central)	54.00
Christian Chapel S. S., and L. A. S.	61.62
Bridgeton F. W. B. Church	40.00
St. John's S. S. and L. A. S.	5.00
M. F. Jackson	26.00
Micro League	4.25
St. John's Church	7.00
Goldsboro S. S.	15.00

Sts. Delight Church, S. S. and Auxiliary	35.89
Wintergreen	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Evans	5.00
Hickory Chapel Church and Jr. League No. 1	89.09
Morehead City S. S.	8.34
Rooty Branch Church	10.00
Warden's Grove S. S.	7.50
Beulaville Church	28.29
Cedar Hill	7.00
Pine Level	127.75
Howell's Swamp Church	3.47
West Clinton Church L. A. S.	13.00
St. Mary's Church, Western	16.59
Mrs. A. G. Nichols	5.00
Tippett's Chapel Church	25.00
St. Mary's Church, Eastern	65.00
Spring Hill F. W. B. Church	5.25
Marlboro Church L. A. S.	150.85
Big Creek Church	36.86
Greenville F. W. B. Church	9.80
Micro F. W. B. Church	6.26
Smith's New Home Church, L. A. S.	26.50
Elwood Lane Church	8.00
Smithfield F. W. B. Church	12.01
Mrs. L. S. Brown	10.00
Mrs. Charlie Outlaw	10.00
Union Chapel S. S., French Broad	50.25
Union Chapel, French Broad	25.00
Refund on Telephone call	4.39
District Union Leag. Con.	6.50
Piny Grove	5.00
Rubin Slaughter	5.00
LaGrange F. W. B. Church	125.00
Mosley's Creek S. S.	7.76
LaGrange Church, S. S.	3.84
Juniper Chapel	24.00
Edgewood Church S. S.	25.00
Spring Branch Church	2.50
Free Union Church ,Central	41.15
Mr. Clarence Walker	1.00
Pleasant Plains Church	147.94
May's Chapel	7.00
Spring Hill Church	5.00
Woodington F. W. B. Church	25.00
Winterville S. S.	5.00
Asheville F. W. B. Church	6.00
Johnson Union S. S.	7.00
Albemarle Aux. Convention	5.00
Sound Side Church	18.06
Friendship Church, Western	10.00
Piny Grove Church, Western	7.80
Bethlehem Church	18.00
Mrs. Dove Dillinger	1.00
Dildy's Grove Church	25.00
Lissie Nobles	5.48
D. H. Furlough	1.00
2nd S. S. Convention	24.77
Elk Mountain Church	7.57
Gascow Burlison	1.00
Davis F. W. B. Church	7.50
Katherine Cox	3.00
Bethel Church	25.10
White Oak	14.50
Long Ridge F. W. B. Church	38.75
Shady Grove Church	98.71
Corinth Church and S. S., Cape Fear	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	2.00
Little Rock F. W. B. Church	106.50
L. H. Wethington	1,200.00
Cypress Creek Church and S. S.	3.00
Morehead City Church, S. S. and L. A. S.	24.50
Free Union S. S., Central	15.00
Mt. Zion Church, Western	10.40
Friendship Church, Western	7.23
Antioch Church	10.56
Daley's Chapel Church	5.55
Branch Chapel	15.92
Brice's Creek Church	11.00
Core Creek S. S.	17.11
White Oak Church	6.85
Oak Grove, Eastern	10.50
Mt. Olive	8.76
Laurel Fork Church	11.00
Marsh Swamp Church	10.00
H. C. Bowers, Truck hire and feed	42.35
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bryan, Jr.	10.00
Sound View S. S.	5.00
W. A. Winsfield	50.00
Edgemont F. W. B. Church	50.00
Edgemont F. W. B. Church	15.00
Mr. Hall	20.00
S. F. High, Jr.	10.00
Dawson's F. W. B. Church	4.00
Selma Church, S. S.	14.88
Hickory Grove	42.00
Hugo L. A. S.	10.00
Edwards Chapel	10.00
Belhaven S. S.	3.00
Saratoga F. W. B. Church	11.75
White Hill Church	12.32
Sidney F. W. B. Church	4.25
Trent F. W. B. Church	25.00
Bridgeton F. W. B. S. S. class	2.00
St. John's Chapel	4.31
Daniel's Chapel L. A. S., Central	15.00
Sards Church, Ala., S. S. class	5.00
St. John's L. A. S.	2.50
Free Union Church	23.35
St. Mary's F. W. B. Church, Eastern	26.48
W. G. Britt	5.00
Walnut Creek Church	20.00
Union Grove Church, Western	15.00
Kenly Intermediate Girls S. S. Class	2.25
Mt. Zion Church, Western	19.77
Howell's Swamp Church	10.27
Snead's Ferry S. S. and L. A. S.	21.59
Rains Cross Roads Church	45.75
Malachi's Chapel, Jr. League	1.00
F. W. B., Pine Level, S. S.	11.94
Mrs. Venie Rhodes	5.00
Union Chapel L. A. S., French Broad	11.70
Pleasant Grove Church, Western	115.34
T. F. Davenport	10.00
Oriental Fish Co.	50.00
Mrs. Ester Williams	15.00
Black Jack Church	23.25
Arapahoe F. W. B. S. S.	44.08
Gum Swamp Church	10.20
Palmetta Chapel	22.35
Union Grove L. A. S., Western	5.00
Bethel Church, Eastern	34.00
Black Jack Church	40.00
Charles Ray Pope	25.00
Shady Grove Church	7.00
Mrs. S. C. Andrews	18.75
Elm Grove Church	52.00
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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor

New Bern, N. C.

A FRIEND INDEED

Some one made me happy
While traveling life's way
Made burden's seem more lighter
Someone brightened my day.

It was only a kind word spoken,
A hand-clasp—a smile,
It healed a heart that was broken,
and
Made life more worthwhile.

Some-one made me happy,
Brightened life's way,
Some-one was a friend in need;
Proving herself a friend in deed.

If I can make some-one happy,
I will not regret,
For others make me happy,
I must not forget.

If I can make others happy,
Brighten life's way,
I will have lived for Jesus,
Served him every day.

For when we are helping others,
We are serving Jesus too;
For we are all brothers, and Sisters,
His service we should do.

Let's love each other,
The golden rule obey;
Let's live for Jesus and
Serve Him every day.

—Mattie Mae Beacham

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DUBLIN GROVE ANNUAL AID REPORT

We have thirty members in our society, and we meet at the church on Wednesday after each fourth Sunday.

Financial Statement

Balance brought forward from 1942	$ 14.01
Monthly dues	32.35
Donations from various sources	30.06
Birthday dues	6.78
Flower fund	10.00
A. F W. products sold	36.12
Quilt	17.30
Total collected	$146.62

Disbursements

To adopted child	$ 40.00
To the Orphanage	10.00
To the Convention	4.00
For quilt material	2.16
For stove polish	0.25
For the war fund	5.00
For stationery	0.10
For the sick	1.00
To Finance Asso., Inc.	1.00
To card order	9.10
For A. E. W. Products (purchased)	21.00
To infantile paralysis fund	2.00
Money orders and express	3.64
To Red Cross fund	5.25
For church sign board	1.00
For floral designs	12.21
Flowers	7.45
Total	$125.16
Balance in the treasury	$ 21.44

Activities Reported

Bible chapters read	929
Sick visits	133
Trays given	39
Gallons of milk given to needy	4
Flowers	25
Sympathy cards sent	43
Get-well cards sent	104
Floral designs	7

Mrs. Blain Aldrich, President,

Mrs. H. W. Hudnell, Secy.-Treas.

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SNEAD'S FERRY AID REPORT

Our Ladies Aid met at the church for our regular monthly meeting on January 1, 1944. The meeting was opened with song, and prayer was offered by Rev. L. J. Potter. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Our same officers were re-elected for 1944. We sell hot dogs every Saturday evening to raise money for our Society. After business discussions were over, we sang a song and the benediction was offered by Sister Susie Rhodes.

Yearly Report of Our Society

Number of members	8
Average attendance	5
Chapters read	241
Sick visits made	164
Funeral designs	1

Financial Statement

Dues received	$ 9.60
Donation to our Society	64.89
For sale of quilt	5.05
Cleared from Saturday P. M. Sales	161.02
Amount on hand Jan 1, 1943	5.34
Total received	$245.90

Disbursements

For groceries to needy	$ 13.60
One funeral design	5.00
For material and labor on Church	57.97
One Bond to Orphanage	18.75
For rolls and weiners not used	12.57
One oil stove	12.00
For insurance on church	2.40
For lighting and sweeping Church	5.00
For Orphanage	10.00
To Conventions	3.00
For postage	.60
Total disbursed	$140.89
Amount in treas. Jan 1, 1944	$105.01

Mrs. Susie Rhodes,

Secretary-Treasurer

EDITORIAL

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if not, then you should resign and let someone else take your place who is interested in the denomination, and the cause of righteousness. God would be pleased for you to make the change, and give someone who is interested a chance to do things well for the glory of the Master.

If you are a servant of the cause of righteousness, either as a minister of the gospel, Sunday School worker, missionary, Auxiliary worker of the church, or one who is doing some other religious work, Are you sincere and interested in what you are doing? If not, why not? Are you worthy of the position you hold in the ranks of the church, if you are showing only a passing interest? The beginning of this New Year is a good time for you to make a self-examination concerning your attitude toward the place you hold in the work of the church.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

DAVIS.—On December 22, 1943, God called our dearly beloved Grandfather, Mr. John G. Davis home to be with Him. Grandpa was a faithful member of Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church, of which he had been a deacon for a number of years.

His thoughtfulness of others, and his godly life endeared him to those he lived and associated with. He was a good man.

His funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. H. Lancaster, assisted by Rev. H. R. Faircloth. A profusion of lovely flowers was a symbol of sympathy extended by many friends.

Surviving are his wife, also five children, eighteen grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

He has gone his way to a land of day,
Where there are no pains nor tears;
He is up there in glory fair
Where Christ has banished all fear.

He had troubles here, and the path
seemed drear,
As he labored on his way;
Now the race is run, Christ will say
well-done,
For he was faithful here each day.

We cannot understand why sorrow,
So often gathers round us here;
But it will end some sweet tomorrow,
All mysteries will then be made clear.
—Written by his granddaughter,
Grace Benson.

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HINES. Hubert Hines died on December 24, 1943, in the Wilson County Sanatorium. He had been a patient there for ten months, receiving treatment for tuberculosis, but all to no avail. God knew best and took him away to rest.

He was born on March 9, 1915, making his stay on earth 28 years, 9 months and 15 days. In the year of 1935, he was married to Miss Dollie Owens of Fountain, North Carolina. There were born to them three children, two of whom are living, Ruby Lee and Edith Ann.

He leaves behind to mourn their loss his wife, two daughters, his aged mother, Mrs. Annie Flora Hines, and six sisters, two brothers, and several nieces and nephews.

He was buried on Saturday afternoon, December 25, in the Fountain Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. B. Manning.

He is gone but not forgotten,
Never will his memory fade;
Sweet thoughts will ever linger
Around the grave where he is laid.

He is sleeping, sweetly sleeping,
In his new-made grave today,
We are weeping, sadly weeping
For the dear one passed away.
—Written by his sister-in-law.

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CRADDOCK. On February 4, 1943, God saw fit to call Miss Ethel Craddock home to rest from this world's cares. She was born on January 3, 1924, and was nineteen years old when she died. She had been afflicted since birth, and gradually grew worse.

She is survived by her Mother and Father, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Craddock, one brother, Joseph, and one sister, Daisy. She had three brothers who went to be with the Lord in their infancy.

Ethel was a member of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, and attended services faithfully when her health permitted. We miss her very much.

The funeral services were conducted in the church by Rev. Walter Guthrie, pastor of Sound Side Missionary Baptist Church. Her remains were laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers, in her church cemetery.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A chair is vacant in our class
That never can be filled.
Class Committee:
Miss Almeda Armstrong,
Miss Gladys Etheridge,
Columbia, N. C.

THE WRONG BUTTON

"Dear me," said little Janet, "I buttoned just one button wrong, and it makes all the rest go wrong," and she tugged and fretted as if the poor button was at fault for her trouble.

"Patience, patience, my dear," said mamma. "The next time, look out for the first wrong button, then you'll keep all the rest right. And," added mamma, "look out for the first wrong deed of any kind; another and another is sure to follow."

Janet remembered how one day, not so long ago, she had struck the mamma, "look out for the first wrong deed." Then she had denied having done it. That was another. Then she was unhappy and cross all day because she told a lie. What a long list of buttons fastened wrong just because one was wrong.—Picture World.

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THE RECORD I KEEP OF MYSELF

It isn't so much what my neighbor
may think,
Though I value his friendship a
lot;
It isn't some record that's written in
ink
That I want to keep free from a
blot.
It isn't some tale people whisper
about the way I gather myself—
I want to keep evil and crookedness
out of the record I keep of myself.

It often may happen opinions are
wrong,
However men praise or blame;
But I know there's a critic who travels along
Who knows every step that I come.
Whatever my friends or my enemies
say
In volumes up there on the shelf,
The thing that will count on the ultimate day
Is the record I keep of myself.
—Author Unknown
—Sent in by Venie Carney.

NOTICE

This is to notify my friends, and those who should desire to correspond with me, that I am moving from Desloge, Missouri, to Monett, Missouri. Please address all communications to me at 211 Bond Street, or 117 Broadway Street, Monett, Missouri.

Yours truly,

Rev. C. B. Dees

The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever. Psa. 138: 8.

His saints what is fitting
Shall ne'er be denied,
So long as 't is written,
The Lord will provide.

Forsake not the works of thine own hands. Psa. 138: 8.

When a man does not feel comfortable in the church, do you know what is wrong? He is either in a strange place, or he is afraid of the preacher's words. In such case, the best prescription for him is a good dose of conviction tablets.

—The Church Council.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

JESUS TEACHES IN PARABLES

(Lesson for January 23)

Lesson: Mark 4: 1-9, 26-32. Read Mark 4: 1-34.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

If any man have ears to hear, let him hear (v. 23. There was an old turnpike man on a quiet country road, whose habit was to shut his gate at night and take a nap. One dark, wet midnight a stranger knocked at his door crying, "Gate! Gate!" "Coming," said the voice of the old man. Then the man knocked again, and once more the voice replied, "Coming." This went on for some time, till at length the stranger grew quite angry, and, jumping off his horse, opened the door and demanded to know why the old man cried "Coming!" for twenty minutes, but never came. "Who's there?" asked the old man in a sleepy voice, rubbing his eyes. "What d'ye want, sir?" Then awakening, "Bless yer, sir, and yer pardon; I was asleep. I get so used to hearing 'em knock that I answer, 'Coming,' in my sleep, and take no more notice about it." So it is with too many hearers of the Gospel, who hear by habit, and answer God by habit, and at length die with their souls asleep.—The S. S. Times.

I once knew of a friend whose ears apparently failed him. All the sweet music of daily living died out or became dull to him, and in great concern he sought a physician. The doctor heard his story, gave his ears a brief examination, began to smile. When, with a small syringe he washed away a lump of wax that had blocked the channel of hearing, and sent the patient away, rejoicing once more in the possession of "hearing ears."

Are the Words of Jesus incomprehensible to you? Do you find no beauty in the imageries of Christ's teachings, no melody in the Gospel song? Perhaps some small foreign intrusion has locked up the ears of your heart and mind, and you need the aid of the Great Physician. Pity the poor, sin-dulled ears that cannot hear the gracious invitation: "Come unto me."

—Selected.

II. Lesson High Points

1. Four Soils and Four Hearers

1. Trodden soil: dull ears and hardened hearts. Seed never enters.

2. Shallow soil: quick ears and superficial hearts. Seed never remains.

3. Thorny soil: cluttered ears and occupied hearts. Seed never bears fruit.

4. Good soil; soft, deep, clean: attentive ears and stedfast hearts. Seed enters, remains, brings forth fruit in varying degrees.

Practical and Personal Applications

"Receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls" (Jas. 1: 21). Have we been born again of incorruptible seed, through the Word of God? (1 Pet. 1: 23.)

Take heed how you hear! (Luke 8: 18.) This applies to Christians as well as unbelievers. It applies to sermons we listen to, to Sunday-school lessons, to our own reading and study of the Bible.

Take heed how you teach! Be sure it is the good seed you are sowing, God's Word, and not the enemy's seed.

Beware of the Trodden soil, and keep the Quiet Time. Christians who have already received Christ are in danger of shutting out new truth as the Word is sown, or of receiving false teachings, or of neglecting Bible study.

Beware of shallow soil, and drive the roots deep. Bible study, Christian service, prayer, Christian companionship, faithfulness in church membership and church attendance are needed to make deep roots. Expect tribulation, as Christ has promised, and look to the eternal weight of glory (2 Cor. 4: 17, 18).

Beware of thorns, and separate from worldliness. Dancing, movies, cards, gambling, smoking, drinking, worldly companions, "petting," love of ease, unforgiveness. bitterness, worry, jealousy, censoriousness, laziness, covetousness, pleasure seeking, self-centeredness, love of money, stinginess, ignoring the Lord's day, pride—and if there be anything else contrary to healthful doctrine: these are thorns that choke the Word and prevent fruit.

Grow in grace and bring forth fruit with patience! The good soil is a **steadfast** heart. Taking Christ as Saviour is just the beginning. Patience must have its perfect work. Fruit does not come all at once, and a good and honest heart must **persevere,** and be ever active in growth and service.

Sow the seed in heathen lands. When Christ sent us forth as sowers he said, "Go into all the world."

—The S. S. Times.

Many other forceful truths are to be found in our quarterlies.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

And the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how (v. 27). In the church tower of a town in Germany there hangs a bell, and on this bell is the image of a six-eared stalk of wheat with the date, October 15, 1729, engraved upon it. A bell was wanted, but the village was poor and there was not the needed money. One Sunday, the schoolmaster noticed growing out of the church wall a green stalk of wheat, the seed of which must have been dropped by a passing bird. The idea struck him that this stalk of wheat could be made to produce the bell. He waited till the wheat was ripe and then plucked the six ears on it, and sowed them in his garden. The next year he gathered the little crop and sowed it again till he had not enough room in his garden for the crop, so he divided it among the farmers, who sowed the ears until the eighth year the crop was so large that when it was sold there was money enough to buy a

beautiful bell with its story and birthday engraved upon it, and a cast of the stalk to which it owed its existence.—the Expositor.

THE CIGARETTE SPEAKS

(To a Young Girl over a Period of Years)

By Elizabeth Hassell

I'm just a 'friendly' cigarette—
Don't be afraid of me!
Why all the advertisers say
I'm harmless as can be!
They tell you that I'm your "best friend,"
(I like that cunning lie!)
And say you'll "walk a mile" for me,
Because I "satisfy."

So come on, girlie, be a sport!
Why longer hesitate?
With me between your pretty lips,
You'll be quite up to date!
You may not like me right at first,
But very soon I'll bet,
You'll find you just can't get along
Without a cigarette!

You've smoked one package, so I know
I've nothing now to fear;
When once I get a grip on girls,
They're mine for life, my dear!
Your freedom you began to lose,
The very day we met,
When I convinced you it was smart
To smoke a cigarette!

The color's fading from your cheeks;
Your finger tips are stained;
And now you'd like to give me up,
But, sister, you are chained!
You even took a drink last night—
I thought you would ere long,
For those whom I enslave soon lose
Their sense of right and wrong.

Year after year I've fettered you,
And led you blindly on
Till now you're just a bunch of nerves
With looks and health both gone.
But it's too late to worry now;
When you became my slave,
You should have known the chances were
You'd fill an early grave.

—Condensed from a tract, published by The Free Tract Society.

Moral: One good way to stop a bad habit is never to start that bad habit! Let us warn children of the harm and dangers of smoking, and seek to get them never to start.

—In Christian Victory
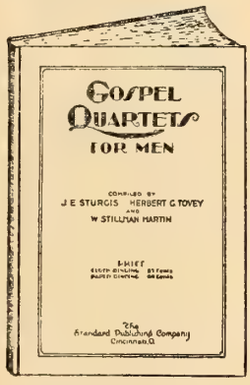
God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. 2 Cor. 9: 8.

All needful grace will God bestow
And crown that grace with glory too;
He gives us all things, and withholds
No real good from upright souls.

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 2 Cor. 9: 6.

Quartets, Solos, Duets and Anthems







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The pilgrim set out with a glad heart, eager for adventure. After blazing trails through forests and swamps for many days, he came one night in a woodland upon a frail little woman. She seemed to be searching for something in the underbrush.

"If I only had some light," the pilgrim heard her say with a quiver of fear in her voice, "I might find it."

"What is the trouble?" the pilgrim asked kindly.

"I've lost my last coin," she answered. "I need it to buy bread for my children. It is all I have and they are very hungry."

"Take this," he said as he lighted one and gave it into her outstretched hand. "I must be on my way, but I have two more in case the way grows darker." And he hurried on with her glad thanks ringing in his ears.

After many more days he passed by an old house, and through the window he saw a young man bending feverishly over a book in which he saw writing. The pilgrim saw that the young man's lamp burned low and would soon go out.

"What are you doing?" he asked as he stepped closer to the open window.

"I am writing a poem," cried the student, and excitement made his voice tremble. "I must hasten before my light burns out. The poem is destined to feed men's minds and make them richer in the knowledge of thinking."

"That is a worthy cause," said the pilgrim. "You may have this torch," and he handed it through the window. "I still have one if my way grows dark."

Not waiting for the words of gratitude from the student, the pilgrim went on his way.

After many seasons as he was nearing the end of the new road through the old, old country, toward evening he came upon a weary old man who was, with loving hands, building an altar in a clearing surrounded by tall trees.

"Why do you make such haste?" asked the pilgrim, "and what is it you are making?"

"I fear I cannot finish before the dark of night," murmured the old man, "and my days are numbered. Men need a place of quiet beauty where they may worship the Master of All Light. This is to be an altar where tired hearts may find peace."

The pilgrim gave him his last torch. "Take this with which to see to finish your good work," he said kindly. "I am almost home now."

But it was many a day before the pilgrim found himself walking up the silvery path of the house of the Master. Then he remembered the Master's parting words: "You must bring back more light than you are taking away."

"I forgot!" he cried aloud in his great dismay, "I forgot all about myself—I am coming back empty-handed!"

As the gates of the Master's house swung wide the pilgrim heard strains of beautiful music behind him. He turned and saw three groups of torch-bearers, their high-held lights blazing bright and strong.

The spokesman of the first group said, and his voice was like the song of the birds, "We are a thousand strong. Your light which helped find bread for hungry children has lighted our torches. Behold, they are yours!"

The leader of the second group spoke, and his voice was like the singing of little children. "We are five thousand strong. Our torches burn because your light helped the student to feed men's minds. Behold, they are yours."

Then the one who led the third group stepped forward, and his voice was like the song of the angels on Christmas night: "Because you helped an old man build an altar in the wilderness where tired hearts may find peace, our torches burn. Behold, they, too, are yours!"

And then, with a happy heart, the pilgrim entered the Master's house.—Junior World.

PROGRAM

The first Union meeting of the Western North Carolina Association will convene with Pleasant Grove Church in Wayne County, near Pikeville, on January 29, 1944.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. Willie Renfrow
10:15—Welcome address by the pastor
10:20—Response by the moderator
—Reading of minutes and roll call of ministers
—Appointment of committees
10:45—Round - Table Discussion: "The Five-Point Program," led by Rev. R. N. Hinnant
11:00—Orphanage report by Supt. James A. Evans, and the taking of an offering
11:30—Devotions led by L. F. Pittman
11:45—Sermon by Elder J. H. Worley
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions by Rev. Millard Hales
1:45—Report of churches
2:30—Report of Appropriation Committee
2:45—Miscellaneous business
—Treasurer's report
3:00—Adjournment

Sunday Morning

10:00—Sunday School
11:15—Devotions led by S. S. Superintendent
11:30—Sermon by Rev. T. Renfrow
12:15—Adjournment

Rev. Willie Renfrow,
Rev. E G. Holland,
Program Committee

N. C. SUPERANNUATION REPORT FOR DEC., 1943

Receipts

Dec. 1, Balance on Hand	$1,088.07
Regular receipts for Dec.	131.92
Special Christmas donations for December	10.15
Funds designated for N. C.	180.00
Total funds to account for	$1,410.14

Disbursements

Board members traveling Expenses	$ 17.76
Checks to retired ministers	205.00
Check to National Superannuation	26.60
Treasurer's expense for December	7.74
Total paid out	$ 257.10
Balance now on hand	$1,153.04

Itemized Receipts

St. John L. A. S.	$ 2.00
Cape Fear Conference	44.73
Branch Chapel	11.00
Macedonia L. A. S., Circle 2	3.79
Macedonia L. A. S., Circle 1	9.00
Central Aux. Convention	14.75
St. Paul, Elizabeth City	25.00
Free Union	10.00
Gum Neck L. A. S.	6.65
Cabin L. A. S.	5.00
	$131.92

Special Christmas Contributions

Ayden L. A. S.	$ 1.15
Edgewood L. A. S.	4.00
Corinth S. S.	5.00
	$ 10.15

Funds Designated for N. C. Only

St. Mary's, New Bern	$ 80.00
Eastern Conference	100.00
	$180.00
Total received for Dec.	$322.07

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

SECOND UNION PROGRAM

The Second Union meeting of the Central conference will be held with St. Delight Church in Greene County on Saturday, January 29, 1944.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions by Rev. Levi Humbles
10:15—Reading of minutes and short business session
10:45—Special music to be directed by Rev. Albert Harris
11:00—Union sermon by Rev. Bruce Barrow
—Offering for the Orphanage
12:30—Dinner

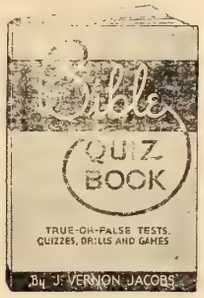
Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions by Heber Joyner
1:45—Mission message by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
2:15—Business period
2:45—Talk: "The Good of the Union," by Rev. D. W. Alexander
3:30—Adjournment

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The Union of the Second District of the Central North Carolina Conference convened with Marlboro Church in Pitt County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1943. The union opened with song by the congregation, and Brother Heber Joyner offered a word of prayer. The moderator said a few well placed remarks, and then the following business of the union was transacted. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. All visitors were made welcome. There were fourteen ministers present. We had a splendid congregation, plenty of good talks, especially the one by Rev. D. W. Alexander on the subject: "What Is the Matter with the World?" We had splendid singing by Brother Albert Harris, and the Moye family. The union meeting sermon was preached by Rev. R. B. Spencer, who used as his subject: "The Two Foundations." A nice offering was taken for the Orphanage at Middlesex, which amounted to $32.25. Also one was taken for E. C Hines to the amount of $18.50.

We were then dismissed for lunch, and we had a fine dinner out on the church grounds. At 1:30 P. M., we reassembled, and the devotions were conducted by Brother L. A. Fulford. Petitions were then taken for the next union, and it was voted to go to St. Delight in January, 1944. It was moved and carried that we continue our method of allocation of funds for the remainder of the Union meeting year. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church for the splendid hospitality shown the union. A motion was made and carried to donate to Brother E. T. Phillips, Sister R. F. Pittman and Sister A. L. Davidson $5.00 dollars each as a Christmas gift.

The Finance Committee reported as follows: Total for the union $81.25; Needy Ministers' Fund $34.50; offering for the Orphanage $32.25; and the total from all sources was $148.

Disbursements

Needy Ministers' Fund	$34.50
Unified Program	20.31
Clerk	5.00
Mrs. A. L. Davidson	5.00
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Elder E. T. Phillips	5.00
Orphanage	40.63
Balance in the treasury	5.31

Every church in the district was represented except Maury and Bell Arthur. The union was adjourned to meet with St. Delight Church in Greene County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1944.

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—Bible Commentary.

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And only his soul has the magic to give it grace;
And only his hands have the cunning to put it in place.

Yes, the task that is given to each one, no other can do;
So the errand is waiting; it has waited through ages for you.
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When Liberty's form stands in view;
Thy banners make tyranny tremble,
When borne by the red, white and blue.
When borne by the red, white and blue,
When borne by the red, white and blue.

When war winged its wide desolation,
And threatened the land to deform,
The ark then of freedom's foundation,
Columbia rode safe thro' the storm;
With her garlands of vict'ry around her,
When so proudly she bore her brave crew,
With her flag proudly waving before her,
The boast of the red, white and blue.
The boast of the red, white and blue,
The boast of the red, white and blue.

Then, sons of Columbia, come hither,
And join in our nation's sweet hymn;
May the wreaths they have won never wither,
Nor the stars of their glory grow dim!
May the service, united, ne'er sever,
But they to their colors prove true!
The Army and Navy forever,
Three cheers for the red, white and blue.
Three cheers for the red, white and blue,
Three cheers for the red, white and blue.

—D. T. S.

Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger for ever. Jer 3: 12.

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EDITORIAL

CHRISTIAN GIVING—

Christian giving to public causes is done in many ways. Sympathetic and liberal-hearted people will give from their purses different sums of money to the poor and needy as occasions arise. They do this because they see the need of rendering assistance to those who stand in need of the necessities of life. They seek not the praise of men for their good deeds, but rather experience joy in their hearts for having done their Christian duty.

With reference to the church and church organizations, financial support for specific purposes is usually raised by the congregation as a body of Christian people. In such cases the church or group raising the money is to be given credit by the recipient of the same. No individual, or church official has the right to take credit for the sum sent in person to any organization or church institution, and which sum of money was raised by the group. The body or organization raising and making the contribution is the one to receive credit for their Christian liberality shown to an individual or institution.

The Apostle Paul said, "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour" (Rom. 13: 7).

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"GOD'S ACRE"—

Some years ago there were a few churches that started a movement known as "God's Acre." The purpose was to raise money for the benefit of the church. The plan was to get as many members as would do so to plant an acre or less in some marketable products, and when the harvest season came to sell the products produced, and then put the money in the church treasury for the benefit of advancing the cause of righteousness by enabling the church to do more good in the community.

It would be an excellent thing, we believe, if many of the rural churches would start a similar plan this year for the purpose of enlarging the financial support of the church, and to be able to enlarge its financial gifts to Christian education, missions, orphanage work and the like. With farm commodities selling for good prices, and with several members in the rural churches setting aside an acre, or even a little less, for the church, handsome sums of money would be raised, during the harvest season, to be placed in the church treasury. The necessary local church improvements could be more adequately made, the pastor's salary could be raised sufficiently to enable him to better meet his domestic expenses, the different causes of the church at large could be better supported, and the general progress of the denomination would be greatly enhanced in every way.

Unto those who would adopt the "God's Acre" plan, and carry it through to the harvest season for the glory of the Lord, great blessings would be shared by each church member taking a part in the plan, because God has promised to bless those who give cheerfully to the support and the upkeep of His kingdom work. Those who have tried this plan received joy from it.

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"OVER THE RADIO"—

Splendid gospel messages are heard every day "over the radio" throughout the United States. Some come to us from the voices of ministers close by, while others come from gospel preachers far away. We believe much good is being derived on the part of the people from listening to the gospel messages coming over the air.

In the town of Kinston, North Carolina, the Reverend Clifton Rice, a Free Will Baptist preacher, has been delivering gospel messages regularly every morning for a number of years. They are simple, practical and fundamental, always carrying some gospel truth for those who want to believe in God and to trust Him. As a result of Mr. Rice's radio messages, a great number of people look forward each morning to a new message from him, and gather strength and renewed determination to live better Christian lives, after having meditated upon some gospel truths which he delivered unto them.

The good that is being accomplished by Rev. Clifton Rice in this way he will never know, nor will anyone else know, for many hearts have reaped blessings by listening unto his morning messages from the Word of God. His time and efforts utilized in the name of Jesus in these programs shall bring him some day countless blessings beyond all expectations of his soul.

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CHRISTIAN UNITY—

The concept of unity originated with God in Creation. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit represent unity—The Trinity—all three in One. Divine unity of purpose was established in both the animal and in the plant kingdoms when God created them. There is unity and harmony in the operations of the planetary systems of the universe. God meant it to be that way.

Christ expressed the sense of unity for His Church when He gave us the Fifteenth Chapter of John's Gospel, in the figure of the vine and the branches. He expects all Christians to live harmonious lives, and to make the church a harmonious body, though consisting of many members.

The State Association of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina has adopted a "Five-Point Program" this year for the advancement of the cause of the church as a whole. The Five Points are: Superannuation, Orphanage, Missions, Christian Education,

(See **Editorial** on page 11)

Nathanael the Natural

(John 1: 43-51)

By Rev. Clinton Lupton,
Bayboro, N. C.

This message was delivered at the Core Creek F. W. B. Church, January 2, 1944. Mr. Lupton is a student of the Moody Bible Institute, Correspondent School, and is pastor of six churches in the Eastern Conference of North Carolina.

There are some who come into the world to do. They have a mission to work out. Others come to bear. Theirs is God's gift of a throne. But there were very few who were sent just to be, yet Nathanael belongs to that class. I can tell you what Peter did, and what John and Paul did, but not what Nathanael did for his mission was his being. And his being was a beautiful picture of the natural man. Surely, many of us can view with not only interest but profit, for after all who of us are not just plain natural folks, and desire a picture of our real selves occasionally?

Philip who had already obeyed the command of Jesus, "Follow me," is eager to have others quickly granted the same privilege and runs to Nathanael with the announcement, "The Messiah has come." Now we can immediately understand Nathanael's position, who like Simeon and Anna who were waiting for the consolation of Israel, he believed in a living God, but waited to be brought nearer. So the opportunity is offered him by Philip.

The long expected, the long desired has come in the person of a toiling man of Nazareth. "That can't be," cries Nathanael, for he too, was a Galilean and knew too much about its sinfulness to recognize a Christ from Nazareth. His direct answer was, "Can there any good come out of Nazareth?" To Nathanael it was quite impossible for the son of God to issue from such a remote corner of mean repute. We can see there was prejudice and doubt existing in his heart. Which if not removed will hinder, not only his being of service to God, but experiencing joy.

But may we study mankind for a moment, for it will take only a moment to convince us that Nathanael is a true type of the world's majorities. Many are locked, closed in their own narrow opinions. Just as Nathanael, they limit God's ability to bring much from nothing. We fail to remember that God spoke this world into being and hanged it on nothing. It is man's nature to doubt as it has always been. So Philip does not argue the point, but merely entreats him to "Come and see."

It was perhaps the same attitude of Jacob toward Egypt, while he was so conveniently situated in Canaan. Can there any good thing come out of Egypt? But he understood when a sore famine bore upon him. It was from Egypt that food came for him and his. It was a section of mean repute, but when Israel came face to face with God's dealings, something **Good** came out of Egypt.

It was asked by the English speaking people in 1909, "Can there any good thing come out of an ordinary lawyer, whom drink had overpowered and dragged down, when he attempted to edit the now famous Scofield Reference Bible. He was not only questioned, but attacked by worldy-wise men. He was accused of writing his notes while in prison, and also drinking when discouragement came upon him. Did any thing good come of it? Let us see. Since 1909 the date Dr. Scofield put the edition on the market, two million copies have been sold. God only knows how many thousands have been led out of darkness into light or strengthened in the Christian life as a result.

How many are the times we can see that God brings something good from apparently nothing, when we will lay aside prejudice, and come to see. Nathanael is willing to be convinced and follows Philip to Jesus. At once in the presence of Jesus, the Son of God sees him as he is, and speaks to him of his condition, the same as He has or will to any who come into His presence. Jesus says, "Nathaniel, you are an Israelite indeed in whom there is no deceit. You are really seeking the Christ, and you wonder if I am He. You are afraid I am an imposter." Christ was in sympathy with Nathanael's state of mind and so are we, for he was afraid of this new movement. But so are all deep thinking people. A new movement must prove its worth before it is to enjoy public acceptance. Remember how the former generations felt toward modern science when it first broke upon the scene. The white sails of the ancient ships were supplanted by black wreaths of smoke from the stack of the steam boats. The shrill railway whistle broke the silent air. A message was sent to India, and an answer came back within an hour. And later the voice of human beings could be heard all over the world at the moment it spoke. We are all skeptical of new devices until they are proven and we are convinced.

Jesus convinces Nathanael when He tells him all that is in his heart which hinders direct communication with the Heavenly Father. Personally, I am not able to tell a person what it is in their hearts that hinders them reaching the mark of the upward call, but Christ does know. and with that still small voice, reminds us of it again and again. We call it our conscience that lashes us, but it is God's Spirit that talks to us about those hinderances. Nathanael recognized the truth, and confessed, "Whence knoweth Thou me?" Surely you have spoken of my weakness, confesses Nathanael, but how do you know? Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you when thou wast under the fig-tree, I saw thee." There is a proof that convinceth man of sin and causes him to confess his weakness. But there must also be a Savior to whom one can go for Refuge. And who would be a better Savior than He who has watched over man even from the beginning, with a tender, compassionate love.

Solomon tells us "the eyes of the Lord are in every place." We could but tremble before a blind God. But God never slumbers nor closes his

eyes to the extent that we are unobserved. No Siberian solitude, nor far off desert planet, no star lost to the rest of the universe are from God's observation. No fog dims His vision. No night blots out the subject. No hiding in secret places can remove anything from God's sight. He notices the insignificant sparrow's fall.

He sees the evil. If He doesn't strike at once, it isn't because He does not see. There is nothing in our past life for God to find out. He already knows. He sees the good. He observes our secret devotions. He sees our need, no mother ever watched over her sick infant with vigilant care as God watches over His children. That prominent fact alone should be sufficient proof that we need to be right with Jesus. May the Lord bless you to walk uprightly in His sight.

Thus we leave you under the watch care of Him who "art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity."

(To be concluded)

THREE STEPS IN THE LIGHT—FROM NATURE TO GRACE

By Rev. W. F. Clark,
Thomasville, Ga.

Nature is one of the most interesting studies we have. In the vegetable kingdom the seed will germinate and come forth, and from the same earth comes our sugar, cotton, corn, wheat, and beautiful flowers of various kinds and colors. Let's notice nature in the animal kingdom and the accomplishments of nature. Here is one of God's masterpieces in nature. See how a black cow eating green grass, giving white milk and yellow butter with no special effort on the cow's part. Just nature, that's all. Not one of man's inventions had anything to do with it.

But nature in the human life is still greater than these. First, we see nature in the creation of man—nature in the ways and dispositions of man, nature in the feature of man. No two are alike. Nature has fixed it for man to be Master over everything, and God works through man to demonstrate his power.

This brings us up to our text: **Three Steps in the Light from Nature to Grace,** and here is how we come in possession of grace. To illustrate, we will divide light into three parts—twilight, light of the morning, and noon-day light.

First, let's see the natural light and how it works. You enter your living room at day break or twilight. You can see the bulk of the piano, dresser, sewing machine, etc. This is far better than no light at all, but something is lacking yet. With the twilight of our Christian experience or at conviction, we visualize big sins such as stealing a horse or robbing a bank. So conviction is the first step in the light.

We now come to the light of the morning. Go back into your living room. You will see more clearly and discover that we were not mistaken, but in addition to the piano, dresser, and sewing machine, we see song books, combs, brushes, spools of thread, etc. The sun is now rising on our Christian experience. It is the light of the morning, better known as conversion. We see now it is a sin to curse, steal, gamble, commit adultery, and hundreds of other sins too numerous to mention. We think we are safe now. We are able to see all obstacles that would hinder a victorious Christian life, but there is something lacking yet.

Now we come to the noon-day light. Let's go back into the living room again. We find the piano, dresser, sewing machine, song books, comb and brush, thread, etc. In addition to these, with the sun shining brightly, we see there is dust on the piano, a few loose hairs on the dresser, and small bits of thread on the sewing machine. This brings us to the third step in the noonday light of our Christian experience or a mountain peak experience. The scales have fallen from our eyes and we see clearly that sin is sin—large, medium, or small. Omission is sin as well as commission. Thinking evil is sin. We now see the necessity of a total abstinence from all evil. With this experience, for the first time, we find ourselves responsible for our influence. We find Second Corinthians 5: 17 fulfilled in our life for the first time. Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. We hear for the first time Paul in Cor. 6: 14, saying, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." We also hear him say, "We are the temple of the living God. I will dwell in them and walk in them." We find ourselves adopted into the Heavenly family. He is our Father and we are His sons and daughters, also His people.

We hear Him saying, "Come out from the world, and be a separate people and touch not the unclean things of the world, and I will receive you." For the first time we have in our possession the third person in the Godhead. We realize we are branches on the vine. We also realize that the extent of the harvest depends on the yield, from the branches for the branch bears grapes and not the vine. We also realize how we become heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ.

So with these few remarks and illustrations, I hope we now see the way more clearly and how we become a Christian. Brother, the harvest is several months hence from seed sowing. A building is incomplete when the foundation is laid. Stop at seed sowing and there will be no harvest. Stop at a foundation; there will be no building, and if we stop at conviction, there is no salvation, victory, experience, neither the assurance of God's grace in our hearts.

The saddest thing confronting the church today is the fact that a large per cent of its members has made only one step in the light—stopped at conviction and know nothing at all about salvation and the glorious experience of God's grace in their hearts.

Oh, Lord, give the church a vision and send laborers into the harvest, for Christ's sake.—Amen.

SHOULD WOMEN PREACH IN THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF AMERICA?

(N. B.—Since this article is an answer to Brother C. R. Hollis' request in his article concerning women preachers, we are publishing it. Should there be other replies concerning the matter, we point the writers to correspond directly with Brother C. R. Hollis, Gattman, Miss.—Editor)

Dear Editor:

We were greatly grieved as we read the article by C. R. Hollis, in this week's issue of "The Free Will Baptist." We feel the public should, and must be informed that we as the Free Will Baptist Church of North America (National Conference), do not agree with Mr. Hollis. We can not hand this copy out, as our custom is, because of this misleading article.

His article was headed, "A New Church Organized," (January 5, 1944 issue), but his topic was, women should not work for the Lord, in the sense of ministering His glorious gospel.

Gladly we would write Mr. Hollis and ask for the scripture, to back up his remarks, had he given his address.

We are not writing this to carry on an argument, but that folks might know for what we stand, and the Bible speaks for its self.

In public and private libraries we have studied church history for years, and we can take books and prove, since 1700, women have been encouraged as ministers in the Free Will Baptist church. This has never been changed! Our treatise of to-day fully stands behind our good women, in the work they are doing. Mrs. Willis, has been a Seminary student for seven years and we feel we are able to divide the scripture rightly, as the Spirit leads.

God's word says, "My words shall not return unto me void." Then shall we let Mr. Hollis, say that women preachers are wasting their lives? The outstanding or leading preachers of our Denomination DO NOT condemn women preachers. In fact, we have pastored in Virginia, Kentucky, and now are in mission work in Michigan, and have never heard a Free Will Baptist speak, as Mr. Hollis in his article.

It almost shocked us to death, when we read this statement, (quote): "We as a denomination must condemn women preachers if we expect to progress for the cause of Christ." (End of quotation.) That is as far from being the truth as Satan himself would have it. Our women have been the means of the growth of our beloved church since 1700, and still are the back-bone of the church. Glory to God for them! Take the women from the field and we would soon have no church. Brother, let us take Paul's word, and help those women we labor in the cause with, instead of condemning them. Who are we to stop a person from preaching? Can we judge?

Truly we feel Mr. Hollis should apologize, for his lack of understanding in the scriptures.

Are we going to let men in our denomination, spring up in 1944, and condemn the doctrine which our church has stood for since 1700? God forbid.

You see those who do not believe the Bible, when it says, "Help the women who labor in the gospel," are not Free Will Baptists at all and should not be allowed to wear the name. Hardshell doctrine would suit them better, so why not link up with them?

God pity men that would reflect on the life or work of ministers like Rev. Mrs. McAdams, Mrs. Saylers, Miss Yealey, and the others who are preaching this good Holy Ghost gospel. Amen!

If you don't want to support the Bible School, for goodness' sake keep your mouth shut; others will, and women shall continue to come from our Seminaries to preach the riches of Christ.

We will be glad to correspond with any honest-hearted Christians, who would like for us to more fully explain this subject. Please read these scriptures: Lu. 1: 28; Phil. 4: 3; 2 Kgs. 22; Ex. 15: 22; Judges 4; Isa. 8: 3; Joel 2: 28; Acts 1: 14; Acts 21: 9; Gal. 3: 28; and Revelation 22: 17.

May we let the Bible speak for itself and forget what **we think** about a thing.

With more power to our sisters in the work, we are yours in Christ because of Calvary,

Revs. Mr. and Mrs. Homer E. Willis,
Evangelists and Home Mission Workers

CALIFORNIA DESERT MANEUVER AREA

Dear Readers:

Today, January 2, 1944, while looking through an old issue of the Baptist paper, I came across an article which was written by the Reverend S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Georgia. It was a message to the boys in Service from his church. I thought how nice it would be if our boys of the Armed Forces of the world had your prayers to their backs. But the majority of the preachers are, as some of the other people, prone to forget the boys once they are gone.

Yes, they forget the sacrifices the boys are making, and the hardships they are having to endure, and all for those back at home.

I wrote not long ago to a preacher friend of mine. Did I get an answer? No! Some of them have to keep up with their society life. They forget that they, too, could be used. He was not my pastor (don't take me wrong).

I do agree with Reverend Shutes, when he said, "Men should always pray and not to faint." Let us pray ere the New Year shall have passed that the boys will be able to go home again all over the world. If there were more preachers who would write inspiring letters to the boys in the Armed Forces, they would be encouraged to press on, and to do their part. They would reserve a place in their hearts for Christ who is always near to help us in times of need.

I wish to use this means to thank the many friends at Free Union Church, Beaufort County, and elsewhere for their Christmas messages which meant so much to me.

Best wishes to all for the New Year,

Staff Sgt. Alton B. Paul

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Hitlerism

We often hear it said, "I'll be glad when the war ends and our boys can come home." Indeed it will be a glad day to thousands of parents and kinfolks when the boys come home. But the end of the War—that is the active fighting in this war, will not be the end of the spirit that brought on this war. Hitler may be, and very likely will be dead, but Hitlerism is in every nook and corner of the United States—at least it is very much fixed in the lives of many who claim to be Americans. We will have to reckon with the spirit of Hitler.

Communism and Nazism are two names, but in essence they are about the same. I think as much of one as I do of the other. Both of these "isms" are contrary to the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ and have no respect for God—that is the God of real Christians. They are not only in opposition to the Church of Jesus Christ, but Communism and Nazism are against Democracy.

World Dictatorship

The whole world is shaping for a world Dictatorship. If this Dictatorship is not Christian, it will be anti-Christian, and if it is anti-Christian, it will be anti-Democratic. A political world-power headed up to control the masses of mankind will certainly be the powers of sin. The realm of Christianity is too small. It is now like it was when Jesus was born. "There was no room for Him in the inn." So, there is no place for Jesus in such a setup as Communism and Nazism, together with Facism, and other un-Christlike principles, as now rule not only under the dictators, but in the so-called "Democracies." There are evidences that the spirit of Hitler and his kind are at work to destroy old-fashion "Democracy" and establish a new order.

What Does the World Want?

The world does not want Christ. When He was here on earth the world cried "Away with Him." Every class—that is the majority of every class—wants everything for self. The CHRIST LIFE would change the living of millions. The way of making money would be changed. Money received from intoxicating beverages would be no more. Blood-money (money made by the war lords and those who favor the shedding of blood for the purpose of worldly wealth) would cease to flow. There could be no dishonest receipts in the pocket of any man. The world prefers to rob and be robbed. Therefore we will have a world of "rotten politics" when the condition arises for a world federation which will be headed by a WORLD DICTATOR.

Who Can This World Dictator Be?

The question that we want to consider now is; who will be the world dictator? It can be a Communist, the old style. It can be a man with the spirit of Hitler. It is an evident fact that this Dictator will be anti-Christ. Very likely he will be the "Man of Sin" spoken of in Second Thessalonians, the one "Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God" (Ch. 2, Ver. 2). If the first Dictator is not the "Man of Sin" it will not take long for old Satan to exalt such a ruler to the place where he will fit the Scriptural description of this world ruler.

With the rapidity in which governments of sinful man can change it will only take a few hours for a revolution to set up Dictatorship. Every nation has the kind of government that it desires. Hitler is what the German people wanted. If the people had not been back of Hitler, he would not have lived as the Hitler of Germany has lived. He gave Germany what the people of Germany wanted. Just as long as Hitler was going forth conquering and taking spoil for the German people, he was giving satisfaction. But we are to remember that power sometimes is not generated by the majority. A minority, if revolutionary inspired, can grab control, by having laid a sufficient foundation. This was proven in a South American government just a few days ago. It has been proven over and over. So, when the world wants to give its power or, its backing to any one dictator, it can go over as a whirlwind.

Plenty of "Isms" in America

There are so many "isms" in America, which are contrary to the spirit of the America of our forefathers, that we need not be surprised at anything. Our schools, and especially our higher institutions of learning, are full of Communistic teachings. There are vast numbers who live under the "Stars and Stripes" that are only American in name. Instead of living to help others to live, millions live only for self. There are an untold number of people who want the war to continue, indefinitely, so that they can make money. They do not care for the bloodshed of the finest men and boys to be found, so long as they have fat jobs, with short hours and big pay. Multiplied thousands are satisfied to live as parasites.

Racial hatred, class legislation, rotten politics, extortioners, ungodly hypocrits, worldly minded church members, and the vast numbers of religionists without Christ, with all other "isms" that are contrary to the TEACHINGS of JESUS CHRIST, are signs that the world is headed for rulership by Dictatorial powers. It may come soon after the end of this present war.

A FULLY SURRENDERED LIFE

Benjamin West, the great painter, speaking of Gilbert Stuart, a brother artist famed for his beautiful coloring, used to say to his pupils, "It's no use to steal Stuart's colors; if you want to paint as he does, you must steal his eyes."

When we are baffled in our efforts to live as Christ lived, we feel that the record of His life, however wonderful it is, will not enable us to be like Him. What we need is a heart like His!—S. S. World.

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THE NATIONAL UNIFIED PROGRAM—AND OUR CHRIST

When we instituted the National Unified Program we were answering the call of Christ, the Great Commission, given to men. The disciples were to have fellowship with Christ and with one another by carrying out the great commission. We have fellowship with all Free Will Baptist when we enter into a co-operative witnessing for Christ. Christ was the center of thought with His disciples in their day, so is He with us as his disciples to day. The Holy Spirit directed the early Church so does He direct us to day.

God has created the world. He set it in order. He established a harmony of all His creations. So to be in harmony with God we must carry out a well balanced program. The program we believe to be of God, given to Free Will Baptist through thought and prayer is the Unified Program.

Jesus, who was in the creation, and who makes us a new creature in Him had a well balanced life. The whole man was developed, "Jesus increased in Wisdom." Free Will Baptists are growing the same way. We spend 40 per cent of our funds for Christian Education. Jesus went to no college, but He through prayer, obedience to God, by going to the synagogue on the Sabbath gained titles greater than degrees. Some titles as "Son of God, Son of Man, Master, Teacher and Savior." These titles came to Him because He prepared Himself to be recognized as such. He also grew in stature. His hands, feet, ears, and eyes grew as yours and mine have grown. He could see more, reach further, hear more only as he was trained to do so. Physically Free Will Baptists are growing. We have larger numbers in our services, larger and more worship buildings.

For Home Missions we spend 20 per cent of our fund. Here at home we are making progress, even though it might be slow. He grew in favor with God. How can you grow in favor with God unless you serve and obey Him? What does he want you to do, live for others even as Jesus lived for others. When we have studied, done good work here at home then we see others. So Free Will Baptists give 30 per cent to Foreign Missions. When you help the less fortunate person then God honors you and your work. In as much as you do things for others, you grow in favor with God and He honors you.

Grew in favor with Man. As Jesus did things for men, they approved and liked Him. We have a plan of Superannuation that is growing in favor with man. We tell the aged minister we will do something for Him in a loving way to care for him when he is old and worn out. To the young minister we give a plan of insurance where he can have an income when he is older. Men like the plan, so Free Will Baptists are growing in favor with man. We give 10 per cent of the Unified Program Fund to Superannuation.

Please read the article on Page 54 of the "YEAR BOOK OF PROGRAMS for Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary Society, written by Brother J. C. Griffin on the Unified Program. This is a good article. Please read and study this article.

In His service,

R. B. Crawford

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WORDS OF APPRECIATION

We, The Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, wish to express to you our sincere appreciation for what you are doing for our foreign mission program. May the Lord bless you for it, and may He enable you to keep up the good work.

The work in the foreign mission department of our denomination is progressing in a most wonderful way. Truly the Lord is with us in this wonderful work of spreading the gospel. We are now on the last half of our campaign for $5,000.00 with which to establish our school of Missions in Cuba. An 18 acre tract of land has been bought and paid for, and our workers are now erecting the school buildings on the same. Please keep this work on your daily prayer list.

Miss Barnard has had a new holdup in her getting out to India; due to new developments in the India theatre of war. Please pray that the Lord will open the door for her return to this needy land. We are making an effort to open a work in Purnea District, Bihar, India, through the use of a native man. Will you also please keep him before the throne of grace.

It is marvelous the way our people have been supporting our missionary cause. This will surely provoke to our denomination the continued and unusual blessings of God. We are pleading that you will not slacken in the least this liberality; but rather may you see your way clear to increase it.

Again thanking you most graciously.

Winford Davis,

Chairman-Treasurer

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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE BEGINS SECOND SEMESTER, JAN. 27, 1944

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Winford Davis, Treasurer

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SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

(July 1, to Dec. 31, 1943)

Amount brought forward from last year	$2,349.25
Received by states as follows:	
Missouri	$2,230.75
North Carolina	1,133.11
Ohio	495.00
Texas	407.85
Georgia	345.03
Tennessee	321.40
Illinois	306.15
South Carolina	264.75
Michigan	218.20
Florida	100.00
Oklahoma	88.96
California	60.50
Alabama	26.00
West Virginia	23.20
New Mexico	5.00
National Women's Aux. Conv.	650.89
From Unified Program Fund Nat'l. Assn.	540.76
Offering at Nat'l Association	50.00
Sale of Missionary Pictures	2.00
Refund from British Control by Miss Barnard	5.44
Trinity F. W. B. Ch., Nashville, Tenn.	26.20
Total	$7,301.19
Grand Total	$9,650.44

Disbursements

Regular monthly expense	$4,618.38
Special disbursements for the purpose of establishing the Cuban School of Missions	$3,000.00
Total	$7,618.38
Balance in treasury, January 1, 1944	$2,032.06

Rev. Winford Davis, Treasurer

REPORT OF REVIVAL MEETINGS

By Rev. Ralph Lightsey

The saying, "the time of revivals is a thing of the past," has been somewhat unjustly said. The year 1943 was a time of revival and soul-stirring in some sections of the country.

During the time I was out of college in the summer, I conducted ten revival meetings. The Lord worked marvelously in all of these meetings. His hand was not shortened, and His Power was not weakened. There were approximaely 125 young and middle-aged people who came to Christ as their personal Saviour, and stated that they were satisfied with their salvation after He had saved them, besides many others who were revived and put on fire for God. The Spirit of God was felt in all these meetings in a great way. Scores of people have a greater realization of their duty toward God and their church, and a new zeal to win others to Him.

The Gospel of Christ is still attractive; the Lord Jesus still saves men and women; and gives them the Peace which the world cannot give. Oh, that we had more people with a burdened heart and a burning passion for lost souls! What can make a Christian happier than to be a soul-winner? In my short ministry, it has been my privilege several times to see from twenty-five to forty precious souls gloriously saved in a revival meeting.

I have a few more months in college before I receive my A. B. Degree. Then I plan to be a full-time evangelist. Pray that I shall be a better witness and a greater soul-winner than ever before.

Rev. Ralph Lightsey,
Bristol, Georgia

PROGRAM

Albemarle Sunday School Convention

Sunday, January 30, 1944

10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. H. E. Harden
10:15—Remarks by the president
10:20—Recognition of ministers
10:25—Business
—Minutes of last meeting
—List of Sunday Schools called, Etc.
11:00—Music arranged by local Sunday School
11:10—Sermon by Rev. W. A. Hales
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions and message: "Have You Found Your Place in the Master's Cause?" by Rev. James A. Evans
1:30—Music arranged by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
1:40—Business continued
2:30—Song and benediction

Mrs. Archie Willoughby,
Mrs. H. I. Fowler,
Alonza L. Reynolds

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor

New Bern, N. C.

NEW AUXILIARY ORGANIZED

On the night of January the sixth, 1944, the ladies of the South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church met in the home of Sister W. A. Dail for the purpose of organizing the Ladies Aid society of the church.

The following members were elected as officers for the coming year: Mrs. J. D. Meeks, president; Mrs. J. W. Martin, vice-president; Mrs. R. M. Gradeless, secretary; Mrs. H. E. Harden, treasurer.

Yours in the name of Jesus,

Mrs. R. M. Gradeless,
Norfolk 2, Virginia,
2508 Lafayette Boulevard

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OAK GROVE AUXILIARY

The Auxiliary of Oak Grove Church met at the church on January 5th. Mrs. Carl Warren conducted the devotional and had charge of the program. Mrs. R. W. Hart talked on the subject: "Building with Prayer." Mrs. Fronia Jones spoke on "Building with Study," Mrs. N. C. Lee on "Building through Personal Service," and Mrs. N. R. Lewis on "Building with Possessions." Twelve were present at this meeting and we had one new member.

1 card had been sent to the sick since last meeting, 17 visits had been made to the sick, 4 trays had been sent, 10 pounds of butter had been given, 88 quarts of milk had been given, and 54 chapters of the Bible had been read since last meeting.

Mrs. Annie McPhail, Pres.

Miss Thelma Lee, Secy.

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WHAT THE BIBLE COLLEGE MEANT TO ME

Recently, while I was glancing over the Free Will Baptist paper, I saw the inspiring testimonies of the boys and girls at the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, and they reminded me as to how neglectful I have been in expressing what the school has meant to me, while I had the privilege of being a student there.

When one hears the word "college" or Bible School mentioned, one usually thinks of much hard work, and so it is, but our Bible College does not only serve as an educational institution, but also it is a "spiritual powerhouse" as I think of it where students receive power, wisdom and grace to go forth with God's service.

When I enrolled at the Bible College in February, 1943, I had no vision of the condition of our lost world. I had never really considered the true value of a soul without Christ. But when I left the school, I had a burning zeal and desire to mean more to my Saviour and to the souls of lost humanity about me.

I left school on October 17 to join my husband who returned to the States as a patient in a general hospital, after serving eighteen months, and two weeks in the South Pacific War zone. I have not had much privilege to do real service since I have been in a strange city, but I have not failed to at least making my testimony with the patients in the hospital, and those with whom I have communicated.

I desire the prayers of all Christians that God will bless my husband and restore him to his wanted health again, just as He seems best, and that He will use me in His own dear way that whatever shall come in my life will mean a blessing to others.

Yours for Christ,
Mrs. Lee Whaley,
Pink Hill, N. C.

NOTICE

This is to notify my friends, and those who should desire to correspond with me, that I am moving from Desloge, Missouri, to Monett, Missouri. Please address all communications to me at 211 Bond Street, or 117 Broadway Street, Monett, Missouri.

Yours truly,
Rev. C. B. Dees

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

ALABAMA ORPHANAGE NEWS

By Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Cordova, Ala.

YES, it can be done by Free Will Baptists, although I have heard it said by many preachers in the pulpit that the Free Will Baptist people are poor and stingy.

Last November, 1942, an orphanage committee was appointed to see about raising money, and building an orphan home, or buying a home. Last March 5, 1943, we purchased the Old Baptist Academy at Eldridge, Ala. Just fourteen months after the Board was appointed, there have been $4,000 dollars raised by the Free Will Baptists, which is a fine record for such a few Free Will Baptist people in the State of Alabama.

We were to pay $7,000 dollars for this property. It will cost at least $2,000 to make necessary repairs, or it may take much more at the present prices. But if it will cost $4,000 dollars to fix it up, for $11,000 we will have orphanage property worth at least $100,000.

We have made three of our payments, so now we are going to start repairing the buildings. Two of them need covering. We must replaster some, and fire escapes are to be bought. The water system needs a little repair. In view of these necessities, come on Christians, one and all, and let us pay for it, repair it, and open it in the fall of 1944. We can if we will. Some few have said, "I will help, if it goes over." Brethren, it is going over for Christ's sake. The same Lord who led the way to Canaan is leading these men, and everyone who is helping to pay for this property. "Let us go up and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it."

Please send your offerings to Mr. V. C. May, Vernon, Alabama.

P. S.—We should like to say to Georgia, Florida, and Missippi that we shall be very glad to have your help; then, if you shall want children

placed in the Home, you can put them there, so long as there is room. And there will be room for 100 children or more when the Home is thoroughly repaired.

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WE THANK YOU

The Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons found many loyal people responding generously to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex. We received large cash donations from churches and other organizations. The household articles sent in by the local auxiliaries were very timely.

The Christmas season came and about fifty of the children were given a holiday vacation, in which to visit with relatives and friends. They expressed deep appreciation for the good time had while visiting with their people and friends. The children who remained on the campus were taken to Wilson and other nearby towns and given a nice time by friends and merchants.

The people who sent Christmas fruits, candies, and gifts are hereby thanked for the fine selection of toys and other articles which made the boys and girls very happy.

Among those sending special gifts were Spring Branch Church, Greene County; Sears Roebuck & Co., Durham; Black Jack Church; Greenville Women's Auxiliary; and several persons and firms made cash donations for Christmas gifts. Edgemont Sunday School, Durham, gave playground equipment. There were organizations who sent very nice gifts to the children. In all it was a Merry Christmas for those who live here and may we wish for each of you a prosperous year in 1944.

I am,
Sincerely yours,
James A. Evans,
Superintendent

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint. Isa. 40: 31.

N. C. SUPERANNUATION

Once again I come to you with news of the Superannuation work among the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. This time the news we bring is good news.

As you have already noticed from the monthly reports appearing in this paper, there has been more money raised for Superannuation, by the State Board during the past six months, than in all the history of the State Association.

We believe that this new interest has been inspired by several things. One great step forward, of course, is the fact that we as a denomination have gone far toward unity of purpose, and have simplified our methods so that the people in general know more about what we are trying to do.

In our Superannuation work, as in the other phases of work, our program is unified in the National, State, and District bodies. No longer do we have one organization working for one thing and another organization working the same people for some thing in the opposite direction.

We believe that another reason for the increased interest in Superannuation and our Program in general, is that we as a denomination are awakening to the great responsibilities and opportunities before us. We are no longer willing to be known as a small and weak denomination. We know that we are not yet up with the larger denominations, but we know too that the Lord has given us many wonderful talents, and we know that we MUST prove ourselves **Faithful** with these things so that HE will increase our opportunities and we will in the near future fill the place that we should in the world of Christian Religion.

Much of our great Church has been passed down to us by the unselfish service of our ministers whom we are just beginning to Superannuate.

Your Board wants you to know that it does not take the credit for what has been done and what will be done for Superannuation. The reports have been made possible only because the people in all parts of our State have seen the need and have given of their means to meet the needs. Through your generous support of Superannuation, we have been able to set up a monthly pension to be paid to almost all of our retired ministers for this year. In a very few cases the pension will be paid quarterly. We are happy to note too that, in addition to the gifts of money to Superannuation, our people are showing their love for our retired ministers in other ways. From various reports received it seems that we are showing our Love and respect for them by visiting and in other ways. Let us continue this in an ever-increasing way.

Finally, your Board wants you to know that it is our desire to carry on this work as you want it done. We know that there may be those who do not agree with our policy in every respect. If you have suggestions you would like to offer, please feel free to do so. If you wish to ask questions, we shall be glad to try to answer them. If you have criticism to offer, please bring it to us. We want you to help us do the very best job possible in this great work.

Realizing that most great movements have had small beginnings, we are grateful for the past success of Superannuation, as we look forward to greater success in the years yet to come.

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer,
N. C. Board of
Superannuation

EDITORIAL

The Church Finance Association, Incorporated. These constitute the larger phases of the work of the denominational work of the State. Each church in the State is asked to cooperate in rendering financial support to each of these causes during this church year.

Let no church fail to co-operate with this State Program work. May every church contribute to each of these causes in the order in which they are listed to come during each calendar month, as shown on the large charts posted in the different churches in the State. In doing this there will be manifested the spirit of Christian unity among all the churches for the whole church program.

"WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT"

Two decades of His wonder-working power—
The fullness of His grace to meet each hour—
His perfect plan unfolding like a flower.
This hath God wrought.

When clouds obscured the smiling of His face,
And but one step ahead, our faith could trace,
"He brought us out into a wealthy place."
This hath God wrought.

He gave us helpers, rich in faith and prayer,
And counsellors, endued with wisdom rare,
With willing hands and hearts to work to share,
This hath God wrought.

He filled our halls with youth, their hearts aglow
God's Word to learn, His perfect will to know,
Content if He should bid them stay—or go.
This hath God wrought.

Of glad young lives, who counted not the cost,
The two or three became a mighty host
"To make Him known"—unto the uttermost.
This hath God wrought.

He answered prayer to meet each growing need,
Gave wider fields to sow the precious seed,
And countless souls from sin's dominion freed.
This hath God wrought.

For tender mercies crowning all our days,
Our hearts we lift, our Ebenezer raise,
And sing aloud to His eternal praise.
This hath God wrought.

—Anon.

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PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Second Union of the Western North Carolina Association, which will convene with Barnes' Hill Church in Nash County, on January 29, 1944. Time: E. S. T.

Saturday Morning

10:00—Song by the congregation
—Devotions led by Rev. J. C. Varnell
—Appointment of committees
—Welcome address by Rev. Dee Bissette
—Response by Rev. J. F. Parrish
—Reading of minutes of last union
—Roll call of ministers
11:00—Sermon by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

1:00—Devotions led by Rev. I. W. Jernigan
—Business period
—Roll call of churches
—Reports of committees and treasurer
—Song by the congregation
3:00—Adjournment

By the committee

PROGRAM

Program for the Albemarle Union Meeting to be held with Shiloh Church January 29, 1944.

10:00—Devotional by Mr. Henry Webster
10:10—Enrollment of ministers
10:30—Address by the moderator, Rev. W. A. Hales
10:45—Business Period
11:30—Message: The Importance of a Righteous Nation, by Rev. H. E. Harden
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotional by Robt. M. Gradeless
1:30—Business period and report of committees
2:45—Miscellaneous business
3:00—Closing song and benediction

PROGRAM OF THE CAPE FEAR UNION

Theme: "Evangelism"

10:00—Devotions, Rev. J. D. Vernelson
10:15—Moderator's Remarks, Rev. C. H. Coats
—Enrollment
—Churches report to the Finance and Allocation Committee
11:05—Intermission
11:10—Song service
11:20—Sermon by Rev. H. R. Faircloth
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Rev. M. A. Warrick
1:15—Report of Sunday School Board
1:30—Educational Address by Kirby West
1:45—Report of Mission Board
—Report of Finance and Allocation Committee
2:10—Report of Program Committee
—Treasurer's Report
—Petitions for the next union
—Miscellaneous business
3:00—Closing remarks and prayer by Rev. C. R. Biggs

Committee:
R. H. Jackson,
T. E. Beaman,
Ruby S. Stewart

P. S.—Delegates will please hand their reports direct to Finance Committee on arrival.

PROGRAM

Program of the Second Union S. S. Convention of the Central Conference which meets with Saints Delight Church on Fifth Sunday, January 30, 1944.

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Business
11:20—Song Service
11:30—Sermon
12:00—Lunch
1:15—Devotion by local school
1:30—Institute
3:00—Business
3:30—Benediction

R. C. Wiggs,
E. C. Hines,
Myrtle Jones,

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

JESUS USES HIS POWER TO HELP

(Lesson for January 30)

Lesson: Mk. 4: 35-41; 5: 35-43.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith"? (Mk. 4: 40).

At first sight it might look as though the Apostles would be justified in resenting the question and the implied indictment. The men in the boat, those who had fought for their lives against a very real storm, were professional fishermen who knew and dreaded the vast power of the inland sea that had wrought to destroy them. Many of their fellows had perished in storms similar to the one they were battling, and they might have replied to His rebuke: "Why **shouldn't** we be fearful? can't You **see** those mountainous waves, and **feel** the power of that wind?" But they were prevented from this method of self-defense, because when Jesus asked the question there were no waves and there was no wind.

Their great error had lain in emphasizing the difficulty and ignoring the remedy! They had completely forgotten who was in the boat with them! They were so obsessed by the elements of destruction they lost their actual contact with the power of the Saviour.

How utterly human that conduct was, and how completely we parallel it to-day. I have heard preachers and teachers make the broad and untrue statement, that "those who are born again and know it, never doubt the power of Christ in any crisis." This just isn't so. There are many true and honest Christians who frequently get their eyes off the Saviour and on to the winds and the waves. They let the howling of the storm drown out His words of assurance. They are oppressed by the idea that Jesus is far away in Heaven, and their troubles are right here on earth with them.

Of course this ought not so to be. No child of God can justify or excuse such actions, and we should strive against this pitiful lack of faith. There is no trial or trouble, no testing or struggle, no sorrow or woe that Jesus cannot master for us, if we will simply trust the matter to Him.

II. The Lesson Illustrated

1. "Damsel, Arise"

The daughter of Jairus was laid upon her bed. The daughter of Jairus was lying cold and dead. The mother's hear was torn with grief, the father's dumb with woe, and all the home was quivering beneath the cruel blow. But One there was whose steady soul rose Master over death. "The damsel is not dead, but sleeps," the tender Saviour saith. They laughed his regal words to scorn, the mocking, faithless rout, but with the might of truth divine he put the rabble out. O quiet chamber of the dead, so free from all the din, when Jesus, Lord of life and death, majestic entered in! I seem to see the awestruck group that near the Saviour stand. I watch the form upon the bed as he takes it by the hand. "Talitha cumi!" hear the words and see his flashing eyes. "Dear little girl," the Saviour said, "I say to you, arise!" And then, O wondrous miracle! No sooner was it said, than she who had been still and cold rose vital from her bed! And kindest thing of all this tale so tender and so sweet, the Saviour bade the parents give her something to eat. Ah, Lord of death, and Lord of life, and living Lord of love ,we place our lives in thine until we dwell with thee above!—Amos R. Wells.

2. What We Get

I pray thee, come and lay thy hands on her (v. 23). I shall never forget what the late Dr. A. C. Dixon of Spurgeon's Tabernacle once said when speaking upon this theme of prayer. I cannot quote him verbatim, but the substance was this: "When we rely upon organization, we get what organization can do; when we rely upon education, we get what education can do; when we rely upon eloquence, we get what eloquence can do, and so on. Nor am I disposed to undervalue any of these things in their proper place. But," he added impressively, "when we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do."—The S. S. Times.

"I have wept in the night
For the shortness of sight,
That to somebody's need
made me blind;
But I never have yet
Felt a tinge of regret,
For being a little too kind!"

3. A Good Answer

Damsel, I say unto thee, arise (v. 41). For four years I lived in Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., where Robert G. Ingersoll made his home. It is said that he used to tell this story: "I was never nonplused but once. I was lecturing one night and took occasion to show that the resurrection of Lazarus was probably a planned affair to bolster the waning fortunes of Jesus. Lazarus was to take sick and die. The girls were to bury him and send for Jesus. Lazarus was to feign death till Jesus should come and say, 'Lazarus, come forth.' To emphasize the situation I said, 'Can anyone here tell me why Jesus said, "**Lazarus,** come forth"?' Down by the door a pale-faced, white-haired man arose and with shrill voice said, 'Yes, sir, I can tell you! If my Lord had not said, "Lazarus," he would have had the whole graveyard of Bethany coming out to him!' "—The S. S. Times.

III Please Remember—

That our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies deserve careful, prayerful study. Young people and adults who do this will be well-prepared to enter into the class discussion on this vital lesson. Underscore at least five truths that you deem important.

Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. Jer. 17: 5.

Boys and Girls Corner

JESUS AND FOUR FISHERMEN

Simon and Andrew were brothers who lived near the Sea of Galilee. James and his brother John were their very best friends. All four were fishermen. Every night they would get into their boats and sail out on the beautiful lake, where they would let down into the water great nets in which the fish would become entangled. They made their living by selling fish and had to catch a lot of them at a time.

One night the four men put down their nets one place after another, but all night long they did not catch a fish. In the morning they had nothing to sell, and they were tired and discouraged. They sailed to shore, left their boats and began to wash their nets free from the reeds and grasses which had caught in them.

While they were working, a friend of theirs came and sat down in Simon's boat. He began to talk to a crowd of people who had followed Him to the lakeshore. It was Jesus —now grown into manhood and now traveling about doing good and telling every one about the love of the heavenly Father.

For awhile Jesus talked to the people and then He said to Simon: "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for some fish."

Simon was surprised, but he said: "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing, but at thy word I will let down the nets." Then Simon and Andrew sailed the boat out into deep water and dropped the nets right where they had fished the longest the night before.

Simon soon found that Jesus was helping him this time. Suddenly the water was full of fish. So many were caught that the nets began to break and he had to call to James and John to come and help lift the nets. When they drew the fish up there were so many they filled both boats until they began to sink. Then the fishermen were amazed and frightened at Jesus' wonderful power, and Simon cried out with astonishment. But Jesus said: "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men."

Simon and Andrew, James and John, gave the fish, nets, boats, and everything they owned, away, and they went with Jesus to be His companions.—Bible Story.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT ARAPAHOE

The Fifth Eastern Union meeting Sunday School Convention will be held at Arapahoe Church on January 30, 1944. This will be a great day for the service of our Lord, as a special program is now being planned. A new president will preside, and it is expected that several of our best preachers will be present. Surely, it will be a day of thanksgiving, brotherly love and fellowship with God.

We have enjoyed many a Sunday School convention since we organized, and have reserved the Fifth Sunday to the reunion of our schools. This day is to review the progress of all our Sunday Schools. God has so wonderfully joined our hearts in Christian love in this great work. You and your Sunday School are given a special invitation to be present for the convention on that date, January 30, 1944.

Earl Hanson, Secretary,

Bridgeton, N. C.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isa. 53: 6.

Let us love and sing and wonder,
Let us praise the Saviour's name;
He has hushed the law's loud thunder,
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame;
He has washed us with his blood,
He has brought us nigh to God.

Ye were sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls. I Pet. 2: 25.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

JOHN ROBERT FLEMING

John Robert Fleming, son of James William Fleming and Daisy Mae Hines Fleming, departed this life January 2, 1944 Brother Fleming's parents died when h was only a small boy, leaving beside him self, two brothers, Jim and Wilbert, tw sisters, Mrs. Pearl Fleming Roughton an Miss Sarah Fleming. John, Wilbert, Pear and Sarah were admitted to the F. W. B Orphanage. After they were out of th Orphanage Pearl married Mr. Roy Rough ton of Tyrrell County, N. C., and soo thereafter John, Wilbert and Sarah, too came to Tyrrell. These Fleming childre have made good citizens and their live have commanded the respect and good-wil of all with whom they came in contact John Robert took membership with Mala chi's Chapel and made an outstandin member, loved and respected by all. H was a member of The Ever-Ready Bibl Class of the Sunday School and was ver active in it. We could always depend o him for services to be rendered whenev anything was to be done for the church o other worthy causes. We, in deed, ar grieved at his passing but it is consolin to know that his hope in Jesus was stron and unwavering.

He married Miss Chency Reynolds an unto them was born a son, John Robert, J

His remains were laid to rest in th church cemetery beneath a great moun of beautiful flowers which bear record o the high esteem in which he was held.

H. S. SWAIN,

Committee for The Ever-Read Class of Malachi's Chapel.

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ROBBINS. It was the pleasure of ou heavenly father to call our dearly belove member, friend and co-worker, Mrs. Car line McCotter Robbins to her heavenly r ward. She was the widow of the late J J. Robbins of Vanceboro, N. C.

Mrs. Robbins was born on October 1 1856, and died on March 28, 1943, makin her stay on earth 86 years, 5 months, an 15 days. Sister Robbins was a noble Chri tian, and one of our most loyal member Her years were so filled with Christia graces that to think of her is to love her.

Sister Robbins was unselfish, kind an ever thoughtful of others, and her Chri tian life shall radiate on, even though sh has been called from us. She was faithf

in discharging her duties in the church, and in all walks of life. Mt. Zion Church has lost one of its oldest and one of its truest members. Sister Robbins had been a faithful member of the church for 70 years. She was always her pastor's friend, ready and willing to help. She was present at all church services, as long as her health would permit. She loved her church, but she loved her Saviour more.

She left all evidence of one who had passed from death unto life, and we feel that she died in the triumph of that living faith that is an anchor to the soul.

The funeral services were conducted at Mt. Zion Church by her pastor, Rev. J. P. Woodard, and her friend, Rev. Clinton Lupton, assisted by Rev. R. B. Fitts, pastor of the Methodist Church, Rev. H. B. Hines, pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church. The interment was in the family cemetery. Surviving are one foster son, S. C. Robbins, three brothers, J. A. McCotter, B. L. McCotter, V. D. McCotter, three sisters, Mrs. Emma Fentress, Mrs. Cora Hough, Mrs. Martha Fowler, and many nephews and nieces. She had scores of friends.

She hath done what she could; to live in hearts we leave behind is not to die.

Written by one who loved her,

Mrs. H. C. Barnes

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HARRIS. On November 5, 1943, just at nightfall, God saw fit to call Walter B. Harris, one whom we dearly loved, from us. He had been in bad health for over a year, and had been helpless for six months. All was done for him that his loving wife, his children, relatives, doctors and friends could do, but God saw fit to take him out of his suffering. He took him into His peaceful arms for that eternal rest.

He was 53 years old, 10 months, and had been a member of Gum Swamp church since he was a young man. He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, five children, four grandchildren, three brothers, two sisters, and other relatives.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. D. W. Alexander, and he was laid to rest in the family cemetery near the home beneath a beautiful mound of flowers. An angel from the other side welcomed our loved one home.

By his daughter,

Mrs. Paul Whitley

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PRICE. Our heavenly Father saw fit to take away my loving companion on December 11, 1943. He was born June 15, 1876. We were married on January 25, 1899, and we had thirteen children, namely: Herman S. Price, and Mrs. W. H. Buck of Grantsboro, N. C.; Mrs. W. B. Guthrie of Columbia, N. C.; and twelve grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. Lilly F. Paul, Bairds Creek, N. C.

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Mrs. L. L. Price.

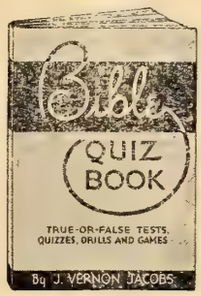
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—Moody Monthly

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And one clear call for me,
And may ther be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

—Alfred Tennyson

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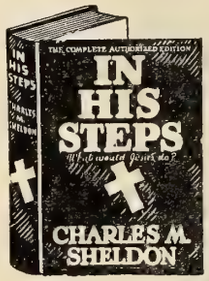


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THE CHURCH FINANCE—

As the Union meetings will convene on Saturday, January 29, 1944, in their various meeting places for the purpose of transacting the business of the churches so grouped together in Union districts, we believe that it will be a fine thing for the North Carolina Unions to set aside a good sum of money for "THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, Incorporated."

This new financial organization of the Free Will Baptist Church of North Carolina is becoming more and more recognized for its splendid work in making loans to needy churches for local improvements. Quite a number of needy churches and other church organizations in the State have secured loans from the Church Finance Association, Incorporated, and have greatly appreciated the fact that they could borrow the needed money from this organization within the ranks of the Free Will Baptist church.

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Let us hope, therefore, that the Union meetings in the State will, on next Saturday, make substantial offerings to this most worthy institution of the church, as well as to the Orphanage, Missions and Christian education.

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"THE FATHER OF LIGHTS"

By T. O. Chisholm

"The Father of lights"! What a name
for our God!
How meaningful, fitting, it is!
For in Him is light and "no darkness
at all";
All suns and all systems are His.

The stars He hath strewn through
the firmament vast;
Each star came to be at His word;
His glory and wisdom they plainly
declare
In language all ages have heard.

Their paths He appoints, through the
trackless expanse;
He ev'ry star calleth by name;
In constant obedience their orbits
they fill,—
His "power and godhead" proclaim.

They witness His faithfulness, goodness, and love,—
How great their Creator, and
strong;
They quiet our souls with their
whispers of peace,
They fill all the heavens with song.

"The Father of lights,"—yes, but our
Father, too!
Oh, wonder, all wonders above!
The God of all being, the Maker of
worlds,
The Father we worship and love.

Nathanael the Natural

(Part II)

Rev. Clinton Lupton,
Bayboro, N. C.

We resume our message with the words of the Lord Jesus to Nathanael, "I saw thee." "I have not been ignorant of thee; I have watched and thought of thee," said Jesus. It seems to me that the occasion to which our Lord referred must have been one of extreme spiritual interest and memorableness to Nathanael; some hour that had passed of commanding influence upon his mind. And the direct words of Jesus to him. "I saw thee," implies, "I can sympathize with thee in all thy longings." Must we spend time conjecturing what the "longings" of this man were? He was doubtless a devout man, a student of the Scripture, of a thoughtful temper, and of prayerful habits. He was above all a guileless Israelite, yet there was that longing in his heart, the same as that of Simeon, a just and devout man waited for the consolation of Israel. That same CONSOLATION so many hearts need in this world today.

It was perhaps under his fig-tree that Nathanael had been in sympathy with his fore-father Jacob the first Israelite, in his experience in God's attentiveness in prayer. When Jacob had fled from home and country, a criminal and an outcast. Instead of the comforts of a well provided household he had to lie down like the wild beast, with nothing between him and the earth, nothing between him and the sky. With only an evil conscience to speak to him, and only the faces of them he had wronged seemed near him. What a miserable, remorseful abandoned creature that lay down to sleep, but before he arose, he learned that God knew where he was, and was with him in his hiding, where scarcely his dog could have tracked him. There he was waited for and met with the loving welcome of the One he chiefly wronged. He saw heaven from that most forlorn spot of the earth to the highest, brightest peak in heaven. And a ladder erected that an easy friendly communication could be carried on.

So Nathanael learns that he has been seen in like manner. And his fonfession is full and rich. To his mind there flashed a flood of revelation. To Nathanael, Jesus was first, Rabbi, second the Son of God, third the King of Israel. In all his afterlife there was opportunity for Nathanael to fill up the outline which his faith thus sketched in a few bold strokes. His faith could not possess more than it embraced at that moment. Surely here is the key that opens to a great future, that faith to confess Jesus Christ the Son of God. The promises of God are ours through the possession of such rich faith. The gold seeker puts his hand on the mass of precious metal. When he has coined it, he has it better, but not more. Jesus is not only the Author, but the finisher of our faith. Just as He sets forth in the conversation as follows, which we understand to mean: "Thou hast believed because I have made thee feel that I have sounded the depths of thy heart, but there are profounder things than the human heart. There are powers at my disposal which shall carry thee into other worlds as well as through this. Thou shalt see greater things than these."

Hitherto the Lord was speaking to one man which teaches us a precious and valuable lesson, but now He says what would be applicable to all who have found Him. That henceforth it was to be no visionary ladder to be swept away with the dawn, but in Jesus God Himself is personally made over to us uniting heaven and earth. The Ladder from earth to heaven is in the truth, "The Word was made flesh." In that great truth, heaven was and has remained open. The cries of the earth ascend, the answers of heaven descend through the desires of the Son of man.

A beautiful illustration of the use of this ladder through a letter received recently by a very popular evangelist: "Five years ago, when he was seventeen, my son left home and fell into sin. He went lower and lower, and while he hated himself for the things he was doing, he couldn't stop. During all these years he never wrote to me nor answered my letters, and I was beginning to fear my prayers were in vain. But three weeks ago he came home. He said that he had tuned in on a religious program one evening and had wept when he heard the old songs he used to sing as a boy. He accepted Christ that very night, and God gave him the courage to leave His companions and begin living a clean life.

May we ask with the apostle, "Who is sufficient for these things?" And the answers echo a millionfold, "Jesus, Blessed Jesus." In the closing chapter of John we see Nathanael again, but not as the prejudiced skeptic. He is among the body of believers as the risen Christ reveals Himself to them. May we all accept this wonderful experience and be found with the body of believers when He shall reveal Himself again.

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Following is the Albemarle F. W. B. L. Program, Saturday Evening, January 29, 1944.

Theme: Training our youth for tomorrow's world.

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—Devotions: 1st Cor. 13, by Bill Early
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—Talk: "Deepening our Faith," by Ruth Daughtie
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—Benediction

Mrs. H. I. Fowler

THE LORD IS THEIR PARTNER

By Kin McNeil

A new landmark has appeared in rural America. It is the sign of the Lord's acre, proclaiming on billboards throughout the nation that crops for some country church are being grown on adjacent lands.

Unnoticed in the chaos of the Depression, rural churches faced poverty and dissolution, with rapidly decreasing memberships, underpaid pastors and dilapidated buildings. But aid came when two far-sighted men in North Carolina, James G. K. McClure, a former minister, and the alert and aggressive Reverend Dumont Clarke, put their heads together. The Lord's Acre Plan evolved.

The early spring of 1930 found Clarke climbing the hillsides of western North Carolina personally to present the program to scores of mountain churches, regardless of denomination. Admittedly the members were short on cash, but were they not also long on land, he challenged from pulpit after pulpit. Land, he continued, that might be cultivated not only in the name of the Lord but for the Lord—the proceeds to go toward the church budget.

Although slow to root, once started the movement spread rapidly.

Under the flexible plan of procedure, a Lord's Acre project takes on many different forms. In North Carolina a 10-year old boy tended a raspberry patch for three years to contribute a total of 68 dollars to his church. Women in the same state set aside the eggs their hens laid on Sunday and at the end of the year had one hundred dollars to contribute.

One ardent church goer designated one of his seven bee hives as the Lord's, and the bees produced an unprecedented 11 dollars and 40 cents worth of honey in a year.

Enthusiastic members of another congregation, most of whom were employed in an industrial plant, voluntarily set aside their wages for the first hour of the first day of the week for the Lord's Acre fund.

An 80-year-old woman knit lace for pillow cases, sold the lace and turned in the receipts.

Although in most churches using the Lord's Acre plan members work on projects individually, in others group methods have proved fruitful.

In Missouri, for example, the trustees of a rural church cultivated a 33-acre field of wheat. Seventeen tons of tomatoes were raised by another organization as their share in the Lord's Acre project.

The young people of a New York state parish made maple syrup for the plan, while members of a church in the Middle West bought and raised 11 pigs as their contribution.

A New Hampshire congregation built a roadside market, hoisted a sign advertising Lord's Acre products and enjoyed a record business. Following the same tack, another rural church established a vegetable route and peddled produce grown on Lord's Acres to residents of a nearby town.

In one Missouri church an annual auction is held—probably the only auction in America preceded and followed by a prayer—at which the Lord's Acre produce is sold to the highest bidder.

Wherever possible Lord's Acre projects, for the most part regular agricultural undertakings, are marked with a Lord's Acre sign. In fact, one farmer became so engrossed with the idea that he named his acreage "The Lord's Acre Farm." And as these signs have sprung up throughout the nation's farmland, the country churches have again come into the black, able to burn their mortgages, pay their pastors respectable salaries and to embark fearlessly on new building projects. Some even boast a surplus which they have proudly invested in War Bonds for their country.

Today, just 13 years after the plan's inception, over a thousand rural and village churches in more than half the states of the union participate and an estimated 10 thousand acres are planted, in this and other countries, to Lord's Acre crops.

For it was not long after its introduction here that the Lord's Acre Plan spread abroad where it was generally adopted in Siam, in parts of China, Korea, India and Mexico. There, too, the projects vary widely—from the Siamese doctor who dedicated all the money he received for piercing ears for earrings, to church-inspired peach orchards and livestock farms in China.

In fact, it was a certain Christian Chinese who best summed up the plan when, after the program was carefully outlined to him by a missionary, he exclaimed:

"Me see, all right—a way to grow church money."

—Submitted by a subscriber.

REPORT OF A GOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Alex Bennett Memorial class of the Arapahoe Church has requested this report to be published in the Baptist paper, for the year 1943. This is a fine class of young people, and it has made much progress in the kingdom work. The teacher, Mrs. Fannie Taylor is a consecrated Christian worker, and an efficient teacher. We are praying that God will continue to use her for His glory, and for the salvation of lost souls. The report is as follows:

Receipts for the Year

General collections	$ 88.62
Special collections for the class	61.93
Total	$150.55

Disbursements

For the Sunday School	$ 62.00
To the Orphanage	26.62
For monument for Mr. Alex Bennett	30.61
For benevolent purposes	4.00
Flowers for the sick	5.00
Offering for the Norfolk Church	6.00
For Christmas presents	5.00
Total	$139.23
Balance in the treasury, December 31, 1943	$11.32

Miss Mattie Mae Beacham,
Arapahoe, N. C.

LETTER FROM FORT BENNING GEORGIA

Dear Christine, Members of Hickory Grove Church and Sunday School:

I take the privilege in composing this letter to express my appreciation for your thoughts and prayers for me, and the many others in the Armed Services of our country, during our absence from active attendance of the Hickory Grove Church and community which we love so well.

Today begins a new year in the history of this world. A year in which I hope will come the victorious end of this struggle between a free and religious people, and those whose evil thoughts of power and greed have caused so much destruction and heartaches. There is a lot more to be done. But as this great nation of ours was founded and settled on the desires of a people to be free of religious tyranny, that their rights of freedom to worship God in their own way, might not be hindered, so shall we fight to keep that freedom. Many are the hearts of men in all parts of the world that are filled with the desire to be at home with Mom and Dad and Brother and Sister, and the people of little communities such as yours. But until we succeed again in crushing the forces of evil conceived in the minds of those who refuse to recognize the value of religion and peaceful thoughts, we cannot hope to live in reality with that desire. From the thoughts and prayers of people such as you, we derive our strength to carry on. You are the important ones in this struggle. And each little thought you have for some boy in the Service, somewhere, boosts the strength and courage of that boy to go on. We know that your thoughts are many. And our appreciation is too great to be expressed with words.

For the past month I have been taking the training of a soldier in the methods of destroying other soldiers. But no manner nor amount of training could break down the training and knowledge that I learned in the church. My belief, that in all people there is some good, is so great, that I cannot train myself to destroy a man, to get rid of the evil that stands out before the good in him. For, by doing that, you destroy the chance of seeing the good in him and the kind of man that the good in him could make. I do not profess to be a man of strength nor a genius. Perhaps I might even be called a weakling. But deep within me, there has grown, from my training in the church and by my parents, something much stronger than the desire to harm anyone or anything.

I seem to have gotten off on a little history of myself. But what I wanted to say is that I am deeply grateful for all your thoughts and efforts through the church to bring religious comfort and a little cheer to me and the many others from the community serving in the Armed Forces. I sincerely hope that each and everyone of you enjoyed the Christmas season just past with good health. And I hope that the year 1944 will hold lots of good luck and pleasant surprises for you all. Let us pray that it will bring the end of this war, and all of our loved ones together again. May God bless you all, with health and happiness.

Sgt. Fred McGlohon,
A. S. N.—14018445,
4th Co. 1st S. T. R.,
Fort Benning, Ga.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Christian Workers' Institute

The Christian Workers' Institute which is being held at Kinston (and will be closed by the time these lines reach most of our readers) is not being attended as it should be. Possibly there are hindrances with some who would like to get the benefits of the Institute. But very likely there are others who could, but have not attended. However, we can state, conscientiously, that those who have availed themselves of the opportunity have received a great blessing. Not only has the teaching as brought to us through Brothers R. B. Crawford, and Damon Dodd and Sister Dodd, been a blessing, but the fellowship with those who are attending and the teachers have brought a great blessing to us. We expect to report greater blessings after the Institute shall have closed.

North Atlantic Wing Prayer Squadron

We have just received a letter from our son, Roscoe Marvin, who is stationed in the North Atlantic, saying, "I have joined the North Atlantic Wing Prayer Equadron," and further on he says, "I would like for the church," speaking of the churches served by us, "to pray for our Squadron." This organiation has a monthly periodical known as "The Prayer Squadron Monthly." For the benefit of our readers I am giving a part of the editorial given by Chaplain W. V. Morgan. I am glad to know that we have men in the armed forces who are fundamentally strong in the "FAITH once delivered to the saints."

Chaplain Morgan says, "Jesus never mentioned unanswered prayer. He had the boundless certainty that prayer is always answered. Have we by the Spirit the unspeakable certainty that Jesus had about prayer, or do we think of the times when God does not seem to have answered our prayer?" We most certainly agree with the statement as made by Chaplain Morgan. As he refers to the words of Jesus, "Everyone that asketh receiveth." There are thousands who can testify that God answers prayer. And at this time many of the Chaplains in the service of our country, together with a great number of officers and privates are giving testimony as to "answered prayer."

Prayer Squadron

Under the caption "PRAYER SQUADRON" Chaplain Morgan writes the following: "There has never been a time in the history of America when our soldiers have been challenged to do a job that they have failed to come through without flying colors. American soldiers know the power of God for it has been demonstrated many times throughout the course of this war. Perhaps

most often that power has come in answer to the prayer of one of our buddies, thus showing that God does answer prayer. There is no limit to what God can and will do for praying men and women who sincerely believe that their efforts will not be in vain."

This editorial gives assurance to the men of this Squadron that under God they can do what is right and that victory belongs to them. Under this same caption, the writer gives another paragraph which is a challenge to his associates, and one that should make all believers who know the truth as it is in Christ, rejoice. Here is his challenge:

"Here is a challenge to you. The world is in need of a revival, a turning back to God and there is no better place to begin than right here in the North Atlantic Wing."

Suppose the whole world, men and women who believe in and trust the Lord Jesus Christ, should say, "Right here is a good place to start a revival, a turning back to God." If such a move was to be made, it would not be long before the "Peace" that the angels sang about at the birth of Jesus would dominate the whole world.

We have given a few excerpts from the editorials as written in this, the first issue of the monthly. We now give to you the closing prayer by this editor, under the caption:—

"God Hear Our Prayer"

"O God, who hast made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the whole earth; and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; grant that all men might seek after Thee and find Thee. Bring the nations into Thy fold, pour out Thy Spirit upon all flesh and hasten Thy kingdom through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN."

I wish to join Chaplain Morgan in this prayer. I believe that there are thousands that will join in a similar prayer. Many are praying, "Thy kingdom come."

More To Be Said About Prayer

For lack of space we will have to close for this time, but we have more to say on the subject of prayer which came to us as "reasons for, and answers to prayer." The Lord's will we will give you some of these next week. Let every one who reads these lines join in a prayer "FOR A REVIVAL OF PRAYER."—AMEN.

A MESSAGE TO THE BOYS IN SERVICE

My Dear Boys:

I confess that I have not written as I should have done. I was taken sick during the Christmas holidays, therefore, you will bear with me this time, won't you.

Practically all the programs in the rural districts were rained out, but we had the services planned, just the same. At Drifton, Florida, the people were doing fine at the time I was there on my last trip. As you know by now, your church has a new pastor, Rev. L. A. Morris, Blakely, Georgia. He agreed to move down and to give the church half-time services, so I resigned that the work might have a preacher located there on the field. I am trusting for the church and the pastor great things in the name of the Lord.

Travelers' Rest Church in Georgia is still moving along fine, though the very bad weather and the "flu" wave are hindering church attendance. Much moving also at the beginning of the year has something to do with interrupting the church work, but as the Lord leads, we will go forward to arouse the people to do a greater work in 1944.

The Blountstown Church in Florida is on the upward trend, and we are to remember that God is still on His Throne, listening to our prayers. The people are really calling upon God for guidance and consolation. So, you boys join us at the "Mercy Seat" and pray unto Him for guidance and protection. May He get glory to his name, and that this world conflict may soon close. May we have a better country in which to live when this war is over. Boys, please read the fifteenth and the twenty-third psalms that you may get the meaning deep down in your hearts, and then accept God's challenge given in II Chronicles 7: 14.

May I say to the people of Georgia that if you are interested in the promulgation of the cause of Christ, as the F. W. B. Church represents it, half as much as the men in the Services are, we will have a great year in the work of the church for the salvation of lost souls. Will you rally to every good movement of the church during this year, and in all of its State work so that a greater work will be carried on for the glory of God? We need your help and co-operation for the cause of righteousness.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

Rev. S. T. Shutes

THE WEAVER

Then I shall know even as I am known. I Cor. 13: 12.

My life is but a weaving
  Between my Lord and me
I cannot choose the colors
  He worketh steadily.
Oft times He weaveth sorrow
  And I in foolish pride
Forget He sees the upper
  And I, the underside.

Not till the loom is silent
  And the shuttles cease to fly
Shall God unroll the canvas
  And explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful
  In the Weaver's skilful hand
As the threads of gold and silver
  In the pattern he has planned.

—Anon.

Precious thought, our Father knoweth,
  Careth for his child;
Bids me nestle closer to Him,
  When the storm beats wild.
Well I know the Heart that planneth,
  Naught but good for me;
Joy and sorrow interwoven,
  Love in all I see.

—Anon.

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OTHERS HAVE DONE IT—WHY CAN'T WE?

(This is the second in a series of articles by Mrs. Dodd on this subject. She is taking excerpts from the lives of famous Missionaries and using them to challenge us as a people to do more for the cause of world-wide Missions. May the Lord thus use these articles to the glory of His own name.)

By Mrs. Damon C. Dodd,
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Adoniram Judson—Apostle to Burma

Adoniram Judson was born in Maiden, Mass., August 9, 1788. He was the eldest son of Adoniram and Abigail Judson. The father was a Congregationalist, a man of inflexible integrity and had great strength of character. The mother was more gentle, but devoted and true. She taught her son to read at the tender age of three.

At the age of 16 he entered what is now Brown University. He graduated at the age of 19 as valedictorian of his class.

Judson solemnly dedicated himself to God on December 2, 1808 at the age of 20. Two years later he decided that God had called him to a difficult and distant field. He told his friends that as he was walking in the woods at Andover in a gloomy and sullen mood, suddenly out of a clear sky the command came to him "Go ye". It came so forcibly that he felt that he must obey. After this experience he never faltered.

While young Judson was considering the question of his own duty, four young men came from Williams College to Andover. They were Samuel J. Mills, Jas. Richards, Luther Rice and Gordon Hall. These men, with Judson, started what is known as the "Haystack Prayer Meeting," and they consecrated themselves to the work of foreign missions. The Haystack monument now stands in Williamstown to mark the spot of these gatherings. These young men took council together concerning matters of the kingdom and pledged each to hold himself in readiness to go on a mission when and where God should call.

Judson was married to Miss Ann Hasseltine in 1812 and they, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Newell sailed for Calcutta. Ten days after their arrival they were ordered to return to America; but at last permission was given to go to the isle of France. Later they went to Rangoon, Burma. On the wearisome voyage Mrs. Judson was taken seriously ill and on reaching Rangoon she was carried into the town where a place was found for her to recuperate.

Everything appeared forlorn and gloomy and at first the brave missionaries' hearts almost sank within them. Yet, they looked up, took on more courage, and soon were engrossed in their new duties, chief of which was the study of the language.

After they had been in Burma (Rangoon) six years, Mr. Judson ventured to preach a sermon, his first in Burmese. As a result of this effort he saw the first Burman converted and had the privilege of baptizing him. Oh, what joy must have come to their hearts to see the fruits of their labors. The secret of their unwavering faith may be found in the corner of one of their books;

In joy or sorrow, health or pain,
Our course is upward still.
We sow on Burma's barren plain,
We reap on Zion's Hill.

Not many months after this Mr. Judson was arrested and thrown into prison. He was kept in stocks for many months in a prison that had never been washed or even swept since it had been built. The teeming filth and intolerable odors were beyond all description, but even here the man was not idle. Mrs. Judson hid a Bible and some paper in a pillow and slipped it to her husband. In the confines of this filthy prison and amidst severe suffering, Judson worked on the translation of the scripture into the Burmese language. Over and over again he proved that the grace of God was sufficient.

During the imprisonment of Mr. Judson, the only dependable persons whom Mrs. Judson had were the Bengalee cook and a faithful Burmese convert. They helped care for Mr. Judson and also for Mrs. Judson, to whom a baby girl had been born.

In addition to the almost unbearable circumstances, Judson and the other white prisoners were hurried off without warning to the death prison. They were made to walk over nine miles of burning sand under the noonday sun with chains about their ankles. Judson's ankles were horribly mangled and his already fatigued body was subjected to almost more than it could stand. At the news that her husband had been transferred, Mrs. Judson secured a pass and started at once with the tiny babe in her arms to secure the release of her husband. She succeeded in so doing and after a while she had him nursed back to health.

Another serious blow came to Judson while he was away on a tour of the field. Word came to him that his faithful wife had passed away. Her frail hands had dropped forever the weapons and the work of earthly life. Judson hastened homeward and found a new-made grave under a hopia tree. Little Maria, the only solace for her father, soon joined her mother and was laid to rest by her side. So great was Dr. Judson's mastery over himself that he did not allow even this great sorrow to interfere with his work but continued preaching, teaching, and translating.

When Dr. Judson had worked in

Burma for a number of years without rest, he was urged to go back to the states for a short furlough. It was only after much prevailing with him that he consented to go. Upon getting back to the states he made a tour of the country and received a tremendous ovation for the good work that he had so ably done. He met a very charming young lady in the person of Miss Emily Chubbuck, a native of New York. Miss Chubback was a school teacher and a writer and after a brief courtship she and Mr. Judson were married. They left for Burma six months after their marriage. However, Mr. Judson was destined to outlive three wives.

A number of years later, after a long and prosperous ministry, Judson became afflicted with a terrible cought which racked his weak frame. A long sea voyage was advised. On this voyage Judson breathed his last. Death came at 3 o'clock on Friday, April 12, 1850. He was buried at sea.

During his ministry in Burma he translated the Bible into the Burmese language, had a Burmese dictionary more than half done, saw 63 churches under the care of 163 missionaries and native pastors, and wrote thousands of tracts which were sown broadcast.

In the little town of Malden, near Boston, Mass., one may see on the Baptist meeting house on a marble slab these words inscribed:

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Adoniram Judson,
Born August 9, 1788
Died April 12, 1850
Malden his birthplace,
The ocean his sepulchre,
Converted Burmans and
The Burman Bible
His monument—
His record, is on high.

Let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. Jer. 9: 24.

THE IMMEDIATE RESULT OF EVE'S SIN

By Rev. R. W. Allman

"And the eyes of them were both opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons" (Gen. 3: 7).

Immediately after they had taken of the fruit, they knew they were naked, they knew they had disobeyed God, they knew they had sinned. Immediately they began to try to cover that sin. They got fig leaves and made them aprons, but this was not sufficient. Men and women are still trying to cover their sins today, but they will never be able to cover them, for that which we cover God will uncover and that which God covers, will never be uncovered.

There was a sense of fear. In verse 8 we read where they went and hid themselves among the trees of the garden. This is exactly what sin does today. It makes men afraid of God. The Bible teaches us that man loves darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil. They seem to think that the darkness hides them from God, but that is impossible, for we can never hide from God, yet men and women are forever trying it.

The psalmist has said, "Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, Thou art there, If I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou art there."

There is no place we can go where God can not see and hear us. The trees did not hide Adam and Eve. God came walking in the garden of Eden and He called out to Adam, "Where art thou?" In answer Adam said, "I heard Thy voice in the Garden and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." Adam had probably heard God's voice many times in the Garden, but this time he was afraid. Why? Because he had committed a transgression against God. He was guilty. He was condemned. Sinner, remember the Bible teaches, if your heart is condemned, God is greater than your heart. Before, Adam was probably glad to hear the voice of God, but now he desires to hide from Him.

There are many Christians today who have committed some sins, and are trying to hide it from God, but they can never be happy until they come back to God and confess their sins. Some are probably wondering why they are not receiving the blessings like they one time did, but we must remember that the blessings of God cannot be upon a disobedient life.

If our sin did not hurt anybody but us, it would not be so bad. If our wrong doings could only end in their dire effects upon us alone, it would be different. But God has plainly told us that no man liveth to himself. Eve was not satisfied with eating the fruit herself, but gave to Adam and he ate. No person wants to sin by himself, but always wants some one with him. If Adam and Eve could have looked down through the years and seen the results of their sin, they would have probably done different. If every sinner today could realize the end of a sinful life, they too would live different.

If parents could only realize that their sins passed on to the third and fourth generation, they too would be more careful. There are many parents who have sons in the armed forces who have never talked to them about their soul, many of them not even able to pray for them, many of them will never have the opportunity again.

Many would speak to their boys about their souls now if they could, for they realize since he has gone away that they should have taught him to live for Jesus. Many mothers request prayer for their boys, while others are going on not even giving it a thought.

The sin of Eve brought a curse upon her, and not only her but the whole world. Sin is what has caused the world to be in the condition it is in today. Sin will cause happiness to leave the individual. Sin will cause happiness to leave the home. Sin will cause happiness to leave the church. Sin will cause the soul to be lost. It is, therefore, our duty as Christians to warn people against sin. Are you doing your part?

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

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A MESSAGE TO THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

". . . that thou stir up the gift of God". . . II Timothy 1: 6.

Quoting from the Year Book of Programs for Women's Auxiliary, page thirteen: (Calendar of Auxiliary Articles for 1944, for February), I quote the following: "If I were sending this message to you by radio broadcast I would say, 'Please stand by a moment for a direct message to every auxiliary in the land.'"

"It is most important to enlist every woman possible in the full program. Put on a membership campaign, especially inviting the new members of the church. By all means organize a young Women's Auxiliary. Search for talent that can and will teach a children's group. Determine now to be A-1," end of quote.

Page twenty-seven — (Personal Service Calendar of Activities for February). I quote, "Send cards of greeting to shut-ins, and aged people of the church and community who are unable to attend church services during winter months. Have cottage prayer meetings each week during the month," end of quotation.

If you will prayerfully read the above paragraphs, I am sure you will find the month of February to be a very busy month, if you will carry out the suggested activities. If you desire to win new members, you will do so only when there is life in your auxiliary, and it is afire on the altar for God. Dead trees do not grow, neither do auxiliaries. When there is no life there is consequently no warmth in dead bodies.

Some one has said, "Fight fire with fire." Christians would do well to apply this principle in their warfare against Satan. Fight the fiery darts of the Devil with the righteous fire of Almighty God. There are some that "thresh wildly" about in an effort to do something, but usually such fervor soon burns out, because there is no planned activity. Thus the suggested articles, as outlined in the Year Book, are to call your attention to them for use in a systematic way. We want everyone to be doing, as nearly as possible, the same thing and at the same time in the auxiliary work. The "wildly threshing kind" is known as "wild-fire," the uncontrolled kind.

The righteous fire I am trying to tell you about is the kind of fire the Hebrew children possessed. When they were thrown into the midst of a blazing inferno, they were not consumed because a fire of faith in God burned on the altar of their hearts. When the viper came out of the fire, and fastened its teeth on the hand of the Apostle Paul, he merely shook it off and suffered no harm. Why? Because a fire of devotion to God burned within him.

The fires of Satan are all about us waiting and endeavoring to consume our faith. If so be that we pray, trust and exercise the gift of God that is in each of us, we need not to have any fear. We shall be victorious! And our auxiliaries shall grow, too! If you have a gift of meeting people, making them feel at ease, capable of being warmly and friendly with all types of people, you should consider it your divinely appointed task to win new members for the auxiliary work." . . . thou stir up the gift of God."

A very fine place to secure "kindly" for this "fire" is at an altar of secret prayer. (Remember the nine o'clock hour, please.) Don't forget the prayer meetings, nor the study of the Word of God. Have your family altars, and exercise your talents for the glory of God. Study your 1944 Year Book. (I am assuming you have a copy, if not, please get one.) Carry out the activities as suggested therein, using your gift or gifts for the advancement of the cause of the Women's Auxiliary of our church. It is true that it is much easier to let someone else do the work, but they receive the blessings. God has given you a talent or gift, and "thou stir up the gift of God" in you. Use it to His glory.

God grant that a sweeping revival may come and burn its way into each heart! May God bless each of you auxiliary workers.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards,
National President of the
Women's Auxiliary Convention.

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TRUSTING GOD

"Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your hearts before him; God is a refuge for us" (Ps. 62: 8).

The Psalmist here encourages us to trust God for everything, and at all times, and for our refuge in times of need. He also says for us not to trust in oppression, and if riches increase we are not to set our hearts upon them. Let us pause here for a moment and ask ourselves this question: Do I trust God for all things, or do I sometimes set my heart upon other things? Do I always trust God or do I sometimes forget God and neglect to serve Him as I should?

David said for us to trust God at all times, but do we do this? David said that his soul waited upon God, for his expectation was upon Him. God was his rock and his salvation. As God's professed followers, are we trusting Him enough to say as David said? When worldly things come before us, do we trust God enough, to say "NO" to them, and say with a firm determination, "I shall not be moved." Shall we say that we shall see Him at all times? Are we trusting in and keeping His commandments, or are we turning aside from God and His commandments?

God says for us to keep His commandments and live. Do we as professors of Christ abide by God's law, or are we abiding by some man-made law? Are we ashamed of God's law. Let none that wait upon God be ashamed of God, and His teachings, but when we are ashamed of Him, we are failing to trust Him, and without trusting God, we cannot be one of His chosen followers. When we fail in trusting Him, we are neglecting to partake of His promises which are unto those who follow Him.

Christ was sent to be a light unto

the world, for in Him was the light and life of the world. He was the light of men. He is that true light from above unto all mankind. To as many as receive Him, He gives the power to become the sons of God. To them that trust Him, He gives the promise of eternal life, and its fullness. There is therefore no condemnation to them that will trust Christ. We are not to walk after the flesh but after the Spirit of God.

May we who have neglected to trust God, or have once trusted Him, but have turned aside from Him, come back and learn to trust Him more. God is our only hope and refuge. His ways are perfect, and the word of the Lord is tried and found sure. He is a bulwark to all those that trust Him. May we be able to say as the Psalmist has said, "In God have I put my trust; I will not be afraid what man can do to me, for thou hast delivered my soul from death. Wilt thou not deliver my feet from falling that I might walk before Thee in the light of the living?"

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AUXILIARY REPORT OF PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

The ladies of Pleasant Hill held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. L. Haddock on Tuesday night, January 18, 1944. The president, Mrs. B. A. Mayo presided over the meeting. The attendance was one hundred percent, and three new members were added to our roll.

Activities

Chapters read in the Bible	236
Trays taken to the sick	5
Sick visits made	21
Quarts of milk given to the needy	2
Floral designs	1
Daily Bible readers	5

The business being over the meeting was closed by prayer led by Mrs. R. A. Gaskins. The hostess, Mrs. C. A. Burroughs, served chicken salad sandwiches, roasted nuts and iced drinks.

Mrs. W. L. Haddock, Secy.

The following is the Annual Report of our Aid work for last year.

The Annual Report

Bible chapters read	2658
Sick visits made	454
Trays given to the sick	78
Flowers for the sick	47
Quarts of milk given to the needy	63
Daily Bible readers	46
Funeral designs	7

Annual Receipts

From a quilt	$ 76.05
From birthday box	6.05
From dues	20.70
Total	$102.80

Disbursements

Present for the pastor	$ 1.03
To the Bible College	2.50
Tracking for the church	12.50
Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage	10.00
Bed linens for Orphanage	6.35
To needy children	3.25
To one who lost his home by fire	10.00
Paid for church repair	11.00
Seed for church lawn	2.25
To an aged minister	5.00
To an invalid girl	5.00
Total	$64.18
Balance in the treasury	$38.62

Mrs. W. L. Haddock, Secretary

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ANNUAL AUXILIARY REPORT OF GUM NECK CHURCH

Our Aid met at the church in its regular monthly meeting on January 11, 1944. It opened with song, and prayer was offered by Mrs. T. W. Sawyer. The topic for discussion was on the subject: "Teach Us How to Pray." After the program was over we entered into the regular business transactions. As the roll was called, each member answered to her name with a verse of scripture.

Dues collected	$4.00
Paid for cards to service men	.40
To home missions	2.50
Bible chapters read	32
Sick visits made	38
Trays taken to the sick	1

The meeting closed to meet again in February, 1944. The following is the annual report of our Auxiliary.

Yearly Report for 1943

Paid to home missions	$ 8.29
To the Orphanage	72.13
To the Bible school	2.50
To the Auxiliary convention	2.00
To Superannuation	19.45
To foreign missions	20.27
For cards	.50
For miscellaneous	15.99
Total	$141.13
Balance in the treasury	$2.20

Activities

Sick visits	202
Trays	50
Flowers	15
Chapters read in the Bible	708

Our new officers for the year are as follows: Mrs. Carrie Weatherly, president; Mrs. Sade Sawyer, secretary; Mrs. Dorcas Meekins, treasurer; Mrs. C. F. Swindell, cor.-secy.

Mrs. C. F. Swindell, Secy.

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PROGRAM

The Fourth Union Auxiliary convention will meet at Owen's Chapel in Wilson County on the Fifth Sunday in January, 1944.

Morning Session

11:00—Devotions led by Rev. Dan Beamon
11:15—Welcome address by Ernest Baker
11:20—Response by Mrs. C. W. Burress
11:25—Song by the congregation, and offering for the Orphanage
11:30—Sermon by Rev. W. L. Hart
12:15—Appointment of committees
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:45—Devotions by Mrs. Selby Webb
2:00—Business period
2:30—Program by local church

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Miss Fannie Ethel Taylor,
Miss Irma Ray Tyndall,
The Committee

St. Claire Bible Class

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JESUS FEEDS THE MULTITUDES

(Lesson for February 6)

Lesson: Mark 6, 35-44; 8: 1-9.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst" (John 6: 35).

It has been my more-or-less fortunate lot to taste the food that is peculiar to and prized by almost every racial group at present on this earth. I know the flavor of quaint dishes that delight the palate of the Chinese, and have eaten many of the strange concoctions that the Japanese prize so highly. In Europe and in North Africa I have sampled strange dishes and have dined on Arab fare and in the huts and hogans of Indians. I have dined with millionaires one day and shared the fare of the humble the next, and I find one thing that is common to all food the world around. No matter how tasty it may be, how costly or how rare, next day you are hungry again and have to have fresh portions of any food that man can grow or find!

But once I ate some Living Bread, and the one Portion was sufficient to supply all of my needs for eternity!

I have also drunk from mountain springs, from fountains famed in legend and history, and have tasted strange waters on desert and on sea. All water has one great weakness: it can quench thirst and sustain life only temporarily. Drink to the limit of your capacity, in a few hours the pangs of thirst will ravage your system anew! But those who taste of the Living Water in Jesus Christ not only thus drink once and forever, but they find in themselves a living fountain that will flow forth to other men, heal and help all who come into their fellowship and circle. Indeed, this was the promise Jesus made when He said, "He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, (from within him) shall flow rivers of Living Water" (A. S. V.)!

—Selected.

"Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you!
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you!"

II. Home Work

1. To what does the Lord often liken needy humanity? (Mk. 6: 34; Mat. 10: 6; Is. 53: 6; John 10: 16).

2. What ministry did Jesus usually put ahead of supplying physical needs? (Mk. 6: 34; 2: 5-12; 9: 23-27; 7: 24-30).

3. What Old Testament miracle is similar to the feeding of the multitudes? (II Ki. 4: 42-44; Mk. 6: 35-44; 8: 1-9).

4. Was feeding five thousand at one time harder than feeding all of Israel for forty years in the desert? (Exo. 16: 35; Josh. 5: 11; Ps. 78: 24).

5. When only will the Lord send men away from His presence? (Mat. 25: 41, 46; Rev. 20: 15).

6. Which is more important before the Lord, to have enough to eat, or to know the Word of God aright? (Mat. 16: 6-12).

7. What responsibility rests upon all who have experienced the grace of God? (Mk. 6: 37; 16: 15; John 20: 23).

8. What question does the Lord ask about our resources? (Exo. 4. 2; II Ki. 4: 2; Mk. 8: 5).

9. What prayer is always in order, and why. (Mat. 6 :11; Jas. 1: 17).

10. Will God's supply ever be sufficient for our needs? (Mk. 8: 8; John 1: 16; Rom. 5: 20).

11. What is the only miracle of Jesus that is recorded in all the four Gospels? (Matt. 14: 13-21; Mark 6: 32-44; Luke 9: 10-17; John 6: 5-13).

12. We are asking **you** to study all the lesson material in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies. Pray for the editors and printers.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

1. The Creator, Not the Waiter

You will notice that Jesus did not feed the multitude. He created the food and asked His disciples to distribute it. Jesus was the Creator—not the waiter—at this banquet. Jesus created salvation in His death on the Cross. That is the food that will feed the spiritual hunger of this world! But the task of distributing it is in the hands of his followers.—Billy Sunday.

Mark 6: 42

Rowland Hill used to tell of a rich man and a poor man in his congregation. The rich man desired to do an act of benevolence, and so he sent a sum of money to a friend to be given to this poor man as he thought best. The friend just sent him five pounds, and said in the note: "This is thine. Use it wisely. There is more to follow." After a while he sent another five pounds, and said, "More to follow." Again and again he sent money to the poor man, always with the cheering words, "more to follow." So it is with the wonderful grace of God. There is always "more to follow."—D. L. Moody.

2. The Secret of Power

The secret of Christ's power was that the disciples were to bring to Him what they possessed, and then He supplied the need and all were perfectly satisfied. So now the secret of power is to surrender to Christ and bring Him all that we possess. Then He blesses it and through us supplies the need of mankind. Just as He used the lad's small supply, so He will use our powers, however small. When the modern missionary movement commenced with William Carey and about sixty-five dollars people laughed it to scorn, and yet the movement has developed all over the Christian Church to-day. When a saintly woman, Theresa, was ridiculed for attempting what was thought to be impossible, she replied: "With three shillings, Theresa can do nothing; but with Jesus and three shillings, there is nothing Theresa cannot do."—W. H. Griffith Thomas.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CONVENTION IN GEORGIA

The Sunday School and League Convention of the Union Association of Georgia met in its eleventh session at St. Paul's Church near Omega, Georgia, on Sunday, December 19, 1943. The meeting was called to order by the people singing a song. Brother C. J. Faison, the moderator, led in the song service. After several songs had been sung, prayer was offered by the pastor of the church, Rev. W. F. Harrell. Then the secretary, Miss Ilene Lovette, outlined the program for the day.

The welcome address was made by Brother Harrell, and the response was by Mrs. J. F. Harmon. The secretary then gave a reading which was written by Mrs. J. B. Rice, who was unable to be present for the convention. The subject was: "Does Suffering for Christ Count?" Everyone enjoyed the reading very much.

Rev. J. C. Harvey brought the eleven o'clock message. He read for his scripture lesson part of the second and third chapters of Revelation. His subject was: "The Dead Church." It was a good message. Following the message we were dismissed for lunch. A beautiful and delicious meal was served on the church grounds by the ladies of the church.

The afternoon session was opened with song service and prayer which was offered by Brother C. J. Harvey. We then entered into the business of the convention. The delegates of the different leagues were called for, and also the delegates of the Sunday Schools. The delegation was small due to bad weather conditions, but there were some very good reports. The minutes of the last meeting were then read by the secretary and adopted by the convention.

The next business was the election of a Field Worker. Brother Mitchell Henson was elected, and Brother Farrell was elected to assist him. An offering of $19.36 was given to help pay their expenses. We were very happy indeed and felt honored to have had Miss Elna Slatten of the community to be with us. Miss Slatten is a returned missionary from India, having spent several years in India. She returned to the States on account of ill health. She spoke for us at this time, and brought a very inspiring message of India and the mission work there. She spoke of some things which Miss Barnard had told us of before. After Miss Slatten's talk we entered into a discussion of missions, and an offering was taken of $16.00, which was given for foreign missions.

Mrs. C. J. Harvey was elected as corresponding secretary. Greenwood and Midway Churches extended invitations for the next session to convene with them. By vote it was decided to go next time to Greenwood Church which is near Camilla, Georgia. It will meet on the third Sunday in April, 1944. Then a rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this convention. The convention was then adjourned to meet with Greenwood Church in April, 1944.

Would like to say that when the call came to St. Paul's Church on the behalf of the $400 dollars, Sergia was to raise, they had a mind to work. They gave an offering of $50 dollars for this cause, and it was given to the treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary Convention this day, who sent it to Rev. Winford Davis, the Foreign Mission Treasurer.

Mrs. C. J. Harvey,
Corresponding Secretary

SOLDIERS OF THE LORD

We're soldiers in the army of the Lord our God,
If after His commandments we daily pursue;
Fighting the battles of life with patience, and courage undying
We'll safely march through.

Being girded with Faith and the Word of God,
Having on the helmet of salvation;
And following the commands of the Lord,
We then shall be free from all condemnation.

Though great sins and temptations all around us,
Christ will lead through the thickest of the fight;
Being able to subdue all power of the enemy,
He will lead us safely in His light.

In Him is our only defense of eternal foundation,
Built to stand firmly through the ages;
For He is the Rock of our salvation,
And our hope is built upon His sacred pages.

Our Lord tells us that they who're able to kill the body,
Them we need not to fear;
But to fear Him who is able to destroy both body and soul
For He is the one whom we should hear.

So, let us be humble and obedient soldiers of the Lord,
May we be submissive to the teachings of God;
Uniting our hearts as one strong army for victory,
And move out of the sinful paths we've trod.

'Tis God the omnipotent who gives us peace,
The one in whom we live, move and have our being;
Therefore, for Him we want to take our stand,
And fight for the right by faithful believing.

His love is not of the world but from above,
It is free from all hatred and strife;
If we have this love deep in our hearts,
It will be shown in the issues of our life.

Let us be as wise servants, e'er faithful and true,
That our final abode may be in that city so fair;
And all the sufferings and trials here below
May be nothing when compared with the glory up there.

(Miss) Julia Moore,
Turbeville, S. C.

WHAT IT IS TO BELIEVE ON JESUS

Thane Miller was asked by his own son, who was dying, to tell him in the simplest, briefest way **just what it is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.**

There is no way to get at the very heart of this subject, except to suppose oneself to be at the bedside of a dying man, whose only hope of salvation lies in your telling him at once, and in the most direct, briefest form of words, just what it is to perform the saving act of faith. Many a soul has been told to **believe,** who has never been conscious of **not** believing, and who has no appreciation of the difference between belief and faith. How shall I put this subject before an inquiring soul, so as to help to the **immediate** appropriation of saving grace? There may not be time for the study of the Word, or for anything but the briefest prayer. How shall I improve this last moment?

Faith is an act of **trusting,** and so it differs from **belief. Belief** is the **assent of the mind** to a truth or fact, represented in a proposition or statement; as though I should say: "Christ died for sinners." **Faith** is the **consent of the whole being,** mind, heart, conscience, and will, to the truths and facts of the Christian religion **as represented in the person of Christ.** Hence, we read: **"Believe on** the Lord Jesus Christ." That little word **"on"** carries the idea that such believing brings me near to the **person** of Christ, and makes me not only accept what He says, but **lean on Him, rest on** His finished work. Here is not only belief but faith, **trusting.**

Faith is an act of **taking.** Here is not only a truth put before my mind to be believed, but a Saviour, a personal Saviour, put before me to be **taken** to myself. **Faith** is the power by which I apprehend and then appropriate; perceive and then receive; see Christ to be my possible Saviour, and take Him to be my actual Saviour. How do I take Him? As any person takes another, by **giving myself;** so a wife takes a husband, by committing herself to him; so a subject accepts a king or a soldier a general; so an orphan child takes a father, by giving himself to him as a child. No act can be simpler, and its simplicity is what makes us stumble.

Faith is thus a **tie of union.** It makes me one with Jesus, and Him one with me, forever; all my sins become His to bear for me; all His righteousness becomes mine to wear as a pure garment. I lose myself in Him; I take His name and call myself a **Christian;** I lose my life in Him; my will, in His will; I look at this world, and the world to come, through His eyes; I become part of His mystical body, a member obedient to the Head.

How then am I to guide a soul to Christ, and tell him what is the saving act? How simple! I sit by a dying man; let him lay his hand in mine as Christ's messenger, and say: "Lord Jesus, **I trust** Thee as my Saviour, **I take** Thee as my Jesus, my Lord and King; **I give myself** wholly to Thee, forever." If that be the cry of a human soul, even in the last hour, who dare doubt the issue? It must



Young man, my advice to you is that you cultivate an acquaintance with, and a firm belief in, the Holy Scriptures—Franklin

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be "the gift of God," even "eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"

—A. T. P.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

By Corporal David M. Cudsworth

Dear God, I can't pray and say
All the things I want at the close of the day.
I know you're with me and always, will,
But I'll try to pray until my lips are still.

Dear God, bless my mother so good and true,
For she's been through what I'll never go through.
And now this war, and I'm so far away,
That's why I kneel and try to pray.

Dear God, help me to keep the vows I've made,
For the sea of troubles and temptations I'll wade.
Give me strength that my mother holds,
And her prayers will keep me within thy folds.

Dear God, bless my girl so pretty and sweet,
Guide and keep her until again we meet.
May our love stay as strong as when I went away—
Please, dear God, it's so hard to pray.

Dear God, bless my home for which we are fighting to keep,
Where I first met you at my mother's feet.
My family is there and all I own;
So please, dear God, bless my swell home.

Dear God, when this war is over and all through,
And this proud world bows to do homage to you,
There'll be millions and millions who'll come to say,
"Dear God, it's just me; I've learned to pray."

—In The Christian Advocate

Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Jas. 1: 12.

Blessed is the man, O God,
Who stays himself on thee;
Who waits for thy salvation, Lord,
Shall thy salvation see.

He that endureth to the end shall be saved. Matt. 10: 22.

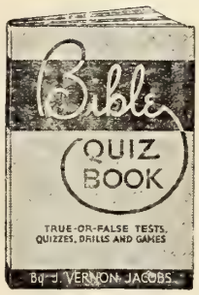
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Rev. 19: 13.

Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the judgment-day.

Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them. Rev. 19: 13.

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JESUS AND A BLIND MAN

Once there was a blind beggar who used to sit near the gate of the city of Jericho crying out to passers-by for a few pennies to buy food. No one would give him work—he was just a worthless blind man. Often he was hungry, and still no one would take pity on him.

One day, as he sat in his usual place, he heard the tramp, tramp of many feet coming along the road in front of him. People were hurrying toward him from every direction, it seemed. Something unusual was happening, but he was blind—he could only sit and listen.

Suddenly he heard one man call to another, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by."

"Jesus of Nazareth! Why, He is the great Teacher who goes about doing good, healing the sick and feeding the hunghy! Why, he could restore my sight, enable me to see again, if he would!" thought the poor, blind beggar.

With all that crowd of people around, how would he know when Jesus was passing him? How could he get near Jesus? No one would help a blind beggar when they might be following the Teacher. He reached out his arms that Jesus might see, and began to cry out, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me."

When the men in front of him saw only a beggar trying to bother the great Teacher, they were angry and told him to sit down and keep still. But the blind man knew that unless Jesus should cure him, he would never be anything but a beggar, and he just called the louder, "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me."

This time Jesus heard him and stood still, and told those about Him to call the blind beggar to Him. Then the people who had told the blind man to keep still, all wanted to help him and said to him, "Be of good cheer; rise, he calleth thee." The blind beggar had never heard such joyful words as these. He sprang up and ran to Jesus.

"What wilt thou that I should do unto thee?" was all that Jesus said. "Lord, that I may receive my sight," the blind man answered, because, unless he could see, nothing else amounted to much.

Then Jesus touched his eyes and said: "Receive thy sight; go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole." And the blind man joined the crowd following Jesus; but he was no longer a blind beggar, and he knew that Jesus was the Saviour indeed.

—Bible Story

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God broke the years to hours and days,
That hour by hour
And day by day,
Just going on a little way,
We might be able all along
To keep quite strong.
Should all the weights of life
Be laid across our shoulders,
And the future, rife
With woe and struggle,
Meet us face to face
At just one place,
We could not go;
Our feet would stop. And so
God lays a little on us every day,
And never, I believe, on all the way,
Will burdens bear so deep,
Or pathways lie so steep,
But we can go, if by God's power
We only bear the burden of the hour.

—Georgiana Holmes (George Klingle)

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I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn. Zech. 12: 10.

Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield. Psa. 115: 11.

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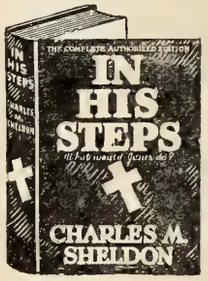


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EDITORIAL

There has been some talk over the radio that no whiskey will be manufactured in this country this year. Let us hope that this will be the case. If whiskey had not been legalized a few years ago, this country would be in a better condition today morally, spiritually and financially. There never has been a nation that has drunk itself to prosperity, nor to a high standard of social living. The evils that attend intoxicating drinking on the part of a large number of the citizens of any country tend to corrupt society, and to bring a people to profligate living. What we need in this country is a firm stand, on the part of all officials, both state and national, and also on the part of all Christian people, against the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating beverages for the purpose of strong drink.

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We read recently some worthwhile statements concerning the need of a greater interest in the country church. These statements deplored the fact that many people in country communities, and living very near country churches, were leaving the country churches and going to nearby towns on Sundays for religious services. In a great many cases many of them are members of the local country church.

The reason given was that the town churches are better equipped, the music is better, and probably the sermons are some better. Then it would seem, according to the discussion in the message, that such people were looking for a little more style in religious services, and the associations with the town people tended to boost their standing.

But the writer went on to say that, what is needed in the average country church is greater loyalty on the part of all the membership of the local country church. With the proper interest manifested, the country church can be made up-to-date in every respect. It can be made both attractive and commodious in every way. Better Sunday Schools can be maintained by its attractiveness and conveniences. The local women's auxiliary organizations will be encouraged to do a greater work in the community for the cause of Christ. The young people's work will take on new interest. Better pastors can be secured to lead on the local church work in all of its religious activities.

When the country churches are made more attractive, convenient, and the grounds beautified with grassy lawns and appropriate shrubbery, they will then become the center spot of interest for the community people, and more people will show a greater interest in the home church. Thus, a greater work will be done in the community for the cause of righteousness, because more people will appreciate their wonderfully fine church and its beautiful sacred spot. Let us hope that the country churches will catch a vision and better prepare for the needs of the local people living about them. Everyone admires a beautiful country church.

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For the month of January, 1944, here is the status of the Baptist subscription list: 158 new names were entered on the roll, and 139 old names were removed from the mailing list due to the lack of the subscriptions being renewed. This leaves only an increase of 19 for the month just closed. Of this 158 new subscriptions, some were entered on the quarter, others on the semi-annual and still others on the annual basis. The total number of copies of the Baptist paper mailed out each week for the month to the subscribers ranged around 2925. Around 100 sample copies were mailed to individuals.

From these figures there are three things to be considered: (1) the rate of lapse of subscriptions is too great for the rate of increase by new subscribers; (2) the increase of 19 for the month is too small; (3) there must be some reason for such a large rate of lapses.

At the end of the month of February, watch for te subscription record, and note whatever changes may take place. We purpose to give the records at the end of each month for the first six months of this year so that the subscribers may know the changes in the subscription roll that will occur.

THE VOICE FROM ABOVE

At the corner of two busy thoroughfares, where the traffic was noisiest, the writer watched a man who was working quietly at the foot of a telephone pole. He seemed to know by instinct what was wanted by his mate, who was at work away up at the top of the pole. First one tool, then another, or a bit of wire would be sent up, and the two were working together in such harmony that I looked more carefully, and saw that the man on the sidewalk had clamped on his head what looked like a small telephone apparatus. One ear could hear the sounds around him, but the other was deaf to them, and was listening all the time to the voice from above.

Being in constant communication they could work together in wonderful unity; and then I realized anew the need for us as Christians to be ever listening for the Voice from above.—New Century Leader.

THE HOUSEWIFE

Jesus, teach me how to be
Proud of my simplicity.

Sweep the floors, wash the clothes,
Gather for each vase a rose.

Iron and mend a tiny frock,
Keeping one eye on the clock.

Always having time kept free
For childish questions asked of me.

Grant me wisdom Mary had
When she taught her little Lad.

—Catherine Cate Coblentz

The Great Doctrine of Love

By Thomas H. Dixon
Checotah, Oklahoma

Dear editor, and readers of the Baptist:

If I may have space in the National Weekly Religious Magazine, I will discuss the subject of love.

Text. First John 4: 7-8. "Beloved let us love one another: for every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love." The writer here makes it very plain that if we love God we have had what is called the new birth. If we have not been born again we can not have that brotherly love one for another. Verse 11 reads: "Beloved if God so loved us, we ought to love one another." There must have been some kind of love among the brotherhood or the writer would not put so much emphasis on love. Note verse 12. "No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us." The Spirit of God is in the hearts of those that have been born again, and the Spirit dwelleth in our hearts to give evidence that we are of God. "There is no fear in love; perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love," verse 18 of the above mentioned chapter.

When men do wrong they fear, and that fear hath torment. Why? Because we know that the Law of God is broken, and we are sure that some penalty or punishment are due, and that's what brings about the fear. The same writer says: In verse 20. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar." How plain this is; so if we are born of God we can say we love one another, and tell the truth. Many people say they love God, and testify to his son; but if people say they love God, and keep not his commandments the question is, do they love God? Jesus told a group of Jews: "But I know you, that you have not the love of God in you." If men have not the love of God in them, they will not do what Jesus said do. When one of the scribes asked Jesus to tell him of the greatest commandment. Jesus said. "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy self. There is none other commandment greater than these."

This means to love God is superior of anything else. Show me a group of people that love God with all their hearts, and with all their soul, mind, and strength, and I will show you a group that is praying, and paying. Yes, that group will build churches, they will support the Gospel. They know what it means for ministers to love their loved ones, and go out and beg souls to be saved. We ought to pray that God will give us more men that really love God well enough that they want to see the church of God prosper above everything else in the world. We have lots of people that love God. And we have some that don't love God, or else we ministers have failed to teach them what it means to love God, and keep his commandments.

That wonderful text John gave us: "Beloved let us love one another; for love is of God, and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God, for God is love." You think of a good father, and a good son. His father will say, "Son you do this or you do that," and if the son loves his father, he will go do what ever it is. Our Heavenly Father is talking to us. He tells us what to do, and if we love him we will do what he tells us to do. Hear Jesus in St. John 14: 21: "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." Here Jesus has made a promise that if we keep the commandments the Father would love us, and Jesus said he would love us, and manifest himself to us.

Friends, we like to be loved by our friends, but our friends can just go so far with us. God and the Son can go with us all the way through life, and death. Yes, he says that he will be with us in the sixth trouble, and in the seventh no evil shall touch us. We find it true then that if we love God, we love one another. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor." If we have the love of God in our hearts, we want to see our neighbors prosper, and will take pleasure in helping him to do so. Here Paul in First Cor. 10: 24 say, "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth." Too many people are seeking their own, and are not interested in the welfare of their neighbors. Friends if we can be sure that God loves us we can know that we have the greatest help. He will help us hold up through the great conflict, and battles that are going now.

Think of it! If all the nations would love God, the war would be over. Yes, fathers and mothers would shout because of the returning of millions of the boys coming home. May we, the Church of God, which means all of God's people, pray more earnestly, and do more throughout this year of 1944.

HE BECAME POOR

By William M. Runyan

While oceans crash on granite coasts,
Or wash the silvery sands;
While cloudbursts flood the chasmed vales,
Or showers caress the lands;
Forget not that the Word, made flesh
For man by sin accurst,
Created vast and watery deeps,
And yet He cried, "I thirst!"

While suns and suns wheel on in space
Before the gazing eye,
And stellar splendors tell the soul
Of Christ's infinity,
Remember, He who made the worlds
A gleaming maze of light
Was made a Sacrifice for man
At noonday—turned to night!

—Selected

GOD LOVES YOU

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." —Isa. 1: 18.

One morning in 1863 a steamer came up to the wharf at Norfolk, Virginia, with a very peculiar load of passengers. An exchange of sick and wounded prisoners had taken place between the Union and Confederate armies, and this steamer had brought up from the South several hundred Union soldiers, who had been held by the Confederates in prison hospitals.

Many of them were in a destitute and deplorable condition. Among them was a young man, under twenty, whose suffering from wounds and sickness had weakened his mind. He had been delicately reared in a refined Philadelphia home, and the life in prison barracks and long deprivation of clothing, while his body was covered with sores and vermin, had been intolerable to him. He had had word that an elder brother, a wealthy Philadelphia merchant, would meet him at Norfolk. He said to his comrades, as he received the message, "He will not know me."

Then he told them how beautiful and clean everything was in his brother's home, and asserted strongly that he could never be taken there. They would not have him in the house, he was sure.

"I am so changed," he said, "that William will not know me; and, if he did, he would not take me. I shall go and die in the hospital."

Then the poor boy would weep, as he looked at his filthy, ragged clothing, and thin and wasted form.

As the steamer touched the wharf a well-dressed, strong man sprang upon the deck.

"It was his brother William. He had been waiting for hours for the steamer to arrive. He had a carriage furnished with pillows and blankets to carry his brother to the train. He had secured a furlough from Washington for his brother to go to his home, and, with a face full of eagerness, he passed around the deck, hunting for him. Soon he was by his side. But, sure enough, he did not know him. It was repulsive to him to look upon the wretched object before him. Sores upon the mouth and nose, face sunken and covered with dirt, hair unkempt and fastened to running blotches upon his forehead, feet naked and cracked open with scurvey, clothing a mass of rags, he turned quickly away with an involuntary shudder.

The heart of the poor sick boy sank within him.

"It is just as I expected," he thought; "William doesn't know me, and he was disguested with me. How clean and nice he looks! He can never have me with him as I am now."

So he had not the courage to speak. His brother passed along the second time, and failed to recognize him, and still he dared not speak.

Once more the brother went carefully from soldier to soldier. He had well night come to the conclusion that his brother was not there, and feared that he had probably died upon the passage.

Making one more effort, however, he stood for the third time beside the one he was seeking. He looked at him attentively, but with no sign of recognition.

"Poor fellow," he said pityingly, and was turning away, when a faint cry arrested him.

"William, don't you know me?" was uttered in faltering tones from the trembling lips of the poor sick fellow.

"My dear brother! Why didn't you speak before?" was the reply of the grateful man, as he lifted the emaciated form in his arms, and carried him, rags, filth, sores and all, to his waiting carriage. His strength, his purse, his house, his all, were at the disposal of his poor brother; and the possession of all these never had a higher value in his eyes than now that he could use them on his brother's behalf.

Reader, it may be that the sense of your sinfulness, and degradation, and moral sores of all kinds makes you feel towards the Lord Jesus as this poor soldier felt toward his brother. There is certainly no less contrast between you and Jesus Christ than there was between those two. Were you to be carried as you are, with sins and all, into the presence of the Lord as He is up there in the light and holiness and glory of heaven, you would realize a contrast between you and Him that would make you shrink away.

Yet the Philadelphia merchant, glad as he was to take his brother in his arms and tenderly care for him, was not half so delighted at finding him as the Saviour is delighted at finding one poor sinner who needs Him. Like the shepherd who found his lost sheep and, "Rejoicing," carried it home, so Jesus Christ rejoices at finding a needy, lost sinner. He has done the suffering,—the dying to put away sin—the bearing of its ful penalty; and now that all things are ready, that salvation is finished. He delights to minister it to every sin-sick soul, to every man who is weary of his guilt and shame.

The moment he calls upon the name of the Lord he is welcome to His arms—welcome to His heart, His house, His all.

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SERMONETTE

When did we receive mercy? When we were as bad as we could be. When we were dead in trespasses and sins. When we could not move a finger for our own recovery. Nobody except God in Jesus Christ would have compassionated us. But He did it. He was deterred by our undeservingness. In ourselves we continue capable of all failure, all perversity, and all evil. But His mercy was not exhausted when it forgave us at first through shedding of Christ's precious blood. To this instant it remains available, efficacious, free. It is prepared to take charge of our daily holiness, as well as of our initial righteousness.

—Alexander Smellie.

NEWS AND VIEWS

By Loy Everett Ballard

WE'RE ON OUR WAY! As these words are written the hammers and saws are going on the first project of the building program of the St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church here in Elizabeth City, N. C.—the remodeling of the present building. We are hoping that the work will go on with very little interruption until we have one of the best church plants in the denomination. We have a splendid location, and some of the finest people in the world to work with, and there is no end to the possibilities for the work of the Free Will Baptists here in this thriving city. Pray for us!

ONCE AGAIN! Once again this past Christmas we were able to present our Christmas pageant service, "The Light in the Night!" It looked dark for a while, with half or more of our people sick with flu, and some of the worst weather Elizabeth City has had in many years. We did have to abbreviate the service quite a bit for lack of characters; but once more the Ancient Prophets spoke their message of hope, and the song of the angels reached at least some of "the sad and weary world." We will not forget soon how some of our splendid young people "stuck" with us, despite so many handicaps, to help us "put it over." Notwithstanding the bad weather, a very nice audience was present on Sunday night before Christmas, and showed appreciation for the effort.

IN WESTERN N. C. Our son Beverly (a student at Toccoa Falls Institute in Georgia) was home for Christmas, and the family motored across the state on a flying visit to see "Ma and Pa" Ballard at Weaverville. While our time was too limited for us to visit any of the churches, we did make inquiries, and our hearts were made glad with good reports of the work in some places. We hope to be able to accept invitations given us for revival work in the spring in the mountains, and to have a more vital contact with the work there.

SOUTH NORFOLK. Mrs. Ballard has just returned from a visit to the new Free Will Baptist Church in South Norfolk, Va., where she was called last week by the women to help them get their work properly organized. The folks won her heart! She came back bubbling over with enthusiasm. "The South Norfolk group remind me so much of the East Nashville group a few years ago," says Mrs. Ballard. "They are determined to have them a nice church, and are willing to work for it." She reports that two splendid lots, right in the heart of the city have been purchased and paid for, and the people hope to build at least the first unit of their church during this year. While this church is in Virginia, a goodly part of the membership is from North Carolina, and among them Mrs. Ballard found some with whom we have worked on former pastorates, so she felt at home.

"WHERE ARE YOU?" "We expect to pass through Elizabeth City before long, and would like to know how to find your church," so goes an inquiry just received. Since there is much traveling back and forth from East Carolina and Norfolk, we thought others might be interested in our reply. Our church is open all the time, and passers through are invited to pause and "look us over." Going toward Virginia, you follow U. S. Highway No. 17 right through the heart of the city. You come to Main Street at the New Southern Hotel, and as you cross Main Street our church will be "staring you in the face" on the left corner, one block away. So stop a minute, go into our church, look it over, help yourself to free tracts, etc, in the vestibule, offer a word of prayer. If you have time to visit the pastor's home for a bit, turn to the right at the First Methodist Church, two blocks before you get to Main Street, and drive one block on Church Street to No. 202. If coming from Norfolk, watch for the big sign "New Southern Hotel." Two blocks beyond where you first see it you will find our church on the corner to the right.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Blessings Received

Testimonies given by some of those who attended the Christian Workers' Institute, which came to close last week-end, after a two week's session held in the Kinston Free Will Baptist Church, gives a little of the good things as far as words can express a good thing.

Certainly the Institute was a great blessing. This writer was made to rejoice because of the good fellowship experienced by all who attended. A goodly number were visitors. Others were students, but did not attend regularly, while there were those who took the whole thing through.

Rev. R. C. Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Association, accompanied by Rev. Damon Dodd, and Mrs. Dodd, the latter having charge of the Auxiliary work, brought a part of the Bible College of Nashville, Tenn., to the city of Kinston, which College work was accepted with joy. I am giving a few testimonies which go farther than the book knowledge received.

Testimonies

"The Christian Workers' Institute has been more than just a school to me. Through the inspirational classes we have engaged in, I have been drawn closer to my Lord. With a better knowledge of how to do Christian work, I am resolving to do a better job for my Lord."—Sibyl Roberson.

"We have enjoyed the Christian Workers' Institute more than words can express. The fellowship with other Christian workers has meant much to us. As a result, I want to be a more faithful worker for my Lord and Saviour in the coming year."—Mrs. N. Bruce Barrow.

"The Lord has wonderfully blessed me for the last two weeks at the Christian Workers' Institute held in Kinston. I have been drawn closer to the Lord. I have really felt the power of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord continue to bless the work,

along with the faculty, Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd and Rev. R. B. Crawford, is my prayer."—Theron J. Paramore.

"It is a pleasure, and a blessed one, to see the Christian Workers' Institute in action. Visions have been broadened, new knowledge has made hearts happier and God's word dearer, and fellowship has caused life to be fuller these days."—N. B. Barrow.

"I was indeed grateful of the opportunity of attending the Christian Workers' Institute held in our church in Kinston, N. C.

Surely God was in our midst. It was sweet fellowship through all classes. I can truly say I have felt nearer to God since attending this Institute."—Mrs. J. E. Harris.

"The blessings received by attending the Christian Workers' Institute, which was held in the F. W. B. Church in Kinston, were so wonderfully great that I find myself void of words to express these blessings. May the day soon come when another such Institute will be held in Eastern North Carolina, which time I hope to see and share the blessings thereof."—Mrs. Bertha D. Griffin.

The Fifth Eastern Union

The Union Meeting of the Fifth District of North Carolina was held with the church at Arapahoe the 29th. The Spirit of the Lord moved greatly from the beginning to the end.

There were so many good things said and done that we do not have the space to give it in its entirety. But we shall touch the high places.

The Moderator, Rev. Clifton Rice, presided with the greatest of efficiency. Brother Rice called for a motion that did away with the Devotional committee and Rev. Damon Dodd was elected to bring the morning Gospel message. Brother Dodd accepted and brought an inspiring message from the words of Paul as written, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2: 20.

In part Brother Dodd said, "Christ wore the crown of thorns that I should have worn. He was nailed to the cross for me."

Brother Dodd reversed, in which Paul said, "Not I, but Christ" and said, "Not Christ, but I, have been, our motto." The present world crisis was summed up to be brought about, by men saying "Not Christ, but I." Throughout the entire message Brother Dodd held the congregation to the heights of attention.

Representation

The churches that represented did well with the finance as well as good reports of work being done. Brother Rom W. Mallard, said, "The receipts are the most that I have known since I have been Secretary." This is not a wild guess. Brother Mallard knew.

The distributing of the money received was to the orphanage, missions, and other worthy causes.

An offering was made to the Unified Program of the National Association. This was another forward move for the expansion of the Gospel of Christ. When we give to the Unified Program we are helping in the biggest way that Free Will Baptists have known, according to our judgment. It seems to be a little hard to get started, but it will go.

The people of Arapahoe Church and community spread a real old-fashioned picnic dinner on the grounds where every body could eat to his filling. There was food left. So, the fellowship was great in the temporal things, as well as in the spiritual.

The next Union Meeting is to convene with the church at Dublin Grove, Beaufort County. This is a good place to go to, and we predict a great Union Meeting to be had at the next session.

The Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention

The Sunday School Convention of the Fifth District of the Eastern Conference convened with the church at Arapahoe last Sunday in connection with, or a follower of the Union Meeting.

The attendance was good. The local community served well as a hostess. The physical side was above par. But the greatest and most interesting fact is that the Holy Spirit seemed to permeate the whole session

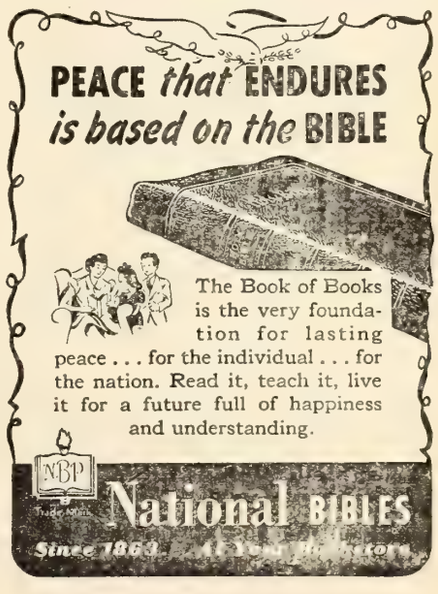
Rev. L. H. Wetherington taught the Sunday School lesson to the congregation and the writer of Notes and Quotes preached the regular convention sermon, using as a subject, "Fruit Bearing," for which Scripture in John 15: 1-15 was used as a basis.

Brother C. J. Hines, the president, and Brother Earl Hanson, Secretary, filled their places efficiently.

Programs were rendered by the Union Chapel, and the Arapahoe Sunday Schools. These were inspiring and very helpful to the cause. Union Chapel represented with about thirty of its members and traveled a distance of approximately forty miles, the distance traveled, the number present, and their record of work in the home school gave them just a little better report than Gethsemane which resulted in Gethsemane losing the banner which they had received at the last Convention.

An offering for the Orphanage of $50.00 was made, which enlarged from the Treasury to the amount of $25.00, thus making a total $75.00 to be applied on purchase of the new farm. Also, another $25.00 membership in the Church Finance Association was taken, which when finished will give the Convention four memberships.

In all it was an enjoyable and profitable **Convention.**



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

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Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
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MISSIONARY NEWS

The work in our foreign mission department continues to go forward in a very definite way. For this we praise the Lord and thank our people for their continued response.

I have just recently returned from the town of Milo, Iowa, where I went to confer with a Miss Olive Vansyoc relative to becoming teacher of the Willey children in Cuba. Miss Vansyoc was recommended to us by the Christian Workers Bureau of Moody Institute. I found her, in my judgment, thoroughly qualified for this place in every way. She had three and one half years college, then taught eight and one-half years, and then had two years in Moody Institute; graduating from Moody in 1942. I found her to be a devoted Christian, and agreed to the Free Will Baptist doctrine in every particular. She is to become a member of the Free Will Baptist church immediately upon her arrival in Cuba. She is now making preparations for going down, and expects to be going soon as she is able to obtain her passport. A teacher for this place has been a long and urgent need. We are thankful that plans are now so definitely in the making for the filling of this place. Miss Olive will of course do other work also, other than teaching Tommie and Barbara, soon as she can begin to get hold of the language. Her picture appears with this article.

Some very sad news came over the wire from India recently informing us of the passing of Rev. H. M. Clay of Kotagiri. Brother Clay is the missionary who has been seeing after the work which Sister Barnard had established when she left there. He has been handling our funds and giving all the attention possible to the work while Miss Barnard has been in the states and unable to get passage back to the India field. Bro. Clay was not a Free Will Baptist Missionary; but he was certainly doing us a great good, and we are going to feel the loss keenly. But, we must say with one of old, "the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."



Miss Vansyoc

In August I wrote the National Christian Council of India, Burma, and Ceylon requesting their advice as to opening up a work in India, particularly in Purnea District of Bihar Province. Just had an answer to that letter this week which sounds favorable. They are getting in touch with the Bihar Christian Council and will let us know their reaction soon as possible.

The work with the School in Cuba goes forward. $3,000.00 of the $5,000.00 goal has been reached. The Willeys and the native workers have been and are working hard. The field in Cuba is broadening, new preaching points are opening up. Never before have the Free Will Baptist had any greater challenge than the one which is crying out to us in Cuba.

Miss Bessie Yeley, who went to Cuba last spring, is becoming very much adjusted to the work. She has recently moved to a field where she is to take full charge. Until this move she has been living near the Willeys, assisting them at various preaching points, and helping Sister Willey with teaching the children.

I have just recently made out my semi-annual financial report which appeared lately in the Baptist. I hope you paid very close attention to the report. Also in connection with this article I am giving a list of the suggested quotas for each state which were set at the National Association in July. I am sure you noticed in the semi-annual report how our people in the various states are awakening to the great missionary movement. Praise the Lord for it! Notice how some of the states in this first six months have gone away over half their suggested quota. Some have nearly completed their quota already. While some of course are falling behind. But I believe you are going to do more in the last half of the associational year than you have done the first half. You who have come so near reaching your quota just come right on. It will be so much the better if you give twice the amount. In fact we need to build an extensive treasury. Our monthly receipts should run into the thousands. We are going to see a world unusually ripe for missionary work after this war is over. God help us as a denomination to be ready to strike hard when the hour arrives. As there is so much talk now days about post war plans and prospects, let us, as a people anxious to spread the gospel of our Christ, look upon the post war days with a missionary eye. As our school in Nashville qualifies missionaries from the home land, and our school in Cuba qualifies native missionaries, let us at the same time build up a treasury so as to be able to send them support when the war is over. But as you give don't fail to pray, and, are you willing to go?

Let us dedicate our every denominational power and resources to this

one specific purpose, that is, the salvation of the lost.

Suggested State quotas for the year were set as follows:

Missouri	$ 3,500.00
North Carolina	3,000.00
Oklahoma	1,000.00
Tennessee	900.00
Ohio	600.00
Illinois	500.00
Michigan	500.00
Texas	500.00
Georgia	400.00
Alabama	300.00
Kentucky	300.00
South Carolina	300.00
Virginia	250.00
Mississippi	200.00
Florida	150.00
West Virginia	150.00
Total	$12,550.00

Yours for the gospel to the whole world,

Winford Davis,
Chairman-Treasurer

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THE CALL TO MISSIONS

Within my heart "a still small voice" I hear.
It calls—it calls again—it calls me where?
To some foreign land my Lord may want me go
The Way of Life to tell to those who do not know.

I hesitate—fear grips my heart—"Lord, I cannot go."
What's that? Ye are not your own, you know.
I shed my blood on cruel Calvary
That all men everywhere might be made free.

Yes, Christ shed His blood to give Eternal Life to All,
Dare I claim it and fail to answer this Call
To carry to others this precious message, too?
No, Lord, I could not fail and to Thee be true.

Myself, my all I give into thy nail-scarred hands.
Break me, melt me, mould me according to Thy plans.
I know that where you lead will be for me the best,
Help me go according to Thy plans is my request.

Gertrude Bowe,
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JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls
Greenville, N. C., R. 5

"Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and I will not keep anger forever" (Jeremiah 3: 12). I am aware of the fact that lots of backsliders have slid back so far that they don't subscribe to any church paper.

So, if you people who read this, happen to know of a backslider, will you please give them your paper, and ask them to read this article, and all the other articles, too?

Now we will notice that the above text referred to a nation, (the Jews), but it applies to individuals too. We know a backslider, whether nation or individual, is someone who has made certain vows or promises to the Lord, we'll say when they united with some local branch of the church. For a while they lived up to those vows, but after a while we visualize them gradually drifting off by degrees until they have finally backsliden from every promise they made.

But in my feeble way I would like to say to all who have backsliden from their obligations to the Lord, whether by strong drink, profane language, non-support to their local church or non-attendance at their respective places of worship or any other way, that the Lord still loves them, tho He does not love the way some of us do.

The first thing for a backslider to do is for him to obey the first three words in the above text. We don't have any promise that the Lord will withhold His anger unless we return, neither are we promised any mercy from the Lord unless we return.

Did you know Jonah was a backslider? Perhaps he had not made any vows to the Lord, but the Lord gave Jonah some preaching to do. We don't know whether Jonah felt his inability to preach why he set sail for Tarshish or not, any way, he was a backslider, but as is always the case we find Jonah paying DEAR for his backsliding.

There are several GREAT characters in the Old and New Testaments who at some time in their lives were backsliders. I have already spoken of Jonah from the Old Testament. Now, let us get a bird's eye view of St. Peter on that eventful night when he backslid. If we read St. Matthew 26: 33, we will find the promises or vows that Peter made to Jesus. Now read verse 24 of the above quoted chapter and you will get the full account of how far Peter backslid from his vows.

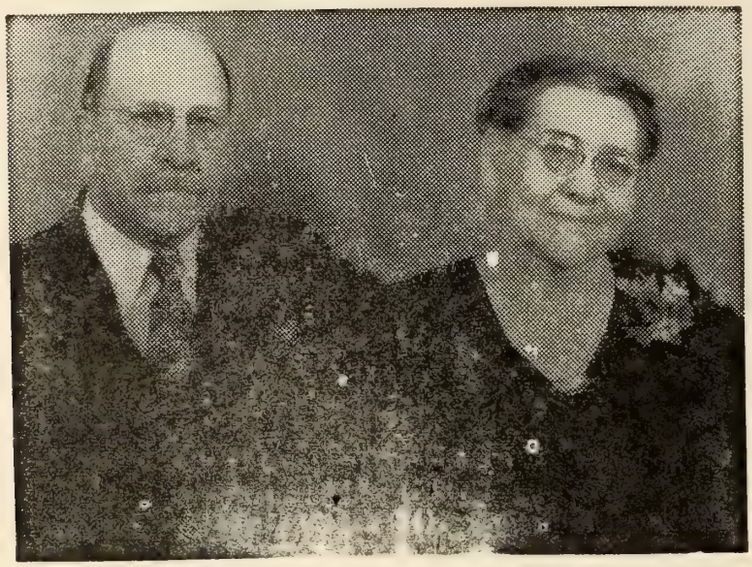
As I said above, the Lord loves backsliders, but He doesn't love them if they forever stay backsliders. He knows the weakness of mortal flesh, but He has promised that if we return to Him He will return to us or come to meet us with a welcome back home, as is so clearly taught in the parable of the prodigal son, St. Luke 15: 20. If we are backsliders let us do as the prodigal son did, return to our Father in heaven for the kiss, the ring, the robe and feast.

THE BOOK THAT SPEAKS

William Canton tells in one of his books of how a Bechuana tribesman stood puzzled before a family group in the kraal. "What are those things you are turning over and over?" he asked. "Is it food?" "No, it is the Word of God." "Why do you talk to it?" "We do not talk to the Book; it is talking to us." "Does it speak?" "Yes, it speaks to the heart." There is no book like the one Book for reaching the heart's hidden depths with the most wonderful message that ever was given for our learning and comfort.—A. F. C., in Christian Herald.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Reverend and Mrs. W. E. Anderson of Morehead City, North Carolina, and formerly of Wendell, North Carolina, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, January 23, 1944, in the town of Wendell, at the Woman's Club. Although no invitations were sent, there were a large number of old friends and relatives who called by to see them between the hours of 3:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon, and from 7:00 to 9:00 in the evening. It had been requested in advance that no gifts be sent to them on this auspicious occasion.



Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Anderson

Receiving with them were their eight children, and sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, and several of their grandchildren. Their names are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Liles, Fitzgerald, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Baldree, Morehead City, North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Anderson, High Point; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Anderson, Bahama, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Anderson, Durham, N. C.; Mrs. Evelyn Anderson White, Bahama, N. C.; Mrs. C. C. Chables, Richmond, Va.; Miss Martha Anderson, Baltimore, Md.; and Mrs. C. H. Anderson, Richmond, Va.

Brother W. E. Anderson was ordained in the Wendell Church on November 16, 1895, by the Ordaining Council of the Original Free Will Baptist church to preach the gospel. The Ordaining Council members were Elder E. T. Phillips, P. T. Lucas and B. W. Tippette. Since his ordination he has been active in the gospel ministry for around forty-eight years. He has pastored churches in various sections of the State of North Carolina, and in other adjoining states. Brother Anderson has been successful in the gospel ministry both in rural and city churches, and has achieved much success in advancing the cause of Christ in the world. He has held important places from time to time on committees and has taken an active part in the different church bodies in the State of North Carolina. He has been a very good friend to the Orphanage at Middlesex.

Several years ago, Brother Anderson moved his family to Ayden so that he might be able to better prepare himself for the gospel ministry by enrolling as a student in the Ayden Theological Seminary. While living in the town he applied himself, on every occasion, to advance in the school by studying hard the courses which he pursued in Bible study, as well as other courses of instruction which he pursued during the time he lived in Ayden.

Brother Anderson is now seventy-one years old, and is very active in the gospel ministry. His is an exception, when it comes to a charming personality, good mixer with both friends and strangers, and a deeply consecrated man of God. Everyone who knows him well has learned to love him as a faithful soldier of the cross. His very presence radiates that good-will and happiness which all seem to enjoy in such a character. He has been pastoring the Morehead City church for near ten years, and has done a good work there with those consecrated people. They seem not to have any notion of letting him leave them yet, but to stand with him and to go forward in the work for the glory of God and the salvation of lost souls.—Editor.

FACE TO FACE

Two infidels once sat in a railroad train discussing Christ's wonderful life. One of them said, "I think an interesting romance could be written about Him." The other replied, "And you are just the man to write it. Set forth the correct view of His life and character. Tear down the prevailing sentiment as to His divineness and paint Him as He was—a man among men." The suggestion was acted upon and the romance was written. The man who made the suggestion was Colonel Ingersoll; the author was General Lew Wallace; and the book was Ben Hur. In the process of constructing it he found himself facing the unaccountable Man. The more he studied His life and character the more profoundly he was convinced that He was more than a man among men; until at length, like the centurion under the cross, he was constrained to cry, "Verily, this was the Son of God!"—D. J. Burrell.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to say that my health is much better now, and that I am able to serve as supply pastor for any of our ministers in eastern North Carolina, in cases in which a brother minister should desire me to go to fill his appointment at any time.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

M. A. Woodard

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor

New Bern, N. C.

REPORT OF BRIDGETON AUXILIARY

The Bridgeton F. W. B. Missionary Society held its annual meeting with the President, Mrs. Earl Hansen, on Thursday evening, January 6, 1944. This Society was organized five years ago at Mrs. Hansen's home and each January since then we have held our anniversary meeting with her. The devotion was led by Mrs. J. R. Bennett, whose subject was "Grandly Begin." At the close of the devotions each member gave her New Year's resolution, each resolving to be more loyal to the Sunday School class, out of which this society grew, and to study and increase in knowledge during the coming year. During the business session the following yearly reports were given:

Amount of money raised for

Dues	$ 42.30
Missions	30.00
Education	14.60
Building Fund	92.06
Orphanage	25.00
Superannuation	4.10
Miscellaneous	35.00
Total	$243.06

Officers for the New Year were elected, and the meeting was adjourned after which we enjoyed a delightful social hour, at which time the hostess presented Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, the Class Teacher, a beautiful cake on which were five lighted candles, representing the five years our Missionary Society has been in operation. This cake was given in appreciation for her nine years of faithful service as teacher of the Young Women's Sunday School Class. Our pastor, Rev. J. C. Griffin, was present with us and took part in the activities of the meeting.

Mrs. Ethel Hansen,
President,

Mrs. J. R. Bennett,
Secretary

Christ died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. I Thess. 5: 10.

When from the dust of death I rise
To take my mansion in the skies,
E'en then shall this be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, hath died for me.

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Acts 7: 59

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that morn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Isa. 61: 2, 3.

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The characters are taken from the Scriptures and the scene represents Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, her sister, the wife of Cleopas, John and other disciples. The women are lamenting the shattering of their hopes. They are solicitous about Mary. Scene two introduces the soldiers, chief priests and others, who begin to doubt the wisdom of what they have done. In scene three the characters continue to lament the death of the Lord, until a lad appears with wonderful news. The Lord had risen! The last scene is one of triumph and joy. Price, each, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.; per hundred, $6.00.

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By Marie Graham

An Easter Pageant which may, or may not, be used in connection with the observance of the communion service.

The action, which is simple, but tremendously effective, is centered around the cross. Seven characters from varied conditions of life bring their troubles to the cross and find in the "seven last words of Christ" an adequate solution. The script and music reveal the intensity of each episode. For this reason the small congregation, where there may not be a profusion of dramatic talent, will find it as suitable as the large church. Price, each, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

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Through Darkness to Light

By Mrs. Charles A. Mitchell

A pageant that contrasts the hopelessness of life, had there been no resurrection, with the hope and joy and confidence of belief in a risen Christ. Price, 10c. each; $1.00 a dozen.

TWO NEW MINISTERS ORDAINED

The Ordaining Council of the Piedmont (Original) F. W. B. Assciation met in legal session in Kannapolis, North Carolina, at Mount Zion Church on January 22, 1944.

By virtue of authority vested in them, the members of the Council ordained Reverend Roy Richard and Reverend Wade Talbert to the full gospel ministry of the Word of God.

The Ordaining Council also received the transfer of Sherman H. Oakes from the Rock Fish Association, and E. O. Connelly from the Western Association.

Sherman H. Oakes delivered the charge to the newly-ordained ministers. He used the Apostle Paul's letter to Timothy as the basis of his charge. The message covered nearly every phase of the minister and his work.

Reverend J. J. Brooks is pastor of the host church, and he is doing a great work for the Lord, and the Free Will Baptist denomination. They have a fine brick veneered church with ample Sunday School rooms

Sherman H. Oakes

THE WORD IN ACTION

A famous preacher tells the story of a schoolboy who was brought to trust the Saviour through that wonderful verse, John 5: 24: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

When the boy got home, and was sitting on a sofa in a room by himself, Satan began to tempt him to think it was all a mistake, and that Jesus had not really saved him at all. At length the temptation became so fierce that the boy said it seemed as though the devil was actually under the sofa talking to him. For a while the young Christian did not know how to answer Satan; but then he thought of an idea. Opening pocket Bible, he placed his finger at John 5: 24,and reached it down under the sofa, and said, "There you are, Satan, read it for yourself!" The boy said that it seemed as if at that moment the devil disappeared. — Christian Herald.

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By F. J. Worrall

Probably the most primitive bird in the world is the Kiwi, or apteryx, a native of New Zealand.

About the size of a domestic fowl, it lays one or two enormous eggs a year.

It is tailless, practically wingless, and has coarse, hairlike feathers. Though its legs are short, it runs rapidly. It has a short neck and a long bill with nostrils at the tip and it makes sounds resembling the growls of a dog.

Then, in West Africa and Southeastern Asia, we find the pangolins, rarely seen, however, because they are nocturnal by habit and hide during the day.

Absolutely toothless and unable to fight, they baffle their enemies by rolling into a tight ball, encased in impenetrable armor of sharp horny scales which cover them from nose to tail tip. They live on ants which they capture with their long tongues by digging in the soil.

The hyrax or "rock rabbit" is found in Africa, Arabia, and Syria. In superficial appearance it resembles the domestic rabbit; also in size and habits, though it lives in rock places. However, it is believed to be more closely related to the rhinoceros, taipr, and horse because of a similarity in formation of its teeth and feet.

There are many others seldom seen, either because of their scarcity or the fact that they live in inaccessible places, such as the proboscis monkey of Borneo, the spectacled bear of the Peruvian Andes. and the duckbill.

Probably the queerest of all is the duckbilled playpus of Australia, which is a cross between a bird, a mammal and a reptile, in character. It is built for the land and water.

Like the duck, it has web-feet, a beak, and lays eggs. It is the only poisonous mammal in the world. On its hind legs are spurs connected by long tubes to poisonous glands near the thighs. Te poison, though apparently seldom used, resembles snake poison.

It has hair and feeds its young from the breast. It has a pouch on the stomach in which the eggs are hatched, and it growls like a puppy.

In spite of its eccentric appearance it is a timid creature. Once captured it is easily tamed and is found to be quite intelligent.—Our Dumb Animals.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

I say to thee, do thou repeat
To the first man thou mayest meet
In lane, highway, or open street—

That he and we and all men move
Under a canopy of love,
As broad as the blue sky above;

That doubt and trouble, fear and pain
And anguish, all are shadows vain,
That death itself shall not remain;

That weary deserts we may tread,
A dreary labyrinth may thread,
Thro' dark ways underground be led;

Yet, if we will one Guide obey,
The dreariest path, the darkest way
Shall issue out in heavenly day;

And we, on divers shores now cast,
Shall meet, our perilous voyage past,
All in our Father's house at last,

And ere thou leave him, say thou this,
Yet one word more—they only miss
The winning of that final bliss,

Who will not count it true, that Love,
Blessing, not cursing, rules above,
And that in it we live and move.

And one thing further make him know,
That to believe these things are so,
This firm faith never to forego,

Despite of all which seems at strife
With blessing, all with curses rife,
That this is blessing, this is life.

—Archbishop Trench

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JESUS ON THE MOUNTAIN AND IN THE VALLEY

(Lesson for February 13)

Lesson: Mark 9: 2-8, 17-27.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

In one respect at least, the father whose son was so fearfully afflicted (Mark 9: 18, 20, 22, 25) was a pattern for fathers in our own day—he **brought his son to Jesus** (vs. 17). He made the not uncommon mistake of going to the **wrong person,** at first (vs. 18; comp. II Kings 5: 6, 7) but though disappointed by the failure of the disciples, he did not go away but waited for the coming of the Master. All parents desire **the best** for both the bodies and souls of their children —they should be encouraged to take them **direct** to Jesus. His followers often fail, even when they do **their best**—Jesus never fails (Is. 42: 4).

Between hope and despair, the father made a pathetic appeal which suggests that he would have been grateful for "anything" even if it were not the **Lord's best**; also that he supposed that even the Lord may have reached the **limit** of **His power.** Others had proved unable (Mark 9: 18) though they had known success in previous cases (Mark 6: 13). Perhaps as the affliction of his son was of such long standing (chap. 9: 21) and so complicated (vs. 25; Matt. 17: 15) he feared that his case was hopeless. The doubt which was implied in his appeal ("If Thou canst"—vs. 22) was immediately challenged by the Lord who showed the father that the **lack** was in **his faith;** there was ample **power** available to heal his son (vs. 23). His cry was both a confession of the feebleness of his faith and a prayer for help (vs. 24) and brought the deliverance he sought (vss. 25-27). (A permanent cure—vs. 25). **Prayerless** disciples are sure to fail (vs. 29); a father's prayer—**feeble** in faith but **strong** in affection—**must** prevail.

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II. Sentence Sermons

1. It takes time to go aside with the Lord Jesus, but it is time well spent (vs. 2).

2. The glorified Lord is best seen when we are alone with Him (vs. 3).

3. No brightness of earth can compare with the brightness that comes from Heaven (vs. 3).

4. The message of the Law and the Prophets (Moses and Elias) centers in the person of Christ (vs. 4).

5. Glorious experiences are not given merely for enjoyment, but to prepare us for service and sacrifice (vs. 5).

6. Human understanding becomes confused in the light of Heaven (vs. 6).

7. Even clouds are welcome, if out of them we hear the Father's voice (vs. 7).

8. The Father's testimony centers in His Son (vs. 7).

9. God's chief request of us is that we should obey His Son (vs. 7).

10. The more obedient we are to Christ the less we will watch others (vs. 8).

11. The transfigured Christ is a picture of resurrection glory (vs. 9).

12. A Christian's failure is readily noticed by the unbelieving world (vs. 14).

13. Jesus is sure to appear when we most keenly realize our helplessness (vs. 15).

14. A mere knowledge of the letter of the Word may produce carping critics, such as the scribes were (vs. 16).

15. A true father will grieve over the pitiful condition of his unsaved child and bring him to Christ in prayer (vs. 17).

16. The devil is pleased when he can despoil the image of God (vss. 18, 22).

17. The devil seeks desperately to hold whatever he has unlawfully seized (vs. 19).

18. The devil begins his destructive work in young children (vs. 21).

19. The devil loses his power where there is faith in Christ (vss. 23, 24).

20. The devil must obey when the Lord commands (vss. 25, 26).

21. The devil would rather kill a man than release his hold upon him (vs. 26).

22. The devil's power of death is broken when Jesus is present (vs. 27).

23. These and many more **vital** truths may be found in our **Advanced** and **Senior** Quarterlies. Make five Sentence Sermons of your own.

III. The Transfiguration and Prayer

The transfiguration took place while our Lord was engaged in **prayer.** He went up into a mountain to **pray,** "and as He prayed, the fashion of His countenance was altered" (Lu. 9: 29). Was this not to teach us the **value of prayer** in relation to our own transfiguration? There are men of God in whose faces we have caught a glimpse of Heavenly glory; they are men who live in very intimate communion with God. A devoted missionary declared that he was first drawn to Christ by the radiance of his father's face when he came forth from a time of prayer. When we leave the world behind us, and in the secret chamber wait patiently for God, and quietly reflect on the tremendous fact that we are alone with God, then we are lifted out of ourselves, our cares and trials, and the room is filled with the glory of His presence. It is on our knees when God is very real and near to us that the soul is blessed, and the face transfigured. We are reminded in our lesson, that **lack** of prayer was one of the causes why the disciples failed to heal the lad of his malady, bringing disappointment to a father's heart, and such glee to the enemies of Christ.

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"Lord, help me to live from day
to day,
In such a self-forgetful way,
That even when I kneel to pray,
My prayers may be for **others**!"

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OBITUARIES

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PARAMORE. On October 10, 1943, a shadow of sadness fell over the home of W. D. Harris and took from this earth the spirit of their mother, sister Maggie Paramore. She was a kind and loving mother and was loved by all who knew her. Sister Paramore had been in ill health for several years, and all was done for her that loving hands could do but God loved her best and took her home.

She was a member of Dawson's Grove Church near Enfield. She was 81 years old. She leaves to mourn her loss one son: Major Paramore; four daughters, Mrs. W. D. Harris, Mrs. J. B. Bland, Miss Mamie Paramore, and Mrs. Mike Mooskin; 36 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Harris, near Enfield, on Monday afternoon by the Rev. R. P. Harris, Free Will Baptist minister. Interment followed at Parker's Chapel Cemetery near Greenville, beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

Some day we hope to meet her,
When trials of life are fled;
Inside pearly gates of heaven,
Where no farewell tears are shed.

—Written by a friend of the family,
Mrs. Martha A. Harris.

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HARRIS. Billy Harris was called to his home in heaven to rest on January 7, 1944. He leaves father, mother, one brother, and one sister. Billy was only six years old. We are all grieved at his passing, as well as his dear mother and father, sister, and brother. We know your burden is great, and we would help you bear it if we could. We ask you to look to Jesus. He is your all in all, for He has promised to be with you and not forsake you. We all feel sure Billy is resting in the sunlight of our Blessed Saviour.

'Tis hard to break the tender cord
When love has bound the heart;
'Tis hard to speak the word—
We must forever part.

The golden gate was open wide,
A gentle voice said come;
An angel from the other side
Welcomed our loved one home.

—written by his Great Aunt,
Mrs. Martha A. Harris.

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FRANKS. David Webster Franks died on January 16, 1943, after being struck by a car in the town of Vanceboro, North Carolina. He was a member of Macedonia Church, at Ernul, for 45 years. He has been greatly missed at the church, and in the community. He was loved by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, ten children, and a number of grandchildren. The funeral services were conducted in the church by his former pastor, Rev. M. C. Prescott, assisted by Rev. R. B. Spencer, the present pastor.

His remains were laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers in Cedar Cemetery in New Bern.—Mrs. Clyde Spruill.

In Memoriam

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead,—he is just away!
With a cheery smile, and a wave of the hand,

He has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there,
And you, O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old time step and the glad return,
Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of there as the love of here;
Think of him still as the same, I say:
He is not dead—he is just away!

—James Whitcomb Riley

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TYNDALL. It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write the death of my dear Mother, Mrs. Ida Taylor Tyndall. She was born on January 20, 1873, and died on October 30, 1943, at Parrott's Hospital in Kinston, North Carolina.

She had been in ill health for a long time with high blood pressure, and her death was not unexpected. All was done for her that doctors, nurses, loved ones and friends could do, but all to no avail.

It was sad to stand by the bedside and to watch her go, but the Lord saw fit to take her with Him, where there is no sickness, but all is sunshine and peace.

She united with the Free Will Baptist church at Christian Chapel several years ago, and her funeral was conducted in the church by her pastor, Rev. S. A. Smith, after which she was laid to rest in the family cemetery under a beautiful mound of flowers, which were the last tribute of loved ones and friends.

She was the Mother of ten children, one of whom preceded her to the grave some years ago. Those left to mourn their loss are: Julia of the home, Andrew and Oscar of Deep Run, Private William B., U. S. Army, Fort Dix, New Jersey, Mrs. Ellen Howard, Mrs. Thurman Stroud, Mrs. W. A. Sutton, and Frank Tyndall of Pink Hill, and Mrs. Leslie Kennedy, Beulaville, N. C.

We have lost our loving Mother,
Home is dark and empty now;
And our hearts are filled with sorrow,
But to Jesus we humbly bow.

Mother, dear, has gone to heaven,
To that home where angels dwell;
May we all go there to meet her
Never more to say farewell.

—Written by her daughter,
Mrs. Leslie Kennedy.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to her heavenly reward, our faithful member and co-worker, Sister Daisy Avery, be it resolved:

First, That we, the members of the Ladies Aid of Wintergreen Church, do bow in humble submission to His will. We feel keenly our loss which is her eternal gain. We miss her but her Christian character will be an inspiration to us all;

Second, That we extend to her family our sincere sympathy, and commend them to the God of love and mercy, who is able to comfort and keep them in a time of trouble and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy sent to the Free Will Baptist Press and a copy be recorded in our minutes of the Ladies Aid.

Mrs. H. L. Turnage,
Secretary of the Aid Society

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BEACHAM. Our heavenly Father in His mercy saw fit to call my Father, William Thomas Beacham, to his heavenly reward. He was sick for only a short time. He had been a patient in the State Hospital for six years, and God saw fit to take him out of his suffering.

He was 66 years old and had been a member of the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church for twenty-three years. Prior to this time he had been a member of the Methodist Church since he was a boy.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, two children, three grandchildren, and other relatives. Rev. Clifton Rice conducted his funeral at the church, and his remains were laid to rest in the Paul Cemetery.

Jesus called our loved one,
Ever with Him to dwell;
He is at home now with King Immanu

—Written by his daughter,
(Miss) Mattie Mae Beacham.

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GODWIN. On October 31, 1943, the Lord saw fit to send His angel and call our dear Father, Mr. Albert Godwin, home to rest in peace. He was a good and faithful member of Beaver Dam Baptist Church. He was always punctual to his church,

ready to do his part. But one day the call came, and he was laid to rest in the Mercer Cemetery.

His funeral was conducted by his former pastor, Rev. J. A. Hucks of Conway, S. C. A profusion of lovely flowers was a symbol of the great love held for him, which were given by friends and loved ones.
—Written by his daughter,
Mrs. J. G. McPherson.

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JOSEPH B. STOCKS KILLED IN ACTION

On September 17, 1943, our son, Pvt. Joseph B. Stocks, Jr., gave his life serving our country. His was a life just begun, for he was just 20 years old. He had been serving his country three years and three months when God called him home.

Joseph volunteered for service on June 18, 1940, and was a paratrooper in the 307 Engineering Battalion in Italy when he was killed in action. He was born in Athens, Georgia, on March 13, 1923, but had lived in the Bethany community, S. C., since early childhood where he was loved and admired by all who knew him, as a young man of a very outstanding character. His untimely death came as a great sorrow to his many relatives and friends.

On January 2, 1944, a very sweet and impressive memorial service was held for him at Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, of which he was a member. The memorial services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. G. C. Vause, and Capt. Kirk, Chaplain from the Florence air base.

J. B. leaves to mourn their loss his Father, Mother, a sister, and three brothers.

In Memoriam

Just three months have passed,
With sorrow and sadness filled;
Since that little slip of paper came
Saying our darling had been killed.

"Killed in action," it said,
Answering his country's call;
Giving his life for our freedom,
Serving us—one and all.

May he not have died in vain;
May Old Glory never fade
That the bells of freedom shall ring
Through the decade.

There's a gold star in our flag,
Put there just for you;
And it shines so very brightly
Amongst the Red, White and Blue.

They sent us a Purple Heart,
"Awarded your Son for bravery," they said;
I'm so proud of it, My Son,
I'll wear it in your stead.

You're not dead, only sleeping,
For how could you be;
With your memory living in our hearts
Through all eternity.

"Grieve not, as one having no hope," God says,
These things are my will;
Only put your trust in Me
I'll your hearts with comfort fill.

It had been so long since we had seen you,
But we remember with care;
Your loving thoughts and deeds,
And that sweet smile on your face so fair.

We wanted you back my darling,
And we know you wanted to come, too;
But someone had to give their life for Old Glory,
And the Red, White and Blue.

I don't know why that one had to be you,
It's hard to understand;
I only know God must have needed you
Over in the other land.

But our hearts are filled with pride,
For our Son so brave;
Who for love of his country
His life so bravely he gave.

We know not where your grave is,
Perhaps on Italy's sod;
But it doesn't seem to hurt as bad,
When we think of your spirit with God.

God bless you, my darling,
Way up in heaven so fair;
Watching and waiting for loved ones left behind
God's glories with us to share.
Keep watching and waiting, my Son,
We're coming some day, never fear;
For we're choosing the pathway to glory,
To be with our Saviour and loved ones up there.

From a Mother's heart,
Mrs. Wilma Stokes.

PRAYER

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them friend?
For so the whole round earth is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

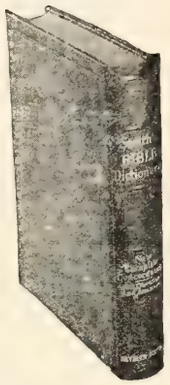
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"Come ye after me," Jesus said one morning to Simon and Andrew as they sat on the shore casting their nets into the water. "Come ye after me," He said to James and John as they sat in the boat with their father, mending their nets. And the four men followed Him. "Come ye after me," He said on another day to eight more men who were listening to every word He said and watching everything He did. And these eight men followed Him too.

The world was full of people who needed help. Some were sad. Some were sinful. Some were sick. Jesus wanted to make the sad people glad. He wanted to make the sinful people good. And He wanted to make the sick people well. He wanted the world to be full of happy, good, strong people. To do this He needed helpers. So He chose these twelve men.

"These are the twelve apostles' names:
Simon Peter, Andrew, John and James.
To two pair of brothers who fished by the sea,
Jesus said, 'Come ye after me.'
James the Less and Jude were called, too,
Philip also, and Bartholomew,
Matthew, and Thomas who doubted His word,
Simon, and Judas who sold his Lord."

For a long time Jesus took these twelve men with Him. He was the teacher, they were the pupils. Wherever He went, whatever He did, these men went with Him, watching and learning. When He raised people from the dead, when He healed sick people, when He forgave sins, when He told beautiful stories, they were with Him, always learning.

One day He called the twelve men to Him. It was time now for them to go out and do the things He had taught them. "Go forth," He said, "and, as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Say to the people, Repent; be sorry for your sins and do right."

As they started, He gave them something which He had never given any one before. He gave them power to do things like He Himself did as God's Son. He gave them power to heal the sick and raise the dead. As they started He said to them: "Freely ye received, freely give."

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By Edith Alice Bang

Be brave, dear heart,
For there are those who care
That all your path winds up a rocky steep;
That set apart,
With grief that none can share,
You smile at us, although your heart may weep.

We are so slow
To help, to understand;
We seem bereft of words we long to say;
But this we know,
The Christ will take your hand
And lead you on your solitary way.

"Come unto me"...
Through clouds His star has shone;
His love has led you through the darkest day,
And you now know
A peace you had not known
Before you met the Christ along the way.

Be this your part—
To bear the warrior's load
Of grief and pain; doubt not the Father's love;
We know, dear heart,
The weary, thornhedged road
Will lead at last to that bright home above.

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"Lord Jesus, make Thyself to me
A living, bright Reality;
More present to faith's vision keen
Than any earthly object seen;
More dear, more intimately nigh
Than e'en the dearest earthly tie."

DISAPPOINTMENT—HIS APPOINTMENT

"He performeth the thing that is appointed for me."—Job 23: 14.

"Disappointment—His **appointment,"**
Change one letter, then I see
That the thwarting of my purpose
Is God's better choice for me.
His appointment must be blessing,
Tho' it may come in disguise,
For the end from the beginning
Open to His wisdom lies.

"Disappointment—His **appointment,"**
Whose? The Lord, who loves me best,
Understands and knows me fully,
Who my faith and love would test;
For, like loving earthly parent,
He rejoices when He knows
That His child accepts, **unquestioned,**
All that from His wisdom flows.

"Disappointment—His **appointment,"**
"No good thing will He withhold,"
From denials oft we gather
Treasures of His love untold.
Well He knows each broken purpose
Leads to fuller, deeper trust,
And the end of all His dealings
Proves our God is wise and just.

"Disappointment—His **appointment,"**
Lord, I take it, then, as such.
Like the clay in hands of potter,
Yielding wholly to Thy touch.
All my life's plan is Thy moulding,
Not one single choice be mine;
Let me answer, unrepining—
Father, "Not my will, but Thine."

—Edith Lillian Young

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EDITORIAL

The Board of Directors of the Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, has purchased an adjoining farm or lands to the Orphanage property. The members of the Board considered it a fine thing to do, since additional land would be needed in a few years as the Orphanage is growing all the time.

A call has already gone out by Superintendent James A. Evans for funds to help take care of the obligations of the purchase. All churches within the State of North Carolina are asked to raise fine offerings for this specific purpose so that the Orphanage Board may be able to raise the debt within a very few months. Money is now plentiful, and if every church will do its full part, the needed money will soon be forth-coming for this purpose, and the Superintendent will be able to cancel the debt for the Orphanage.

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In just a few more weeks the spring conventions of the Women's Auxiliaries will begin to convene in North Carolina, and in many of the other states. In these district conventions the women stimulate great interest for the work of the church as a whole, and they launch campaigns and programs to further the cause of the women's work of the church and the denomination.

They seek to advance the cause in all departments of the work of the denomination, thus giving their time, means and interest to develop even greater projects for the cause of righteousness in the Free Will Baptist church. Thousands of these women are busy each month in their local church auxiliaries, doing things for the local church organizations and for the state, national and foreign mission causes. They constitute a strong part of the work of the entire Free Will Baptist church. Their ranks are growing, their services are being felt more and more in the local organizations and in the national work. The ministry is greatly feeling their weight and influence throughout the denomination.

There is room, however, for a larger growth in membership and achievements among the women of the church, for in every local church there is only about 25 per cent of the women who are members of the local auxiliaries. It is a known fact that a large majority of the other 75 per cent should take membership with the 25 per cent, and give their active interests and material support to the Woman's Auxiliary of the church. If they would do this, a great deal more could be done for the advancement of the cause of Christ, and for the glory of God.

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The Young People's League, as a church auxiliary, is largely being neglected in the average Free Will Baptist church throughout the United States. While there are leagues operating in a good way in some churches in the different states, yet not more than one church out of every five is now maintaining the young people's League work in full scope.

What is wrong with this situation? It is simply this: the young people need leadership, encouragement, and the help of many of the adult people of the church to enable them to go forward in the work of the Young People's League. Ministers and the adult membership of the churches are not giving this one phase of the work of the church the proper attention that it should receive.

Since these young people of the church will be the church of tomorrow, they certainly should have the support and the hearty co-operation of the adult church members in the setting up and carrying forward a splendid work of the Young People's league. The adults are asleep about this matter, and are neglecting a most vital part of the whole church work. Certainly, the young people have a vital part in the work of the church through their League Organizations, and it should be fostered in every possible way by the church leadership. Proper training through the Young People's League is very necessary in this age for the foundational work of the church by the young people. Proper training, the setting up of the right habits, and the developing of religious interests through the league channel will all prove greatly beneficial during the coming years in building up a stronger and greater denomination for the cause of Christ and the salvation of lost souls.

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It is certainly gratifying to see how many of the ministers and the lay members of the church are getting their names on the "Subscription Honor Roll" of the Baptist paper. Their interest and concern for the church paper are indications that they are interested to see the denominational paper going into more homes throughout the United States. For their interest and loyalty, we want to say, "Thank you, and Thank You!"

Let us hope that the month of February, though the shortest month in the year, shall prove to be a good month for new subscriptions for the Baptist paper. We are hoping for an increase of one hundred new subscriptions this month. May others join those who are on the Honor Roll and send in long lists of subscriptions for the paper. Thank you.

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Isa. 50: 10.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a shining face.

Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him. Job 13: 15.

Should the Fundamentals Be Observed?

A great many people in some churches view church ordinances in different ways. Some say certain things should not be observed, for they are not the means of salvation. Others say they should because the Bible speaks of them as being commands from the holy Trinity.

Most all believers in Christ say church members should observe the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion whenever this holy ordinance is being celebrated in the local church. But why is it that so very many of the local church members absent themselves from the services when the time comes for the memorial to be celebrated? Why do they seek to neglect this memorial service? It is Christ's will that all believers participate in the Lord's Supper whenever it shall be possible for them to do so. Christ said, "This do in remembrance of me."

Christ set an example of humble service when he washed the disciples' feet on the night He instituted the Lord's Supper. He had a purpose in doing this lowly act. "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." Why should some believers in Christ seek to avoid performing this duty? The disciples did it, and many after them did it. Has this Christian duty been made null and void during the passing years by either Christ or the Holy Spirit? Or has human pride or dignity, social standing or wealth, intervened and caused the heart of the believer in Christ Jesus to abondon the idea of entering into this most sacred act which was given as an example by our Lord?

Christ commanded that followers of His should love one another. But it is quite evident from outside appearances that many so-called Christians are not doing this. We have no evidence, whatsoever, in the Bible to prove that God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit are at any time in discord or out of harmony. But many believers in Christ are opposed to each other, and seek to do each other harm as a way to appease their angry feelings. Are they observing this fundamental principle of love which Christ said should be observed? The Apostle Paul said that love is the greatest thing in the world, and he certainly did manifest this principle toward believers in Christ. God showed the supreme gift of love to the human race by sending His only begotten Son in the world that sinful man might be drawn to Him.

John the Baptist, Christ and the disciples taught that baptism is a fundamental principle of the Christian faith. But some believers in Christ fail to observe this great teaching. They leave out of their Christian beliefs the performance, or the acceptance of Christian Baptism. Christ told John the Baptist, when He came to him at the Jordan River where John was baptizing many in the River, "Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him" (Matt. 3: 15). Certainly Christ believed in Baptism, or else He would not have been baptized by John the Baptist.

The support of the gospel ministry is a fundamental principle which the Bible teaches believers in Christ should do, according to their several abilities. The Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him," (I Cor. 16: 2). In accordance with a believer's prosperity, he is to contribute to the work of the church and the extension of the gospel. But some do not obey this fundamental teaching. What God has given them, they use for their own pleasure, or at least ninety-nine per cent of it. Why do they not observe this fundamental teaching of the Scriptures? They are more for self and theirs than they are for God and His sacred cause.

The Bible teaches that people should worship and reverence God on the Lord's Day (Sunday). It is a fundamental principle laid down in the Scriptures for people to observe, but a great majority of people fail to heed this all important duty. Christ went into the synagogues on the Sabbath day, and worshipped God by reading a portion of the Old Testament scriptures, and speaking to the people. Paul and the other disciples did likewise. But many today prefer to go any other place than to the church and to worship and reverence God. Sunday is a sacred day, Christ's resurrection day, and all Christians should seek to observe it in some way as a holy day. But there are those who are neglecting this important duty.

We close by asking the question again: Should the fundamentals be strictly observed, whenever and wherever it is possible for everyone to observe them? The mentioning of only a few fundamental principles of the Christian faith or doctrine here in this article is for the purpose of leading some people, let us hope, to think more seriously about the matter, and then to resolve to be more careful about the observance of these most sacred obligations.

H. L. Dubose

THOUGH HE SLAY ME

Should all my friends forsake me,
And the whole world go by;
While hope of heaven is left me,
My faith shall not die.

I shall believe in the living God,
The one who formed and made me;
I'll be like Job in the days of old:
I'll trust Him though He slay me.

I'll trust Him when no earthly power
Could ever set me free;
His precious Son laid down His life
For me, yes, even **me!**

Mrs. Amy B. Cowell,
Bayboro, N. C.

A MESSAGE TO OUR FOLKS

It was my privilege to attend the Albemarle District Union last Sunday and indeed it was a real privilege because it was a real source of inspiration not only to me but to all who attended it.

A fellowship that is seldom ever realized in these dark days of sorrow was prevalent throughout the entire meeting, and best of all was the presence of Christ in our midst. We were reminded that He told His disciples that He would be in the midst of them and there to bless. Truly He was there and He touched His Children with His majestic presence. Cups were run over with the joy that He brought.

The writer brought the message on Saturday morning and on Sunday morning a real masterpiece in the form of a sermon was brought by our own Rev. W. A. Hales. I am not trying to report on the union, but I feel that our people ought to know how God is blessing us in our work. I am happy in my work with the Free Will Baptist because in this Church I have found the fellowship that my heart has thirsted for so long and that others are still praying for.

We have a great work to do, and we are going to do it, for as long as God is with us who can be against us, for who can stay His hand or say what doest thou. We can and we will by the Grace of God go forward, not as an individual or even a denomination, but as the Kingdom of God which is within our hearts. We will go until all men everywhere shall know the unspeakable joy of the forgiveness of sins that is so freely given to those who will accept Him.

Jesus said "A new commandment I give unto you that you love one another." This, my dear friends, is the real test of discipleship, for as He said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples," and today we can know His true disciples by this very same rule. Many are they who like to say I am His disciple, but does the fruit of their conduct and life generally prove that they are His disciples? Again Jesus said, "By their fruit ye shall know them," and that is verily true today. How true are the words of Paul the apostle which says, "And though I speak with tongues of men and of angels and have not LOVE I am nothing." Brethren, let us practice LOVE one for another as we are commanded to do.

We know that today the world is looking to the Church for its salvation, and if the world is ever saved, it will be through the Church because it "pleased God, that through the preaching of the Gospel, to save them that believe." Therefore, we as His Church must be doers of the word as well as hearers, else the world will not see Jesus in us nor will we be able to show Him to them.

Again I am persuaded that no man can give to others what they do not possess themselves, and this is true in regard to religion. "Can the blind lead the blind safely?" I had rather have the leadership of one that can see that I may be safely led. We have the vision, and now under Christ, let us take the lead. This is my heart's desire for our great Church.

I am your servant in the Master's cause,

H. E. Harden

Pastor,
South Norfolk F. W. B. Church

WHO ARE FREE WILL BAPTISTS?

By E. C. Morris

Those who are familiar with the various customs and practices prevailing in the various sections of the Free Will Baptist connections readily admit that there are differences, and that on a broad scale. Some of these differences seem to be in opposition to each other. No wonder there are those who are confused and even bewildered when they first learn of such conditions and the question begins to arise, who are Free Will Baptists after all? Is it possible for us to be Free Will Baptists and yet entertain opinions and observe practices that are so divergent.

When we realize that one of the Baptist principles has always been to grant freedom of thought and private interpretation of the Scripture, the very fact, that we do things different, prove us to be Free Will Baptist. We believe in each church conducting their own internal affairs. On the other hand, however, in order to enjoy fellowship and have a workable program, it has been deemed wise to draft a treatise of faith and adopt some rules of discipline whereby we may be more proficient in cartices that are so divergent?

The Treatise of Faith and Practice of the Free Will Baptist which was adopted by the National Association in 1935 at Nashville, Tenn., is the only standard we have by which a person may be judged a Free Will Baptist. Any practice or usage not defined by this standard can not be construed as being, or not being Free Will Baptist. There are groups, here and there, who claim to be Free Will Baptists and yet they have not subscribed to the program of the National Association, which is the greatest body of the connection. No one can refuse them the right to bear the name, however, they are not in full fellowship with the majority. May we seek to bring all under the great banner of our Cause and then eliminate our differences in a friendly and prayerful way.

NEW PASTOR FOR UNION GROVE CHURCH

(Durham County)

Rev. Herman Wooten of Garner, N. C., accepts call to serve our church for 1944. Services will be on each 3rd Saturday night and Sunday at 11:00 o'clock. Brother Wooten succeeds Rev. M. E. Godwin of Dunn, N. C., who has been pastor for five years. Under his ministry excellent growth in membership and scope of work have been experienced, which we appreciate.

Bro. Wooten, we as a church, wish to extend to you our appreciation for the splendid way in which you have started the new year's work. I think the church will give you their full cooperation in any plans for making the church and community a better place in which to live "or die," for Christ's sake.

I am sincerely,

E. Ferrell.

"Revive Us Again"

By Clinton Lupton,
Bayboro, N. C.

"Wilt Thou not revive us again?" (Psalm 85: 6).

Our text is a brief petition of the Psalmist for a revival of his people. Though briefly stated it embodies much, but may we treat it in three points: Namely, the Psalmist realized the need of a revival. He knew just how to secure it. And that preparation must be made for it.

Doubtless, many who shall read this article are hoping there will be a revival in their respective church this season, and that it will be very successful. So do I. Therefore I am submitting this material with no other motive in view than it being beneficial in the promotion of a real revival in your church in the near future.

Why Are Revivals Necessary?

Why does a dying plant need water and sunshine? Because it does not have strength enough to hold its head up, and must have outside help. So there are many Christians who neglect God's means for sustenance. They do not pray enough nor feed on the Word enough to keep them in good spiritual condition. The consequence is, they steadily lose ground until they become anemic in their Christian life, and special measures must be employed to revive them. God's Word must be poured into them until they begin to respond to it, and love it, and become spirit-sustained Christians, able to help others in the way of life.

You can revive a drooping plant, but not a dead one. So those in whose hearts Christ dwells may have their love for Him increased, but one who has never been converted can never be revived. However, when Christians are revived, the unsaved are sure to be converted, though this is by no means the total benefit. For in times of real revivals the Spirit moves upon a church and community in an unusual manner. In place of unconcern and indifference there are attention and interest. God's Word seems attractive, God's house is thronged night after night, regardless of the weather, or the season of the year. Old feuds are forgotten, old enemies are reconciled, and every one feels that he ought to settle up with God and man, whether it involves a hearty confession, or the paying of a debt, or the restoration of that which has been wrongfully taken. The atmosphere is favorable to the confession of Christ, and those who have long felt it to be their duty are now emboldened to do it. If all this makes better men and women, more considerate parents and more obedient children, happier homes and more peaceful neighborhoods, who shall say that it is not an unmixed blessing? Anything which makes people more reverent and prayerful more honest and truthful, is good and good only, and this is precisely what a revival does.

How to Secure a Revival

The Psalmist evidently knew how to secure a revival, or he never would have petitioned God for it. A revival is not a thing of chance. If it comes it is because some one has set in motion spiritual forces which make a revival a reality.

On one occasion, when Dr. Lyman Beecher was pastor at Litchfield, Conn., a remarkable working of grace occurred. Its coming was sudden and unexpected. There had been no extra meetings, nor were there any indications of special interest such as usually precede the outpouring of the Spirit. No one could account for this strange manifestation of Divine power. When the interest had somewhat subsided, Dr. Beecher began to take up his pastoral work again and called, among other places, at the house of a sick man who lived in the outskirts of the parish. The shut-in asked many questions about the revival and the various people who had been converted, and then told his pastor the following story:

He said that as he lay on his bed he felt greatly depressed at the thought of his utter uselessness. Finally it occurred to him that he could at least pray for people if he could not visit and talk with them. He began to pray for his next neighbor, and then took the next house, and the next, until he had prayed his way to the end of the street, taking in every family, and praying for every individual as far as he knew them. Then he took another street, and another, until he had prayed his way all through the parish. Then he began and prayed his way through the parish the second time, and then came the revival which he was expecting, but which the church and pastor had no intimation of, and for which, indeed, they do not appear to have been responsible. When Dr. Beecher heard that story he said, "Now I know where that revival had its earthly origin." Surely it was in the sick room of that Godly man.

May we make Jesus Himself our example in our passion for lost souls. Our Saviour has an intense concern for souls. During His earthly life He worked so zealously that He reminded His disciples of the passage in the Bible, which says, "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up." He arose early in the morning to pray, indeed He often prayed all night we may believe. He wept over Jerusalem; He even sweat great drops of blood under the crushing weight of His great mission. Christ expects His Church to share this concern for souls with Him. The Church is the bride of Christ. A husband and wife ought to think alike. Their interests are identical, their heart should throb as one. Unless the bride of Christ shares with her Lord in this concern for souls, there will be no spiritual children born, for children are not born of one parent, in either the natural or the Spiritual world. Indeed it would be a calamity if children should be born under such conditions. You may as well put a babe in the arms of a dead mother as to put converts in the care of a cold, unsympathizing church. Those who have experience know that the hardest thing to accomplish in revival

work is to get conditions favorable for the new birth. Once those conditions are favorable, the work is easy.

But we shall be duly compensated for our zealousness as a Church, when we shall be pointed to in the Words of the Psalmist, "And of Zion it shall be said, This and that man was born in her." A friend tells us that he was traveling one dreary night in March by train. He was engaged in a book and hardly remembered any thing particular about any of the fellow passengers. Suddenly they stopped at a station which he paid little attention to but a man sitting beside him turned toward him with a beaming countenance. He took out of his pocket some religious tracts and handed one to each fellow. A little later, he began to hum to himself a tune. No one took any offense, far from it, except one man on the opposite side looked very displeased. The singing man looked quite gravely at him and said, "Excuse me sir, you must not be worried with me, at that little station we just passed, twenty years ago I was saved; and I saw the name of the station and a feeling of rejoicing came over me." How wonderful to know your church is the Bethel of many.

(To be concluded)

THE CURSE AND THE CURE

(Gen. 3: 14-19)

We notice in verse fourteen a curse without a cure, in which God pronounced the curse upon the serpent. He pronounced a curse upon him which, neither in the Garden, nor throughout the Bible has any promised cure been given. The serpent, the most subtil of all the beasts of the field, came from his proud and lofty height and was cursed with these words, "Because thou has done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life."

In the following verses we have a curse followed by a promised cure. The fact of the cure is plainly stated in the expression, "It shall bruise thy head." An expression which holds in it all the agonies of cavalry. The cure is made possible through the seed of the woman, who is the Son of God. It is plainly stated that Satan would bruise Christ's heel, but that He, Christ, would bruise Satan's head. This conquest raged during the earthly life of Christ. Satan sought to slay Christ as a Babe. He sought to overthrow Christ in the wilderness temptation. He sought to cast Him over the brow of the hill. He sought to overcome Him in the Garden, and then again on the cross. But through it all and over it all, Christ prevailed. It was on the cross that Christ met all the combined forces of Satan and his followers. It was there that our Lord, single handed and alone, met these powers and overcame them. Hear the triumph shout of the Son of God, "It is finished." His death was Satan's defeat, man's deliverance, and His own eternal glorification.

The curse upon the woman is the sorrow in motherhood. A woman's greatest joy is in the fruitage of her greatest sorrows. He who desires gold must obtain it through the anguish of toil. Every son and every daughter is a child of travail and heartache. This is a part of the curse.

Our text says that the woman's desires shall be to her husband, and he shall rule over her. Much of this has been changed, so far as its abusive sense is concerned. Christ and the New Testament did not remove from the husband the place of leadership in the home. He taught that wives should be subject to their husband in everything, and that the husbands should love their wives. The same relationship should exist between husband and wife as does exist between Christ and the church. When this relationship exists, divorces will cease. Homes will be happy.

When cavalry meets its full fruition in the blessed over yonder—there will be no more sorrow, neither crying, nor pain, for the former things will have passed away. Then we will be able to realize what full deliverance really means. No more curse will be the theme of our song. The Bible teaches us that eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man what is in store for them that love God.

Rev. R. W. Allman,
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Kannapolis, N. C.

SUN SET

I see a land in distant far,
A light that beacons me;
A road that leads to life and peace,
A home I soon shall see.

Long years I journeyed to a land,
A stranger was I here;
This world has never lured my sights
For it I hold no care.

Upon this road I've traveled on,
To never halt at night;
I've watched the world go speeding by,
For Jesus is my light.

I've loved the church that's on the right
I've served with love and fear;
I know her doctrine is ever true,
Her end on earth is near.

I see the world that is on my left,
It, too, shall pass away;
And all that knows not, our Lord,
With it shall then decay.

Yes, soon my little day is done,
The sun is sinking low;
I've found the only road, my friend,
I want you all to know.

Two roads we see that's in this life,
For all there is an end;
Yet, man can never travel both,
Which one are you on, my friend?

Ralph L. Cannady

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* Middlesex, N. C.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Dear Brother Preacher or Church Clerk:

No year in history thus far has been looked forward to more eagerly by more millions of people than the year 1944. Many of these millions are doubtless looking forward to the year with dread, others with dullness, others with false hopes. How glorious that everyone who is in Christ **can look forward to 1944 as a year of triumph.**

In choosing **an objective for 1944,** we have desired to select something that will be a challenge to go forward in carrying out Christ's great Commission to take the Gospel to the uttermost part of the earth. Our main object, therefore, is to raise enough money with which to erect a chapel here on the Orphanage campus for our children, staff, and friends to worship God. We have on hand in **cash** and **government bonds** at the end of 1943, $3,977.75. These bonds are worth face value now. They will mature in 12 years and give us a cash value at the end of that time of $5,375.00. You can draw your own conclusion that this would not be sufficient to do the job. Therefore, your help is desired in raising this amount to $15,000 during the year.

We are happy in 1944 to look back over the records of 24 years of God's gracious working through the Free Will Baptist Orphanage. Last year we were able to produce and sell above our needs from the farm, $4,-654.05. This included hogs, cows, chickens, eggs, etc. With this record behind us it caused us to desire to purchase additional farm lands. The Board of Trustees have had under consideration for more than five years the Massey farm which is just North of our present property and joins it. This farm consists of 200 acres. 125 being in cultivation in the following manner for 1944 crop plan: tobacco, 13 acres; cotton, 22 acres; corn, 26 acres; hay, wheat, oats and other grains, 64 acres. The live stock plans including those now on hand are: 1,000 laying hens; 3,000 broilers and fryers; 20 head of cattle. There are 4 tenant houses and 4 families are now on it cultivating land for this year. The inventory made on January 7th showed $3,231.80 in live stock, equipment, and farm supplies. All this and the 200 acres of land have been bought by the Board of Trustees for $15,000.

The Orphanage had $5,000 cash in **general fund** with which to pay the down payment of one-third. The Board of Trustees arranged to finance the $10,000 for 30 days on a demand note and mortgage deed without interest. The Trustees and Superintendent gave $275 with which to start the $10,000 campaign.

In a motion unanimously carried by the Board of Trustees in session January 27, 1944, they authorized the superintendent to budget the $10,000 to the churches in North Carolina. I am, therefore, requesting you to **please take an offering** at each of your churches during the month of February for this **specific purpose.** Please send your check or money order to J. A. Evans, Superintendent, in the enclosed envelope. I am using this method because I do not know how to estimate your member's ability to give to this cause. In addition to the offering, if you can get several individuals to give $25 to $100 to this worthy cause, we could pay the balance on or about March 1st.

The Board of Trustees and I wish to thank you for your past cooperation and help in successfully promoting the cause of dependent and fatherless children. May God richly bless you and your congregation wherever this letter is read.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Evans,

Superintendent.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Scheduled to Broadcast

Beginning March the 6th I am scheduled to broadcast from the studios of W. H. I. T., "1450 on your dial," New Bern, N. C. Pray for the message and the messenger.

That Year Book

Just received a request for information in the placing of orders for the Year Book of Programs. Answer: Order Year Book of Programs from Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier, 1624 E. Cahal Avenue, Nashville (6) Tennessee. Books are 25 cents each.

Missions

North Carolina Free Will Baptists, every church, every pastor, every Sunday School, every league, every auxiliary, every individual, one and all, are asked by the State Association to make offerings during March and April for missions. Missions with us mean both Home and Foreign. If you want your offering to go for Home Missions, say so when you send in your offering. If you want it to go for Foreign Missions, say so when you send your offerings. Mail your check or money order to Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, N. C. He is the treasurer. All mission money should be sent to him. He will send you the receipt. Also, he will publish a report in the Baptist. He is bonded and obligated.

Remember that if you do not state which, the offering for Missions will be divided 50-50 between Home and Foreign Missions. Get two offerings, one each month, if possible.

"The Go Ye Command"

Christ commanded, "Go ye into all

the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16: 15). Christ did not give us the privilege to choose between Home and Foreign Missions. He did not say, "If you do not believe in Foreign Missions, you can support Home Missions." He said, "Go ye into all the world." He did not say, "Follow your own convictions in the mission work," He said, "Go ye into all the world." He did not say, "Go preach to your friends and leave out your enemies," but He said, "Go ye into all the world."

Wilful Neglect and Disobedience

If we do not obey the words of Jesus, how can we call him Lord? "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6: 46). One of His greatest commands is, "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD." Brother, Sister, What are you doing about it? Are you going, or are you NEGLECTING the COMMAND? "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me" (John 14: 21). Brother, Sister, "Do you love Jesus?" He says, "He that hath my commands and keepeth them, he it is that loveth." His command is, "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD." This means MISSIONS AT HOME AND MISSIONS ABROAD. If we do not support MISSIONS then we are WILFULLY NEGLECTING the great COMMAND.

Friends of Jesus

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his Lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you" (John 15: 14, 15).

Are we the friends of Jesus? God hath spoken to us through His Son. "All things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you." This being true, Jesus brought the great "Go ye Command" from His Father. "He that hath the Son hath the Father also," says John the beloved disciple of the Lord. So, both the Father and the Son say, "Go ye into all the world."

Do We Love God?

"He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me" (John 14: 24). By these words we are put "on the spot." If we fail to keep His words He says that it is because we do not love Him. So, if we are not MISSIONARY MINDED we do not have the LOVE OF GOD IN OUR HEARTS. This is the plain indictment given by the Lord Jesus, Himself. Then we would do well to examine ourselves and see if we really love the FATHER AND HIS SON. Now is a good time to begin.

The Promise in Going

"And, lo, I am with you unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28: 20). Upon the authority of the word of God, I cannot find any promise of the abiding presence of the Lord Jesus in the life of those who do not obey Him. His presence is promised on the condition that we "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD."

How can we obey? Certainly we all cannot be foreign missionaries. We all cannot be ministers of the Gospel, from the standpoint of preaching. We are not all called to speak in public, but we are called to do something, that is if we are really saved.

It is simple. Some can go to the foreign field. Others can preach at home. All can pray for those who go and those who preach. All can pay "tithes to the Lord" and make offerings. These tithes and offerings, backed by consecration and sacrificial service will evangelize the whole world. How much better it would be if we loved Christ and His words more than our SELFISH SERVICE! But, we prefer to live in luxury; use God's tithe and His offerings to indulge our gratification. Then call on God, and say, "Lord Jesus you have promised to go with us." But He has not, unless we "Go into all the world."

That New League Manual

We want to invite all LEAGUES, everywhere, to get at least a copy of that new League Manual for each officer and teacher in every league. Brother Clarence Bowen has really given us something that every one should appreciate. I know of no booklet, nor manual of any kind, of its nature, that is better. It is the real need of every one that wants to know what is right in his line of work. Get a copy at once if you want to be up to the minute in League service.

Don't Forget

March and April is designated for us to take a trip "INTO ALL THE WORLD WITH CHRIST." Let us show to the world that WE LOVE JESUS CHRIST. "By their fruits ye shall know them," said our Christ.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT FOR JANUARY

(North Carolina)

Receipts

Jan. 1, bal. on hand	$1,153.04
Receipts for Jan.	57.12
Total to account for	$1,210.16

Disbursements

Jan. 1, 1944, Checks to Retired Min.	$105.00	
Jan. 31, 1944, Check to Nat. Board	12.90	
Jan. 31, 1944, Expense for Jan.	5.50	
Total paid out in Jan.		123.40
Bal. on hand Feb. 1, 1944		$1,086.76

Itemized Receipts

Jan. 3, Edgemont F. W. B. L.	$ 6.08
Jan. 5, Hopewell	32.04
Jan. 14, Bethel (Pam. Co.)	4.00
Jan. 29, First Union Meeting (Western Association)	15.00
	$57.12

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

"I MAY BE DEAD TOMORROW"

An earnest Christian doctor one day called to see an old man that he had frequently visited before.

Old John was suffering from an attack of bronchitis. Dr. S.____ made the necessary inquiries, and, after promising to get some medicine ready when called for, he was about to say "Goodbye," when John's wife inquired: "When must John take the medicine, sir?" "Let me see: you are not very ill; suppose you begin to take it this day a month." "This day a month, sir?" cried both in astonishment. "Yes; why not? Is that too soon?" "Too soon! why, sir, I may be dead then!" said John. "That is true; but you must remember you really are not very bad yet. Still, perhaps you had better begin to take it in a week." "But, sir," cried John in great perplexity, "beggin' your pardon, sir, I mightn't live a week." "Of course you may not, John, but very likely you will, and the medicine will be in the house; it will keep, and if you find yourself getting worse, you could take some. I shan't charge you anything for it. If you should feel worse tomorrow even. you might begin then." "Sir, I may be dead tomorrow!" "When would you propose to begin then, John?" "Well, sir, I thought you would tell me to begin today."

"Begin today by all means," said Dr. S.____, kindly. "I only wanted to show you how false your own reasoning is, when you put off taking medicine which the Great Physician has provided for your sinsick soul. Just think how long you have neglected the remedy He has provided. For years you have turned away from the Lord Jesus. You have said to yourself, 'next week,' or 'next year,' or 'when I am on my death-bed, I will seek the Lord;' any time rather than the present. And yet the present is the only time that you are sure of. God's offer is only for 'today.' 'Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.'" (II Cor. 6: 2). You may be dead tomorrow.—Herald of Salvation.

"And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years, take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry.

"But God said . . . Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee" (Luke 12: 19, 20).

—Union Gospel Press

REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

(Receipts for the month of January)

Missouri	$305.60
Michigan	262.35
Texas	79.86
Georgia	26.67
Tennessee	16.00
New Mexico	10.00
South Carolina	2.00
Unified Program Fund, by National Treasurer, F. S. Vanhoose	170.17
National Women's Auxiliary, By Mrs. Fannie Polston, Treasurer	59.83
Refund by Miss Barnard, which check was given by mistake	50.00
Total	$982.48

Winford Davis, Treasurer

AT LAST

"O God," I cried, "Why may I not forget?
These halt and hurt in life's hard battle throng me yet.
Am I their keeper? Only I? To bear
This constant burden of their grief and care?
Why must I suffer for the other's sin?
Would God my eyes had never opened been!"

And the thorn-crowned and patient One replied,
"They thronged me too. I, too, have seen."

"But Lord, Thy other children go at will,"
I said, protesting still.
"They go unheeding. But these sick and sad,
These blind and orphaned, yea, and those that sin
Drag at my heart. For them I serve and groan.
Why is it? Let me rest, Lord; I have tried."

He turned and looked at me,
"But I have died."

"But Lord, this ceaseless travail of my soul!
This stress, this often fruitless toil
These souls to win!
They are not mine. I brought not forth this host
Of needy creatures, struggling, tempest-tossed—
They are not mine!"

He gently said to me,
"But they are mine."

"O God," I said, "I understand at last.
Forgive! And henceforth I will bondslave be
To Thy least, weakest, vilest ones;
I would not more be free."

He smiled and said,
"It is to me."

—Author unknown

OTHERS MAY! YOU CANNOT!

If God has called you to be really like Jesus He will draw you into a life of crucifixion and humility, and put upon you such demands of obedience, that you will not be able to follow other people, or measure yourself by other Christians, and in many ways He will seem to let other good people do things which He will not let you do.

Other Christians and ministers who seem very religious and useful, may push themselves, pull wires, and work schemes to carry out their plans, but you cannot do it, and if you attempt it, you will meet with such failure and rebuke from the Lord as to make you sorely penitent.

Others may boast of themselves, of their work, of their successes, of their writings, but the Holy Spirit will not allow you to do any such thing, and if you begin it, He will lead you into some deep mortification that will make you despise yourself and all your good works.

Others may be allowed to succeed in making money, or may have a legacy left to them, but it is likely God will keep you poor, because He wants you to have something far better than gold, namely, a helpless dependence upon Him, that He may have the privilege of supplying your needs day by day out of an unseen treasury.

The Lord may let others be honored and put forward, and keep you hidden in obscurity, because He wants to produce some choice fragrant fruit for His coming glory which can only be produced in the shade. He may let others be great, but keep you small. He may let others do a work for Him and get the credit of it, but He will make you work and toil on without knowing how much you are doing; and then to make your work still more precious He may let others get credit for the work you have done, and thus make your reward ten times greater when Jesus comes.

The Holy Spirit will put a strict watch over you, with a jealous love, and will rebuke you for little words and feelings, or for wasting your time, which other Christians never feel distressed over. So make up your mind that God is an infinite Sovereign, and has a right to do as He pleases with His own. He may not explain to you a thousand things which puzzle your reason in His dealings with you, but if you absolutely sell yourself to be His love slave, He will wrap you up in a jealous love, and bestow upon you many blessings which come only to those who are in the inner circle.

Settle it forever, then, that you are to deal directly with the Holy Spirit, and that He is to have the privilege of tying your tongue, or chaining your hand, or closing your eyes, in ways that He does not seem to use with others. Now, when you are so possessed with the living God that you are, in your secret heart pleased and delighted over this peculiar, personal, private, jealous guardianship and management of the Holy Spirit over your life, you will have found the vestibule of Heaven.

—Selected

VICTORY

When you are forgotten or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you smile inwardly glorying in the insult or the oversight, because thereby counted worthy to suffer with Christ—that is victory.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your taste offended, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence—that is victory.

When you are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God—that is victory.

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A Program Book for Schools, Large or Small

Do you want a full-length Easter pageant? Suggestions for Easter music? Recitations? Short playlets, drills, exercises, acrostics? "Standard Easter Book No. 2" has 48 pages of such material including the pageant "The Broken Seal."

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The Broken Seal

An Easter Pageant by Edward T. Kirkley

This full-length pageant is here offered separately, but please note "The Broken Seal" is also included in the "Standard Easter Book No. 2."

It is based on the resurrection story as recorded in the Scriptures, but elaborated into five parts and eight scenes. The pageant opens with a scene in Pilate's palace as Nicodemus arrives to request the privilege of burying the body of Christ in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. Then follow in rapid sequence the burial of Christ, the sealing of the tomb, the resurrection, the women at the tomb, the plot of Annas and Caiaphas, and the announcement to the disciples.

Hymns and Scripture readings are suggested to round out an entire morning or evening program. There are full instructions as to stage settings, lighting and costumes for the twenty-three characters (eight young ladies and fifteen young men). Playing time, forty-five minutes. Price, each, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

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This Easter book is divided into Parts One and Two. Part One consists of the sixteen-page pageant, "The Risen Christ," by M. M. Sturgis, the same as the separate pageant described below.

Part Two begins with a beautiful poem, "Sunrise," followed by an Easter Acrostic and Tableau. Then follows a pageant containing three songs; a poem, "Easter Morning"; a short dialogue, "Easter Lilies"; a playlet, "Why We Believe We Live Forever," and a pageant, "From Darkness to Light." The remaining pages contain poems worthy to be kept in your favorite scrapbook. Paper bound. Price, 25c.

The Risen Christ

A Sixteen-page Easter Pageant, by M. M. Sturgis

The characters are taken from the Scriptures and the scene represents Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of Jesus, her sister, the wife of Cleopas, John and other disciples. The women are lamenting the shattering of their hopes. They are solicitous about Mary. Scene two introduces the soldiers, chief priests and others, who begin to doubt the wisdom of what they have done. In scene three the characters continue to lament the death of the Lord, until a lad appears with wonderful news. The Lord had risen! The last scene is one of triumph and joy. Price, each, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.; per hundred, $6.00.

Easter Service No. 1

By R. O. Johnson and J. E. Sturgis

This is an Easter service with emphasis upon decision for Christ, so it may be used at any Easter time. Sixteen pages. Price, per copy, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.; per hundred, $6.00.

The Answer of the Cross

A Pageant for Easter Week

By Marie Graham

An Easter Pageant which may, or may not, be used in connection with the observance of the communion service.

The action, which is simple, but tremendously effective, is centered around the cross. Seven characters from varied conditions of life bring their troubles to the cross and find in the "seven last words of Christ" an adequate solution. The script and music reveal the intensity of each episode. For this reason the small congregation, where there may not be a profusion of dramatic talent, will find it as suitable as the large church. Price, each, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

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By Louise Miller Novotny

A simple, but impressive Easter morning sunrise praise service, by Mrs. Louise Miller Novotny. The author wrote and arranged this sixteen-page service especially for a class of young business women, so it is certain that similar age groups of young people's classes and societies will enjoy and appreciate presenting it. So arranged that many can have a part in the program, while a minimum amount of rehearsing is necessary. Songs, readings, poems, Scripture and prayer are combined in this inspiring service. Price, per copy, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

Through Darkness to Light

By Mrs. Charles A. Mitchell

A pageant that contrasts the hopelessness of life, had there been no resurrection, with the hope and joy and confidence of belief in a risen Christ. Price, 10c. each; $1.00 a dozen.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

JESUS TEACHES TRUE GREATNESS

(Lesson for February 20)

Lesson: Mark 9: 33-39; 10: 13-16, 42-45.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"For the Son of Man also came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Mk. 10: 45).

The ruler of a certain country decided that his subjects were selfishly intent each upon his own interests, with little regard for helping his fellows. He slipped out one night and placed a stone in the road, too large to be easily pushed aside, but not so large that it could not be moved if one were willing to put forth labor and exertion. The next day the king watched from his windows. Ox teams drove up, their owners looked at the stone, then drove round it. A grenadier in bright uniform lustily berated a populace that kept no better roads, but did not attempt to move it. Travelers came and went, each one expressing an opinion that the stone ought to be gotten out of the way, but no one volunteering to move it. After many weeks the king sent his herald to summon the people. When they had all arrived the king jumped from his horse and rolled away the stone. Underneath was a box filled with gold and bearing this inscription: "This box is for him and him alone who takes the trouble to move this stone." There was no need to point a moral. Eeveryone understood that if he had been willing to render a service for the public good, he would have reaped a rich individual benefit.—The Forward.

"The way of the Cross leads Home,
The way of the Cross leads Home,
It is sweet to know,
As I onward go;
The way of the Cross leads Home!"

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The desire for greatness engenders strife and quarrels (Mk. 8: 33, 34).

2. The desire for greatness tends to make men hard and selfish (vs. 35).

3. The desire for greatness overlooks the needs of helpless childhood (vss. 36, 37).

4. The desire for greatness underestimates the value of children (10: 13).

5. The desire for greatness is displeasing to the Lord Jesus (vs. 14).

7. The desire for greatness is a hindrance to entering the Kingdom of God (vs. 15).

8. The desire for greatness leads to the unlawful usurpation of authority (vs. 42).

9. The desire for greatness keeps men from rendering helpful service (vs. 43).

10. The desire for greatness should give way to a desire for service (vss. 44, 45).

III. Home Work

1. What questions of Jesus remained unanswered? (Mat. 21: 25; Mk. 3: 4; 9: 33, 34; Mat. 22: 41-46).

2. Who alone possesses true greatness? (Deu. 3: 24; 5: 24; 32: 3).

3. How great is the Lord? (Ps. 145: 3; Eph. 1: 19).

4. Who is able to be both the first and the last? (Is. 41: 4; 44: 6; Rev. 1: 11, 17; 22: 13).

5. How should the coming of children be regarded by their parents? (Gen. 33: 5; Ps. 127: 3; Is. 8: 18).

6. How did Jesus evaluate children? (Mat. 18: 4, 6).

7. What responsibility rests upon all parents? (Mk. 10: 13; Eph. 6: 4; Tit. 2: 4).

8. Can you think of ways in which the threat of Herod is hanging over children to-day? (Mat. 2: 13, 16).

9. In the **Senior** Quarterly, memorize the second sentence in the **Introduction.**

10. **The Lesson of Humility and Loving Service.** Study this topic in our **Advanced Quarterly.**

IV. The Lesson Illustrated

1. **What about the Wages?**

Billy Bray was once preaching with great effect to a large congregation, principally miners. In that neighborhood there were two mines, one very prosperous and the other quite the reverse, for the work was hard and the wages low. He represented himself as working at that mine, but on the "pay day" going to the prosperous one for his wages. But had he not been at work at the other mine? the manager inquired. He had, but he liked the wages at the good mine the best. He pleaded very earnestly, but in vain. He was dismissed at last, with the remark, from which there was no appeal, that he must come there to work if he came there for his wages. Then he turned upon the congregation, and the effect was almost irresistible, that they must serve Christ here if they would share His glory hereafter; but if they would serve the devil now, to him they must go for their wages by and by.—The King's Son.

2. **Greatness in Childhood**

How beautiful must have been the sight of Jesus holding a little child in His arms! It was Jesus who placed the little child "in the midst." This was as it should be. Let us, too, place the little ones in the "midst," at the very center and heart of things. Let us make large room for the little ones in our hearts and plans. We have never quite understood why churches should spend thousands of dollars on church steeples, and oftentimes shut the little ones into the "coal bins" of the church; or into some unsightly corner. One complained that the children were wearing down the carpeting of the church. Replied one of vision: "One inch of a boy is worth a

thousand yards of carpeting!" (Read Mat. 10: 42; 18: 2-4; John 21: 15).

"Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven" (Mat. 18: 4).

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor

New Bern, N. C.

A REMINDER

As the time is drawing near when our District Auxiliary Conventions will be holding their annual sessions, I am calling attention to some specific work I assigned to our Second Vice-Presidents early in the Fall of 1942, relative to raising funds with which to furnish the library of our Bible School, at Nashville, Tenn. Each District was asked to raise a certain sum, and to report same to the second Vice-President of the State Auxiliary. To this time, I do not know whether the various districts have responded to the call or not, with the exception of the Eastern, which has raised its One Hundred Dollars, reported same to me and sent the funds to our State Auxiliary treasurer, Mrs. Nobles. I am anxious about this work, and hope our women will respond cheerfully to the need of our Bible School. I am sure if we could take a trip to Nashville, and go over our institution, many of your hearts would swell with pride and thanksgiving for what we have already accomplished during the past few years. We would also be made to realize more fully, that there is still much to be done, in order to comfortably equip it with necessary articles of furniture. I was so impressed with the great need of a well equipped library, that I was led to call on the women of our state to take this as our educational project for the year, hence the reason for the plans sent out last fall.

I am praying that the 2nd Vice-presidents of each District have already raised their quotas and sent them to Mrs. Nobles, but I hope each one will report to me as early as possible, as to the work done, as I would like to have each district come up a 100 per cent with the amount necessary to put this across successfully.

Our State Auxiliary Convention will hold its annual meeting in May, and we are doing our best to have this work completed before that time, so that the full amount may be in hand. If, for any reason you have been a little slow in getting up your proportionate part, I am urging that all you 2nd Vice-Presidents get busy and let us "go over the top," as we sometimes say.

Now is the time for you to also be planning for a Vacation Bible School in your church during the late Spring, or Summer months.

As I informed you last fall, all material needed for these schools can be obtained from the Free Will Baptist Press, at Ayden, N. C. They have the Manual, study courses for the different classes, and other necessary information relative to the printed material, and it is Standard. In view of the fact that our youth needs our very best efforts to train them for Christian service, I hope we shall be able to maintain a gratifying number of these schools between now and the fall.

Surely, we only have to look around us, say nothing of what we read in our newspapers, to realize that the "juvenile delinquency" we know exists, can be traced largely to our own neglect, or in our failure to utilize our opportunities in their behalf. We shall be held accountable for our sins of omission, or our failures, for the Holy Word says, "To him that KNOWETH to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (Jas. 4: 17). Wherever these Vacation Bible Schools were held last summer, the pastors were loud in their praises of the good effects, in the promotion of the church program, through the younger members. The young people themselves, were led to realize, to a greater extent, that they have responsibilities in their church life, and were taught how to meet them. I am trusting, therefore, that as this is a part of the work assigned to 2nd Vice-Presidents, that each one may study this vital responsibility, and do your best in behalf of these schools.

May we all pull together, then, for a well furnished library in our Bible School, and for Vacation Bible Schools.

Yours in Him,
Mrs. J. C. Griffin,
Second Vice-President,
State Auxiliary

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LINEN SHOWER

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Church of Black Jack, gave a linen shower to Middlesex orphanage.

On December 14, 1943, at the home of Mrs. Dixon, a linen shower was given to the Middlesex Orphanage by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Black Jack Free Will Baptist Church. The shower consisted of bed linens, towels, wash cloths and scarfs. Also money was contributed by different members of the Black Jack community.

The gifts amounted to $45.00. The money which was given amounted to $40.00.

Approximately fifty attended the shower. The shower got under way by having a Bible Quiz and several other games of interest. Misses Mary E. Clarke and Mildred Adams were the entertaining committee.

After the games the hostesses, Mesdames Heber Dixon, Emma Wainright and Ada Hardee, gave a delicious serving of sandwiches, muffins, and coffee, which were given by the Woman's Auxiliary. At the conclusion the gifts were all open.

Mrs. N. A. Clarke, President,
Mrs. Daisy Boyd, Secretary

I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Rom. 8: 38, 39.

Boys and Girls Corner

JESUS AND THE CHILDREN

Always when Jesus went out of the house and walked through the country, great crowds of people followed Him. They wanted to hear the wonderful words He said about the heavenly Father who loved them. The lame and sick wanted Him to make them well.

More than any one else, the little children loved Him. He would take them in His arms if they were very little, or would smile at them and place His arms around them if they were big like you. He would tell them beautiful stories, and He was never cross with them, but always loved them.

One day the people in a certain town in Jesus' country heard that the Saviour was passing that way. The children all put on their bright-colored clothes and soon all the people of the village were hurrying out to meet Him. Some of the children were so tiny they had to be carried, others walked right along by the side of father and mother. All wanted to see Jesus. The mothers wanted Jesus to lay His hands on the children and bless them and bid them to grow up strong and good.

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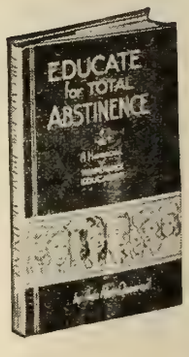
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She was married on March 26th, 1943 to Cpl. M. B. Pennington in Alexandria, La. She is survived by her husband, and infant daughter, Nancy Brenda, her mother, Mrs. Ida Harper of Maury, N. C., other relatives and a host of friends.

Early in life Hilda became a member of Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church. She attended the Methodist Sunday School at Maury and was a teacher for several years. She was a graduate of Maury High School and Business Department of Campbell College, Buis Creek, N. C. During the last few years she had been employed in the line of business for which she was trained, in Kinston and Greenville, and was very successful.

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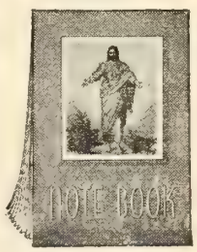
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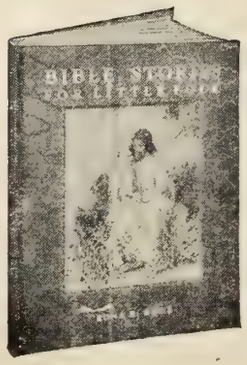
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A MINISTER'S CONFESSION

(Reprint from Chicago Daily News)

The Rev.____, pastor of the ____ Church, has quit smoking. No more will the blue rings from a pure Havana waft their way from his lips nor the richness of a "10-center" bring after-dinner solace. His conversion came as the result of the anti-smoking campaign being waged in the public schools with the endorsement of the school board.

"I have always liked a good cigar," this minister said today at the union ministers' meeting at the First Methodist Church, in advocating a resolution endorsing the anti-cigarette agitation in the schools, which the ministers unanimously adopted, "but now I have quit for good and I am going to work heart and soul for the spread of anti-smoking clubs among high school boys.

"I have indulged in tobacco since I was 25 years old, although I was a moderate user. Some days I would smoke once or twice and then go sometimes days without any. But when a generous friend had two good cigars, I wasn't averse to taking the other one. And an after-dinner smoke always appealed to me.

"But when this agitation commenced four weeks ago, I quit. And I have managed to get through those four weeks very comfortably. I went to my physician and told him that I was willing to take medical treatment, if necessary, in order to leave off the habit. He said abrupt stopping would not have any ill effects.

"Though I was not a cigarette smoker, I have signed this pledge so that I can advocate it with a clear conscience among the school boys. And I advise you brethren who smoke to quit. I don't know how many of you indulge, but probably some of you do. I saw the light when I realized that any father in my congregation in trying to persuade his boy to stop smoking would find it difficult to get around his son's retort: 'But, Papa, the preacher smokes!' Gentlemen, cut it out. It doesn't pay."

His advice is good for mothers and fathers, but especially so for ministers who are paid for being good and setting a right example for youth. Gentlemen, cut it out!

—In the Civic Bulletin

EDITORIAL

EXPERIENCES OF PAUL AND BARNABAS IN LYSTRA AND DERBE

(Ac. 14: 8-17)

The Impotent Man Healed

"And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked," (v. 8). When Paul and Barnabas fled from Iconium because of persecution, they came to two cities not far apart—Lystra and Derbe. While they were preaching in Lystra, a man born lame heard them, and believed they could heal him, for it would seem that he was manifesting faith in the very gospel which Paul was preaching. This poor man had been a cripple all his life, and had never been able to walk, nor could he stand on his feet. Paul said unto him in a loud voice, "Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked," (v. 10). Note how quickly Paul recognized this cripple's faith in the gospel which he was preaching. "True preachers must recognize faith when it is only a light in the face, a gleam in the eye, a new movement in the body. If we were always on the lookout for faith in others, our Christian work would probably be more successful."—T. M. Lindsay. This impotent man was made well and strong in a moment, for he leaped and walked immediately at Paul's command. It was a miracle performed by the power of God operating through Paul, Christ's chosen vessel unto the Gentiles. Paul made use of this wonderful opportunity of real service which was a concrete example of his power to heal the sick. In the Book of Acts 3: 2, we find a similar example of a cripple being healed in Jerusalem at the beautiful Gate by Peter and John. How true it should be, all who are cured of their spiritual lameness by the grace of God should show their joy by leaping with holy exultation, and walking in a holy conversation. If more people were as greatly concerned about being healed of their spiritual sickness as they are about their physical infirmities, there would be more peace and happiness in the world.

The Effect upon the People

"When the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lyaconia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men," (v. 11). "It was a common belief among the ancients that the gods occasionally visited the earth in the form of men."—W. Conybeare. Those who had heard Paul preach, and had seen the impotent man leaping and walking were so moved with awe and amazement that they believed Paul and Barnabas were gods who had come down from the sky. They called Barnabas Jupiter, who was called "the father of gods and men" by the heathen people. They identified Paul with Mercury, who was the companion or messenger of gods. They thought of Paul as Mercury because his eloquence in speaking corresponded with one of that divinity's attributes. "Jupiter used to take Mercury along with him, they said, and, if he make a visit to their city, they will suppose he does so now. The priest thereupon prepares to do sacrifice to them." —Matthew Henry. It is to be remembered that in those regions the ancient people believed in several gods, as Jupiter, Mercury, Saturn, Zeus, etc.

Now, "the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people," (v. 13). "The temple of Jupiter was, it seems, before the gate, as its protector and guardian; and the priest of that idol and temple, hearing the people cry out thus, took the hint presently, and thought it was time for him to bestir himself to do his duty: many a costly sacrifice he had offered to the image of Jupiter, but if Jupiter be among them himself . . ., it concerns him to do him the utmost honours imaginable; and the people are ready to join with him in it."—Matthew Henry. Note, they brought oxen which were to be sacrificed to Paul and Barnabas. They brought garlands, which were made of flowers and ribbons and for the purpose of crowning the sacrifices. Great interest was shown for Paul and Barnabas because they were thought to be gods come down from the heavenly regions to do some great work for the people. The healing of the impotent man was proof to them that Paul and Barnabas were surely gods who had come without question for good purposes.

The Protest of Paul and Barnabas

When Paul and Barnabas saw what the people were doing, they "ran in among the people, crying out, And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from the vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein," (vs. 14b, 15). Paul and Barnabas quickly protested against this undue honor which was about to be shown them. Although some heathen emperors called themselves gods, and took great pride in having honors paid them by the people on certain occasions, these two humble ministers of Christ not only refused immediately to accept such honors, but also resented the though of such a thing. They well knew the acceptance of such respect and honor offered unto them by those heathen people would not be pleasing to God, nor would it do them any good to be honored and treated as gods. Consequently, Paul and Barnabas were so incensed or angered over the matter that "they rent their clothes." They were simply hurt with profound indignation to see the people manifesting such heathen ideas about them. To them it was showing dishonor unto Almighty God, and they therefore sought to correct it at once by giving them proper instructions concerning God and his goodness unto humanity, (vs. 16, 17).

"Revive Us Again"

(Part II)

By Rev. Clinton Lupton
Bayboro, N. C.

"Wilt thou not revive us again?" (Psalm 85: 6).

After the Psalmist had seen the need, and petitioned God for a revival of his people, he voluntarily assumed the responsibility of making the necessary preparation, which we read in the eighth verse of the Psalm, "I will hear what God the Lord will speak." Yes, God's people have certain obligations in evangelistic campaigns, and their response should be, "I will hear what God the Lord requires of me."

Preparation a Necessity

I purposely abstained from the treatment of this point in the previous message for the important reason that a large percentage of church people almost totally neglect this great factor in connection with revival campaigns in their church. Therefore, I desire to devote this entire message to the importance of preparation, praying that it may sufficiently make an impression on the reader which will result in a glorious maturity. There are very few indeed who do not realize the need of a great revival in the Church today. But we venture to say there are comparatively few of this number who are earnestly petitioning God for a Spiritual revival. And it is shocking to think how very few who devote any time or effort to the much needed preparation.

It has been the experience of not a few ministers to arrive at a church for the purpose of conducting a revival to find everything so completely discouraging that he had "two strikes" on him before he ever uttered a word, all because the people were unprepared. Upon his arrival, the preacher was expected to climb into the pulpit, introduce a number of new tactics, and "PRESTO" a great revival. But even to consider a revival under such circumstances is absurd. It matters not how well qualified the minister may be, if he has not the co-operation of the church in preparing the field, the odds are well against a successful revival. If we are to give the saving of souls the leading place in the church, and surely that is the design of Christ's body on the earth, then may we leave no stones unturned in an effort to bring the glorious results.

Preparation a Fact

While it is true that revivals are the gift of God, and wholly dependent upon the Holy Spirit, yet it is also true that God works through prepared channels. On one occasion when the king of Judah and the king of Israel were going to war against the king of Moab, the water supply gave out and the cattle were perishing with thirst. The king of Israel began to mourn and say, "Alas, that the Lord hath called together these three kings to deliver them into the hands of Moab." The king of Judah, however, said, "Is there not here a prophet of the Lord that we may enquire of the Lord by him?" Someone answered that Elisha was near at hand, and he was immediately summoned. When he enquired the answer was, "Make this valley full of ditches." There was no sign of rain, and yet they were bidden to prepare for an abundance of water. They obeyed the command, and when the ditches were ready, the water came in abundance; and flowing in the channels prepared, it filled the country and supplied all their needs without devastating the land. Even so the church that is anxious for an outpouring of the Spirit, should make careful preparation beforehand in order to secure the best results.

Preparation in Action

The leadership of the pastor as the shepherd of the flock, places him in position to not alone encourage preparation, but as an example put it in action. As one writer has well said, "Perhaps, there are exceptions, but in most instances the spiritual life of any church can be measured by the spirituality of its leadership. No pastor can take a congregation any deeper spiritually than he has been himself." Therefore, the pastor must have a special anointing of the spirit of preparation if the congregation is to be prepared. After Saul was anointed king of Israel, there went with him, "a band of men whose hearts God had touched." That is exactly what every pastor needs around him. And may I suggest that God will touch the hearts of any congregation who are convinced by their pastor that the Bible is the True Word of God. The best way to convince people the Bible is true is not to argue about it, but use it. The people should be enlightened on the nature and consequences of sin. For one who has light views of sin will never have great thoughts of God. While the pastor drives the ploughshare of truth through the tough and twisted conscience of men, may he not forget his main business and chief joy is to proclaim the good news—the sufficiency of the Cross. Were such efforts earnestly applied by the leader of the congregation, the evangelist would not have to spend the first half or two thirds of his allotted time at a church preaching to backslidden Christians.

Dear reader, has it ever been your experience on the closing nights of your revival to realize that the meeting was just beginning to show great possibilities, and without doubt the campaign should continue for at least a few more days? But the evangelist's schedule forced him to go to other fields, leaving you almost in despair. The trouble was lack of preparation. If a short time before the meeting was to begin, the men of the church organized into a band to work and pray for those of their own age and sex. The women had done likewise, also the young men and young women, appointing a leader of their respective band and a secretary, and took names of all who wished to join as active participants in the work. And if each band had made a list of the unsaved among their friends and acquaintances, or members of the congregation or community they

wished to reach, and prayed for them daily, and used their influence with them personally. It is very probable that the discouraging results could have been averted.

Nevertheless, it is highly probable that you are anticipating a revival in your church in the near future. If so, try earnestly to prepare the field in advance, by organizing groups of Christian workers to labor zealously for God. Awaken a spirit of prayer and anticipation. This can be greatly promoted by a series of neighborhood prayer meetings. Encourage the people to have a prayer list. Have them record the names of those they are anxious to have converted, and lay daily these names before the Lord, until their prayers are answered. By all means advertise, for by it one can arrest attention, convey information and often lead unexpected souls to Christ.

The revival, for example, some years ago swept through the land of Wales. A man went down from London to take part in some of the services. He got out at a country station and asked a policeman standing in the village square, "Where is the Welsh revival?" The man in blue drew himself up to his full height, patted his chest and said, "The Welsh revival, sir, is under these buttons."

IS THERE ANOTHER LIFE?

Many are seeking this question today: Is there another life after we die? What happens when we die? where do we go? Some seem to have the idea that the Bible doesn't teach anything concerning our future. But we would like for you to think with us about the rich man and Lazarus found in the sixteenth chapter of Luke. In this scripture we have both this life and the future life revealed. In this scripture we have two men, the one a rich man who lived sumptuously every day, the other a poor beggar who lay at the rich man's gate? He was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. This is what happened to all who live godly in this life. Not only do the angels watch over us, and minister to our needs in this life, but they carry us into the presence of Christ when we die. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" (Heb. 1: 14).

Both these men were conscious, neither of them was asleep. The rich man was conscious of his painful suffering, and also the poor man was conscious of his enjoyment. Notice the difference in the abodes of the departed. This story teaches us that there are two places. A place where the dead out of Christ go, and a place where the dead in Christ are found. Then someone might say, will we know one another in the other life, the rich man knew Lazarus, the three disciples on the mount of transfiguration recognized Moses and Elijah as companions of our Lord on that occasion, although Moses had been dead hundreds of years, and it had been many years since Elijah was translated. Most certainly then, we will know one another in the other life. Although the rich man had left his body down on this earth he had eyes with which to see, and a mouth with which to speak. "And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame." (Lu. 16: 23).

Then might come the question: Is there any hope of a second chance?

Notice what this story teaches. The rich man did not desire salvation for himself, nor did he ask for one spiritual mercy, yet notice what he desires: he desires spiritual mercies for his relatives. "Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house; for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment" (Lu. 16: 27). Abraham saith unto him, they have Moses and the prophets: let them hear them" (v. 29).

Abraham said if they won't hear them neither will they hear even though one be sent from the dead. How the Word of God is honored here! Moses and the prophets were preaching the word and if they would not be persuaded by that, neither would they be persuaded even though one rose from the dead. How important it is to hearken unto the word of God!

In conclusion, we want to notice some of the things the rich man was awakened to:

1. Awakened to the eternal truth, but too late.

2. He saw his own danger, but too late.

3. He prayed, but too late.

4. He became concerned about his relatives, but too late.

Dear sinner, are you concerned about your own soul? then open your eyes and look to Christ while you have time and opportunity. Dear Christian, are you concerned about the souls of men? then open your eyes and look on the fields, for they are ripe to harvest, and the laborers are few.

Rev. R. W. Allman,
Route 3, Box 617,
Kannapolis, N. C.

LETTER FROM THE BATTLE FRONT

Mr. James A. Evans,
Free Will Baptist Orphanage,
Middlesex, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

How is everybody back in the States? I'm getting along just fine. I hope this finds you the same.

I'm in Italy now, but had rather be in the States. Everything surely does go off with a bang over here.

How are things at the Orphanage now? I surely would like to hear from some of the boys and girls there now. After staying here a while it surely makes a fellow appreciate home.

I always thought I wanted to leave the Orphanage, but I would give anything to be back there now. Well, answer soon.

A friend,
Carl Freeman

DEEPENING YOUTHS FAITH

By Ruth Doughtie

Friends, we realize our lives are a continual expression of faith in facts, things, people and principles. We act because we believe. We can not sit, walk, eat or do any of the innumerable things we do each day without faith in God.

We learn from God's Word that faith in God and His Son, Jesus Christ, is the fundamental requirements of Christianity. We are saved by faith alone. It is by faith we win victories over sin in our lives. It is by faith we win victories in Christian service. It is faith that makes the promise of God's meaning full. Also we learn that faith is the means of victory. This being so then youth must endeavor to deepen their faith in God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Abraham won many victories through faith in God. The offering of his son as a living sacrifice was only through faith. He is classified as the father of faith because he knew if he had faith he could do anything through Jesus Christ.

In our youth, who are now facing the forces of our enemies on the battlefields, will let the loving power of Christ have full sway in their hearts, they will have faith in him as their shield. Then the sacrifices they are making will not be in vain. When they have to venture out in their expeditions, they will have Christ in their hearts and by their sides. They believe, and have faith enough to know that with Christ alone everything will come out all right.

The victories over evil will be won as the youth in today's world deepen their faith, and then the Christian influence of trained teachers and leaders will live in the lives of the youth they have taught. The first teaching of faith should be when we are small. This should be taught by mothers and trained soldiers in whom we put our trust. Then if they are taught right, when small, it will go through life with them. Remember the verse of scripture "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." If a child has faith in God when he is small he will carry it through life with him.

So many of this generation are left alone to do as they please because of this war. Mothers are more anxious to receive a pay check than to teach youth the fundamental requirements of Christianity. The mother's place is in the home more so than is the father's. The mother should remain at home and teach their children when they are small rather than spend the day at some war factory leaving the children alone to be on their own. The mother's place in the home has more to do with shaping the lives of the children than any other person. "The hand that rocks the cradle is the one that rules the world." Leaving the youth on their own has resulted in millions of young girls serving beer and intoxicating drinks to young men, service men, as well as the civilians. What shall it profit a community if it gains the whole world and loses its own boys and girls? Are not our fondest hopes and cherished aspirations wrapped up in our boys who are but our own lengthened shadows? No doubt this global war is responsible for much of the delinquency of youth. Only the grace of God can save us from the grossest sins. Much responsibility rests upon the parents, Sunday Schools, and churches for saving our boys from the destructive influences that are striving to drag them down. We must do something quickly, for before we know it these boys will be out of our reach. Some may be on far flung battle lines or in an army camp. Let's bring every good possible influence to bear upon their young, tender lives that will lead them to accept Christ and enter into his services. This brings to my mind a story which most of you have probably read. But may we bear our thoughts in this and please, you parents of service men and women, don't be as these parents were.

This story is of a soldier who came home on a furlough, heard a minister preaching, and wrote to him asking how he might be saved. He went home with a feeling of joy in his heart. He knew this would be his last furlough home. He may never see his people again. He went home hoping his "Mom and Dad" would tell him how to be saved. They had never been strong Christians, but he thought surely this war had changed them now. He went home assured of the fact that his people were praying for the salvation of their son. When he reached home, things were not as he had expected. All his mother talked of was rationing and not being able to get just what she wanted. All his father talked about was his big salary at the defense plant. The parents he thought would pray for him never mentioned religion. They had stopped going to church, claiming they did not have the gas, yet he saw they went riding every Sunday, and, too, if they wanted to go to church it wasn't too far to walk. He said they were further and further away from God. When the last day came he cried as a child. He went back to camp disappointed, but determined to be saved. One time he smelt cigarette smoke on his mother's breath and liquor on his father's. He knew they needed God as badly as he. He said for us to keep telling the mothers of America for the sake of the boys and God, to quit their foolish, sinful life and get right with God. Tell the fathers to quit gambling and drinking, and become interested in the work of God more than money. Tell all the young girls, and he had sisters, to stop their dancing, petting and smoking, and be decent and marry a nice clean Christian. Tell them to pray for the boys and girls in the armed forces. He asked the minister to write him and tell him how he might be saved and ready to meet Jesus if he had to die on the battle field.

Realizing that the youth now will be the men and women of tomorrow's world, it is most important that they deepen their faith in order that we may build a better Christian world for the coming generation, and where they will find peace and happiness. We know through God's help it can be done. We realize it is a vital problem but it can be solved through Christ.

RELIGION ENOUGH TO HURT

A lady not well instructed in the truth said to a servant of the Lord, "I believe you are well acquainted with Mrs._____. I met her recently at a social entertainment, and ever since I have been somewhat curious to know whether she is a religious woman."

"Yes," was the quiet reply. "I have known her for several years, and I am sure she has just enough religion to hurt."

The inquirer looked surprised and perplexed, and slowly said, "I am at a loss to understand you. You probably mean to say that she is not very earnest in her religion, but certainly it is a great deal better than she should have even a little religion, than none at all."

"On the contrary, it would be far better if she had no religion whatever, for she has only enough to lull her conscience into a profound slumber, and it might be truly said to her, as the Lord Jesus said to the self-righteous Pharisees, 'The publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.' Her whole manner of conversation and life is most intensely and thoroughly worldly. Her avowed aim is to do as other fashionable ladies do, and you can't get her to express a thought above the theatre, the opera, the ball, the latest gossip, or what in her dense stupidity she understands to be culture. Her children are as ignorant of Christ, and as indifferent to the Bible, as heathen, for they never hear a word that would direct their attention even to a knowledge of God's existence."

"Why you amaze me in the statement that she is religious at all, and I take it for granted that she is not a member of the church."

"Oh, yes, she is a member of the church, and of what its adherents claim to be 'the true church.' Nothing could induce her to hear a man preach, who has not been ordained by 'the successors of the holy apostles,' and she looks upon it as a little less than sacrilegious for such a man to administer 'the sacraments.' She goes to church, when the weather is pleasant and when she gets out of bed in time on Sunday morning, and she actually makes a labor of it during Lent, laying up, as she imagines, a stock of merit which she flatters herself will last all the rest of the year. However, she is frank enough to acknowledge that she is glad when Lent is over, so that she and her children may return to their darling dancing parties with appetites refreshed by their constrained abstinence.'

"Will she express herself at all on the subject of religion, or have you never had an opportunity of conversing with her?

"The utmost she seems to know or care is that she has been baptized and confirmed, and she is perfectly satisfied with her church, because it lays no arrest whatever, except during Lent, upon the sweeping current of her worldliness. She acknowledges that she does not read her Bible, and she knows no more of salvation through the death of Christ, and by faith in His precious blood, than those who have never heard His name. Oh, it is unspeakably sad to think that she is a type of many, not only in her own church but in all the churches, who are hurrying on to the grave and to eternity, under the blinding and fatal delusion that they are journeying towards heaven; and probably they will never be awakened to their true condition, until the judgment thunders shall break the spell which Satan has cast upon their souls. (2 Cor. 4: 4).

"It is your opinion, then that if she were to die in her present state she would be lost?-'

"I have no opinion about it, but God has very decided opinions, and He has expressed them in no uncertain language. 'Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God' (John 3: 3); 'He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him' (John 3: 36); 'Whosoever, therefore, will be a friend of the world, is the enemy of God' (Jas. 4: 4); 'She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth' (I Tim. 5: 6); 'I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead' (Rev. 3: 1); 'Many walk (that is, professed Christians,) of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the Cross of Christ; whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things' (Phil. 3: 18-19). Is not this an exact description of the lady you have mentioned, and of many in all the churches? They lead sensual lives, they mind earthly things, and their end is destruction."

"It never occurred to me that such awful passages as these have any reference to religious people."

"Ah! madam, that is just the mistake you and multitudes of others are making. You confound religion with Christ, whereas religion without Christ in the heart, the hope of glory, is the most hurtful thing a person can possess. It was to religious people the Lord Jesus said, 'How can ye escape the damnation of hell?' (Matt. 23: 23.) It is of religious people He declares, that 'when once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door,' and they begin in terror to clamor for admittance, claiming that they have eaten and drunk in His presence, He will reply, I tell you 'I know you not whence ye are . . . depart from Me all ye workers of iniquity' (Luke 13: 25-28). It is a picture of religious people in the last days the Holy Ghost sketches in the words that describe so many now, 'Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away' (2 Tim. 3: 4-5). The devil delights in religion, but he hates Christ; and let me beg you above all things to beware of religion."—Anon.

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"I knew that Thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness" Jon. 4: 2).

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions
Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BIBLE COLLEGE

(January 26, 1944)

The following is a financial statement of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, located at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, 5, Tennessee, as from July 1, 1943, to December 31, 1943, including gifts, donations, Annual Endowment by States:

Tennessee	$ 1,794.60
North Carolina	1,321.37
Missouri	704.86
Texas	555.28
Georgia	363.00
Mississippi	295.13
Florida	246.00
Illinois	211.50
Alabama	227.39
Michigan	151.00
Virginia	115.00
South Carolina	199.15
Oklahoma	98.00
Maryland	20.00
Kentucky	28.50
Kansas	4.00
Indiana	1.00
Oregon	1.00
Matriculation and Registration Fees	419.00
Room and Board	2,307.35
National Unified Program Fund	721.02
National Women's Auxiliary Convention	6.12
Books	149.15
Miscellaneous Sources	105.08
Total	$10,043.50

Disbursements by following classifications: labor, salaries, maintenance, traveling expenses, school supplies, telephone, heat, light, water, groceries, kitchen supplies, books, promotional services, room rent, and withholding victory tax, household supplies and improvements, July 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943, $8,020.34

J. R. Davidson, Treasurer

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Another Church Paper

The latest periodical coming to my desk is the Free Will Baptist Evangel, published by Rev. N. P. Gates, Hazel Park, Mich., with the slogan, "Not 'The Voice,' but a Voice of Free Will Baptist, as the voice of one crying in the wilderness and saying, 'Repent ye: For the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

The first issue carries a message on "Repentance" which message is one of the fundamental doctrines of the church of Jesus Christ, and is believed and preached by genuine Free Will Baptists everywhere. We wish for the periodical and its editor the greatest of success.

Another Word

In addition to that which has been said recently about the purchase of the adjoining tract of land to the Orphanage property, at Middlesex, by the Board of Trustees, this writer wishes to say to those, who do not know about the value of the property, that the Board acted wisely and timely in the purchase of the said property. To those who do not know the price may seem rather high, but when we consider the situation of the tract of land, the need for more pasture and farming land, the value of property at this time, and the future prospect of the institution, together with all other advantages, this writer thinks the deal is one of WISDOM.

The TEN Thousand dollars which is scheduled to be raised during the NEXT THIRTY DAYS, or during February, can be done, if every Free Will Baptist in North Carolina will just do his honest "Bit" wholeheartedly. The vast majority of the members of our church in North Carolina can make an average of at least ONE DOLLAR for this noble purpose. There are those who can make a gift of $100.00 and never miss it. I have learned that Free Will Baptists do about what they want to do. So, if we want to, we can raise this **Ten Thousand** dollars to finish the purchase price in a few days. Let's do it, what say ye?

The State Association—Who Wants It?

The Executive Committee of the State Association will meet now in a few weeks to attend to special business. A part of this special work is the placing of the Annual session for the year of 1944. There is a committee elected consisting of the Revs. D. W. Alexander, Bethel; R. C. Wiggs, Ayden; and R. N. Hinnant, of Micro. The committee may have in their hands, by this time, invitations for the next session. But should any church desire to entertain the next session, the invitation from such church should be in the hands of the committee when the Executive Committee meets so that the proper action could be passed upon by the Committee. Send your invitations to either of the above gentlemen. Act quickly so that all invitations will be in on good time.

What We Believe about Christ

Free Will Baptists believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God: That He possesses all divine attributes and perfections belonging to God; that He and the FATHER are one; that in His divine nature He filled all the offices and performed the works of God. As man He performed all the duties toward God that we are required to perform, with the exception of repentance.

The titles given to Christ prove

His divinity. He is called Saviour, Jehovah, Lord of host, the First and the Last, God, true God, Great God, God over all, Mighty God, and the everlasting Father. We do not have space to give chapter and verse for all these names, but if our readers will take time to study the Scriptures you will find the truth. The Scripture is pointed out in the new Treatise of "The Faith and Practice of Free Will Baptist." You can get one for 25 cents. At least every minister and officer should have a Treatise.

Christ is eternal, unchangeable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and is entitled to divine worship, according to the inspired Word of God. This doctrine has been preached and taught by all orthodox Christians, everywhere through the whole life of the Christian religion. As Free Will Baptists we believe it to be the sole teaching of the Word of God.

We further believe that Christ was in the beginning with God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him; and without Him was not anything made that was made" . . . "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth" (John 1: 1-3; 14).

We believe that Christ has provided salvation for all men, and that "Whosoever will" may accept this salvation according to the provision of God's amazing grace. The words of Paul and Silas to the jailor were, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16: 31). "But as many as received Him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name" (John 1: 12). "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3: 36). "He that believeth on Him (Christ) is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3: 18).

We have touched on a few of the things that Free Will Baptists believe concerning Christ. Brother pastor do you believe it? Brother evangelist, do you believe it? If you believe this, you are an orthodox minister. If you do not believe it, then you are a modernist, and have no right to the pulpit of the fundamentalist. The Free Will Baptist church is solid on the doctrine known as the "Fundamental Doctrines of the Bible."

In a later issue we will take up the "Virgin birth" and His "Vicarious suffering" along with other doctrines, as set forth by the inspired word of God.

HOW YOU MAY HELP

Several years ago some children read in their missionary magazine of five little girls in Africa. Their mother asked,

"Would you not like to pray for them."

"Let us choose one," they answered; so they chose one named Mgomba.

They did not forget Mgomba. Night after night they asked God to help her to be good. Years passed. One day a missionary from Africa came to their home, and they asked,

"Do you know anything about Mgomba?"

"Mgomba! What do you know about her?"

They told how they had read about Mgomba in their little magazine, and had prayed for her for so long—and what a wonderful story she had to tell!

Mgomba had been a pupil in this missionary's school. She had been disobedient and careless. She would not even try to learn, or to please them, but a change came in her.

"Oh, what was that?" asked the girls, for they were no longer children now. The missionary remembered the very month and—yes, that was the very time—it was when they began praying for her! Mgomba became a happy Christian, and now she is teaching her people about the true God.—Apples of Gold.

THE SOUTH NORFOLK CHURCH

Some one has said "Please give us a little more time to send in our contribution to the building fund of your Church" (The South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church). We want to say that we are glad to give you a little more time to send in your contribution, but please don't take so much time that you will forget to send it in.

We knew that there would be many churches as well as many individuals who would not be able to help us during the winter and therefore we have not made much effort to push the drive for funds because of the cold weather and the fact that so many of us lose a lot of time from our work during the winter.

Yes, we will give you more time and if you can't send us your contributions now, please make preparation to do so this spring or by early summer, if possible, as we want to start our building in the summer months so we can be in it by next winter. We can accomplish this if you will remember us and help us as soon as you can get around to it.

Some of the churches are sending offerings now, but we believe that there are many more that will make their contribution when the spring comes around with its sunshine and flowers. So my friends, don't forget us and what we are trying to do here in this new field to our church. The Free Will Baptist are new to the people here, and we have to explain who we are and what we believe, and many other details, but with all this we are progressing nicely and we will have a fine congregation before long and a church that will be an asset to the denomination.

You may send your contributions to me, or to our treasurer, brother Wilton Dail.

Wilton Dail,
309 Graydon Avenue,
Norfolk 7, Virginia.

I am yours as a servant of our Lord and Saviour,

H. Edgar Harden, Pastor
South Norfolk F. W. B. Church

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our beloved Son and Brother, J. A. Cannon, who departed this life February 2, 1939.

February brings sad memories
Of our loved one gone to rest;
You will never be forgotten
By the ones who loved you best.

Five years have passed since that sad day,
When our dear Son and Brother was called away.
We loved him then, we love him still,
We miss him now and always will.

A loving boy, so good and kind,
No friend on earth like him we'll find.
For each of us he did his best,
May God grant him eternal rest

We often sit and think of you,
And of the way you died;
That you could not say good bye,
Before you closed your eyes.

A door swung briefly open,
And a loved one passed away;
Passed from life's shadow
Into that bright eternal day.

When those we've loved have stepped
Across the threshold of God's door,
They leave behind those memories
That make us love them more.

Surrounded by friends—we are lonely,
In the midst of pleasure we're blue;
The smiles on our faces are heartaches,
Because we're always thinking of you.

We sit and think of you
When we are sad and alone;
For memory is the only thing
That grief can call its own.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cannon
and Family

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SUGGS. Whereas God in his infinite wisdom saw fit to call from us our beloved member, Mrs. Lillie Suggs, we the members of White Oak Church do hereby resolve:

First, That we bow in humble submission to his most holy will;

Second, That in losing Mrs. Suggs we sustain a great loss. She was a figure of faith, a most devoted companion and mother. She gave her best;

Third, That our heart-felt sympathy goes out to her bereaved family. May they ever find comfort in the Lord whom she worshipped and adored; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist for publication, a copy be retained on the minutes of our Church Ledger and a copy be sent to members of her family.

Committee:

Mrs. H. C. Adcox,
Mrs. Grad Stormes,
Mrs. Archie Paite

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HAMONS. Whereas God in his infinite wisdom and mercy saw fit to call from our midst our dearly beloved member, Mr. Rollan Hamons, we the members of White Oak Church do hereby resolve:

First, That we bow in humble submission to his most holy will, who doeth all things well;

Second, That in losing Mr. Hamons, a place is ever vacant because when health would permit he was always present to do his part;

Third, That our sympathy and prayers go out to his bereaved family. May they take their burdens to the Lord in whom he had supreme faith and find comfort; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist for publication, a copy to be retained on the minutes of our church ledger, and a copy to the members of his family.

Committee:

Mrs. H. C. Adcox,
Mrs. Grad Stormes,
Mrs. Archie Paite

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS: Our heavenly Father, in His wisdom, called to her reward, December 17th, 1943, our esteemed sister, Mrs. Annie Brinson, we the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church, of New Bern, N. C., submit the following resolutions:

First, That though her passing brought sadness to us, we recall with deep appreciation, her long life of devotion and service to the welfare and progress of her church and its Auxiliaries—her sacrifices and labor of love, and her loyalty to the cause of the Master until the end, when He said, "It is enough, Come up higher." Her faith in God should be a great incentive and inspiration to us who are left, to labour on, and to press onward to greater heights in our Christian efforts and service.

Second, That we resolve to do our best to exemplify her good deeds and her ever faithful service to her church and community, by placing ourselves in humble surrender to God's will, and in loyal acceptance of His command, "Go ye";

Third, That we extend to those who loved her best, and who ministered so untiringly to her needs during her last days, our deepest sympathy, and assure them that "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning"; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy be placed in the minutes of our Auxiliary.

Committee:

Alice E. Lupton,
Ruby Lee Hancock

DARLINGTON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Darlington Free Will Baptist Church, Darlington, South Carolina, held its quarterly meeting on January 16, 1944. The meeting was well represented by the members of the church. Brother Jimmie D. Weaver, the clerk, made a motion that we have preaching services each Sunday morning, immediately following Sunday School, at the eleven o'clock hour, and at 7:30 P. M. The church voted almost one hundred percent for the motion.

We held our first morning service on January 23, and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. We could understand to some extent what David was talking about when he said in the 23rd Psalm, and in the fifth verse, "My cup runneth over." We preached from the 45th chapter of Isaiah, using the 9th verse as the text. We feel that the entire congregation was spiritually revived.

We do here in Darlington covet an interest in the prayers of all God's people everywhere that He may continue to bless us in the great work of winning lost souls for the Master. There is one dear brother who lives eight and one-half miles from Darlington, Brother Clyde Hyman, who united with us a short while ago. He was elected as Bible teacher on the first Sunday in January. He and his good wife, and family are very loyal

to the cause here and elsewhere. They have been conducting cottage prayer services in Florence, South Carolina for some time. Space will not permit our mentioning others, but Brother Hyman is only one of the many workers in our church, "whose delight is in the law of the Lord."

Your brother in the Lord,

Rev. Seldon Bullard,
245 Syracuse Street,
Darlington, S. C.

REPORT OF FIRST UNION

The Union meeting of the First District of the Western North Carolina Association held its regular session with Pleasant Grove Church on Saturday, January 29, 1944. Rev. W. R. Williams, the moderator, conducted the opening devotions. Brother Hardy Talton extended a cordial welcome to everyone.

The first matter of business was the reading of the minutes of the last session. The list of ministers was called, followed by a round-table discussion concerning the Five-Point Program. Rev. M. L. Johnson led the discussion. Rev. James A. Evans, superintendent of the Orphanage at Middlesex, spoke in high terms of the work which is being done there, and stressed the need of the different churches to send in their donations in money to take care of the additional purchase of land by the Orphanage. The union made an offering of $29 dollars at this time. Elder J. H. Worley preached at the eleven o'clock hour.

After lunch was served on the church grounds, the meeting was called to order, and Brother Milford Hales conducted the opening devotions. Then Rev. R. B. Crawford, a representative of the National Association, was with us and spoke very ably concerning his work.

The list of churches was then called and all of them represented by delegate or letter, except one. It was moved and carried that the name of Brother Jasper Edwards be placed on the roll as a licentiate. Rev. J. A. Evans paid in, at this union, one hundred dollars that this union tried to give him when he was in school, and which he would not accept as a gift, but would as a loan without interest to be paid when he was able to do so. So he requests that this statement appear in the minutes. The union then voted to give Brother Evans fifty dollars of this back as a gift from the union, and the other fifty be placed in the Orphanage Chapel Fund.

Brothers L. R. Ennis and J. R. Davidson visited the union in the afternoon, and made some timely remarks about the Bible School at Nashville, Tennessee. The Finance Committee and treasurer made their report.

The Report

On hand from the last union	$ 1.01
Received today	83.00
Collection for Orphanage	29.00
Total on hand	$113.00

Disbursements

Union meeting expenses	$ 12.00
To M. L. Johnson (Church Finance Asso., Inc.)	6.25
To Rev. J. R. Davidson (Education)	15.00
To the Orphanage	50.00
To M. L. Johnson (Superannuation)	15.00
To R. C. Wiggs (Missions)	13.75
Total paid out	$112.00
Balance on hand	$1.01

By a vote the next union will be held at Little Rock Church in Wilson County. There was a vote of thanks extended to the church and the people at Pleasant Grove for their kind hospitality shown this union meeting. By motion the union closed until the next time in course. Rev. L. R. Ennis dismissed the congregation in a word of prayer.

W. R. Williams,
Moderator,
W. F. Pittman,
Secretary-Treasurer

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MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD

The sun so brightly shone upon that little cabin home,
Sweet memories of my friends I loved so dear!
With childish glee and laughter we so proudly once did roam;
I can't but only wish that I again was with them there.

To be with "Dad" and Mother and my little friends so dear,
With Sisters and my Brother there to roam.
In memory I can see them, as we played together there,
In that little old log cabin 'twas to me a Sacred home.

If I could but return again to happy days gone by,
And stroll out in the meadows wet with dew.
I fancy 'twould be like a bit of heaven drawing nigh,
To be with childhood friends so kind and true.

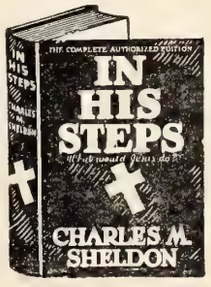
—Rev. N. P. Gates

—In F .W. B. L. Evangel

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JESUS PRESENTS HIMSELF AS THE MESSIAH

(Lesson for February 27)

Lesson: Mark 11: 1-10, 15-18.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Again the high priest asked Him, and said unto Him, Art Thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am" (Mk. 14: 61, 62).

It amazes the observer to see how people can argue themselves into a mental attitude that enables them to accept a desirable **theory** in opposition to an undesired **fact!** Proud men, who refuse to bow to Christ as a Saviour and serve Him as Lord and Master, yet want the glamour of being known by His Name. So they reject His Deity, talk about His great life, call Him the Perfect Man or the Great Teacher.

Now note the sad dilemma of those who deny this truth of the Deity of our Lord. They call Him the "Great Teacher"—but He was either ignorant of His own nature, origin and relation to God, or He boldly lied in the hopes of deceiving the court that tried Him! What sort of a teached would He then be? Any person who would instruct others must know the subject thoroughly, and must be honest in the presentation of facts. Jesus was a Great Teacher, He was a good Man, and as such could not perjure Himself before a court, and blaspheme to save His imperiled life. But He was more than this: He was God, the **Son** of God, and hence the Saviour for whom the world waited.

Those who realize this truth walk and live in the light. Others, like the high priest, may suspect that a close investigation would establish this truth, and rather than face the facts, they close **out** the light and continue in darkness forever. There is no future hope of deliverance for those who deliberately reject evidence and fact, and refuse to accept Jesus as He is revealed.

II. Home Work

1. What will happen to the Mount of Olives when Christ comes again? (Zech. 14: 4).

2. What must be done to some people and things to get them to serve the Lord? (John 11: 44; Mk. 11: 2).

3. What things did Jesus say He had need of on earth? (Mat. 3: 14; 21: 3).

4. What shall we find if we are obedient to the word of the Lord? (Jer. 6: 16; Mat. 11: 29; 10: 39).

5. What kind of people are apt to question the Lord's authority? (John 2: 18; Mk. 11: 28).

6. How much should we be willing to give to the Lord Jesus? (Acts 15: 26; Rev. 12: 11).

7. What effect did the children's acclaim have upon Jesus and His enemies? (Mat. 21: 15, 16).

8. What prophet foretold the time of Jesus' crucifixion? (Daniel 9: 26).

Note that 69 weeks of years would equal 483 years. The Jewish year consisted of 360 days. Thus 483 years would equal 173,880 days. Some Bible scholars have proven by actual count that the day on which Jesus rode into Jerusalem was the very last day of the 173,880 days composing these 69 weeks. Prophecy given by God is always exact.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

The Changeable Mob

When Napoleon was returning from his successful wars in Austria and Italy, amid the huzzas of the people, Bourrienne remarked to him that "it must be delightful to be greeted with such demonstrations of enthusiastic admiration." "Bah!" replied Napoleon, "this same unthinking crowd, under a slight change of circumstances, would follow me just eagerly to the scaffold."—Dictionary of Anecdote.

The Lord Hath Need of Thee

"Nobody seems to want me," said the youngest girl of a large family. "I'm a cripple and in everybody's way." As she spoke she was passing a bookseller's shop, and her eyes fell on the words, "The Lord hath need of him." She carefully remembered the reference and searched it out at home. "Jesus once needed a donkey," she said, "so perhaps He wants me—a cripple—I'll ask Him." Forty years afterward a lame Bible woman died, beloved by hundreds, and blessed by God in her work. That Bible woman was once the crippled girl.—From the Biblical Teacher.

Mark 11: 13

A Judge of Chicago fined a man $100 and costs and sentenced him to jail for ninety days for impersonating a doctor and practicing medicine without a license. I wonder how many professing Christians, ministers, and laymen would be "hit" by a law finding those who pretended to be Christians and were not. Are we leading or misleading people by our pretensions?—The Expositor.

(Note: The lesson comment in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies are so fine that you won't want to miss a single sentence dealing with today's Scripture. Also keep Zechariah 9: 9 in mind. Yes, and Daniel 9: 25, 26.

OUR BLESSINGS

Do we ever stop to consider
How many blessings we receive?
How the Saviour comes to comfort;
When our hearts are sore and grieved.

Yes, He is very near us daily,
Helping us each task to perform;
When trouble and sickness hover o'er us
Jesus will shelter us from the storm.

So, let us all be meek and trust Him,
For all the blessings He unfolds;
Because He's promised to be with us
Even unto the end of the world.

—Mrs. Wayne Taylor,
Sanatorium, N. C.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor

New Bern, N. C.

LETTER FROM THE FIELD WORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

Feeling divinely led of the blessed Holy Spirit, I am writing to our local auxiliaries through the columns of the Baptist paper, which is a grand medium through which thousands of Christian workers can commune together, though living many miles apart. One writer has said, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Ps. 133: 1). What a wonderful thing it is to be able to read together through our church papers the splendid articles which are written to our kindred in the Lord everywhere.

This is the thing which is on my heart: I want to write to the dear women and encourage them to go forward in these trying hours, days and months, which will soon run into years, if the Master tarries. Many of our local auxiliaries have had their memberships reduced in numbers since our country has called so very many of the women into the Services of their country. Many are already in the Defense services, or places of work, and have left the church work in the hands of a very few. In view of this situation, doubtless there is need of stimulation among the local auxiliaries for a greater work being carried on among those who are remaining at home and in their local auxiliaries.

It is hard sometimes for our people to realize that the Christian work belongs to God, and whether there be few or many, it must go on for the cause of righteousness. Certainly, the Lord will bless it, if we will do our whole duty. Remember, our orphanages, old ministers, Bible School, Foreign Missions, etc., are needing your help, and your prayers. Let your offerings be liberal, your prayers unto God sincere, and your loyalty for the great cause wonderful and sacrificial. Nothing should be left undone for any one of these causes of the denomination, but all should be cheerfully supported.

May God help each of us to be willing to respond to the great need of the hour by placing our all on the altar for Christian service, and asking God to impress upon our hearts more than ever the value of lost souls. May we not rest until we shall have done our whole duty to the great cause of Christ. We are trusting that this letter shall find our friends in Christ Jesus ready to go forward with the New Year, and may they accomplish greater things than they did in past years. It can be done if every local auxiliary will this year seek to do its very best for the glory of God.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams

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ST. DELIGHT AID REPORT

Our Aid held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. K. L. Wooten on Sunday afternoon, January 16, 1944. It was opened with song and prayer was offered by Mrs. Wooten. The roll was called and the dues were paid.

Activities

Dues paid in	$2.81
Bible chapters read	44
Sick visits made	30
Trays taken to the sick	2
Flowers given	2

The meeting closed to meet the next time in February, 1944. The following is the annual report of our auxiliary.

Yearly Report for 1943

Brought over from last year	$ 39.12
Dues collected	22.30
Birthday dues	7.93
Egg money	38.90
Gift money	2.45
Total	$110.70

Disbursements

To missions	$ 7.30
To Orphanage	47.08
To auxiliary convention	5.00
To Superannuation	3.16
To Christian education	2.00
To the Bible college	5.00
Miscellaneous	10.16
Total	$79.75
Balance in the treasury	$31.05

Mrs. Selma Smith, Pres.,
Mrs. Margaret Faulkner, Secy.

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SMITH'S NEW HOME AID REPORT

Our society met on the fourth Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Lonnie Blizzard, and Mrs. Edward Hill had charge of the program. Her topic was entitled: "Steadfast in Enlistment." There were present for the meeting fifteen members. The dues collected amounted to $6.95. Money realized from flavoring was $8.50, and the money received for brooms was $18.20.

The Bible chapters reported as having been read were 223. Sick visits made to the sick were 65. Two cards were sent to the sick, and three quarts of milk were given to the needy. The treasurer reported $91.67 on hand. Five dollars were sent to foreign missions. The Ladies Aid quilt was sold to Mrs. Lonnie Blizzard for $10, which he gave $5 dollars, and the quilt back to the Ladies Aid to be resold.

The new officers for the year were elected. There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed with prayer.

Mrs. Adolph Howard, Pres.,
Mrs. Clynton Whaley, Secy.

NOTICE

The South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church wishes to announce that Brother Wilton H. Dail, of 309 Graydon Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, has recently been elected church treasurer. Brother Wilton is the son of the Reverend W. A. Dail, of Greenville, North Carolina, and is well known in North Carolina.

Your brother in Christ,
Robert M. Gradeless,
Church Clerk

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Boys and Girls Corner

BRUCE'S EXTRA NAME

Margaret Mann

Bruce curled up in his favorite chair to read. His book was new and from the pictures he knew it was good. He turned to the first page and began to read. Just then Mother came by, "Have you been for the mail yet?" she asked. Bruce looked up, "No, but I'll go in a minute," he promised.

Bruce read the first page and the second and the third. It was the most interesting book! Half-way down the fourth page Mother called again, "Bruce, will you please go for the mail at once?"

Bruce got up from his chair and looked about for a bookmark. "Yes, Mother, I'm starting right now," he answered. But he could not find a bookmark. He looked in the living room, in the den, and finally he went out on the porch. There he found a bit of string that would do. As he opened the book to mark his place his eyes fell on the paragraph where he left off. He sat down on the top step for a minute to read just to the bottom of the page. But the story was so interesting that he read three pages.

Suddenly he heard footsteps in the front hall. Bruce got up hurriedly and started down the street—reading as he went. Of course he could not walk fast and read too, so it took him a long time to reach the post office; and there at the foot of the broad steps was Phillip.

"Hello, Phillip," Bruce greeted his friend. "Let's plan a game of ball for after supper."

Many minutes later Bruce remembered the mail. He ran up the steps just in time to see the postmaster going home. It was too late now to get the mail because their box did not open from the outside. There was nothing to do but go home. "Nothing but advertisements ever come in the night mail anyway," he told himself. But somehow he did not feel at all happy about it as he went home.

On the porch again, he sat down in a rocker and began to read some more. In a few minutes Mother came out.

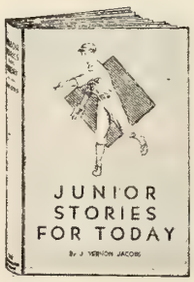
"Did you go to the post office?" she asked.

"Yes, Mother," he answered without looking up.

"Did you get any mail?" she asked again.

"No, I didn't get any." He was so glad Mother had asked the question in just the way she did. He would not tell a "fib" but getting around the question seemed different. He did hate to have mother know the truth.

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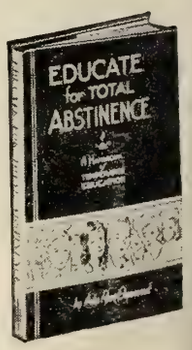
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"This surely is a good book," he said, changing the subject.

The next morning directly after breakfast Mother went down town. When she came home she handed Bruce a letter.

"I happened to look in our box and here is a letter for you. I can't understand it," she said. "Last night there was no mail, and yet this morning there is a letter for you before the morning mail is in. The mail clerk must be getting careless."

Bruce's face turned red. He hated to have the mail clerk blamed for this.

He opened the letter and read it through. Then he read it again—and then the third time.

"Last night was Wednesday, wasn't it?" he asked in a miserable voice.

"Yes, of course," Mother answered. "Why do you ask?"

Bruce couldn't speak—he just handed her the letter. She read, "Dear Bruce,

"Dad has rented a cottage on Round Lake for a week. Mother says I may ask you to go along; we can have lots of fun together. We start very early Thursday morning, so be sure to let me know your answer by Wednesday night.

Cousin Bob"

Tears of shame and disappointment spilled down Bruce's cheek. It was all his fault that he was not this minute on his way to Round Lake with Bob. Besides Bob's fun would be spoiled, too. Here Mother had thought that the mail clerk was to blame for it all. So he bravely told her the whole story.

"I'm sorry, Son," Mother sympathized. "A part truth always turns out as badly as a lie. The thing is—always act quickly when you're told to do a thing; be prompt! Then there won't be any need for those 'part truths.'"

Bruce buried his face in his hands. He knew what Mother had said was true; and he knew that that was the thing Jesus would have him to do. Oh, if he had only gone in a hurry when he was told to! He'd give anything now if he had.

Suddenly he sat up and remarked, "Mother, I've learned my lesson—and from now on 'Prompto' will be my middle name."—O. P. Boys and Girls.

The needy shall not always be forgotten. Psa. 9: 18.

The expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever. Psa. 9: 18.

A certain refuge Christ will prove
For all the poor oppressed;
To save the people of his love,
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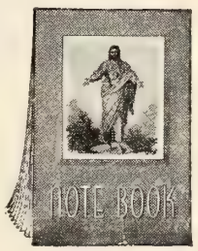
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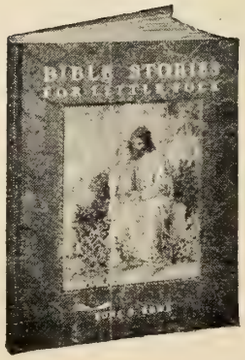
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The redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Isa. 51: 11.

UNION MEETING REPORT

The Second Union of the Western Association met with Barnes' Hill Church in Nash County, Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January, 1944.

First, the Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. C. Varnell. Then the committees were appointed: Devotional, Sunday School, Temperance, Finance, Orphanage, Standing, and Appropriation.

The minutes were read and approved, then the list of ministers was called. Those present were J. B. Ferrell, J. Frank Parrish, D. Bissette, J. C. Varnell, and B. T. Dixon. L. H. Boykin presented a letter from the First Union Meeting, Western Association, and was admitted to membership in this union as an ordained minister. Then we had 15 minutes intermission. At 12 o'clock E. W. T., Rev. J. B. Ferrell delivered the morning message. After the sermon, a nice lunch was served on the church grounds.

Afternoon Session

Rev. B. B. Richardson conducted the devotions in the absence of the one appointed by the program committee. First the list of churches was called, and sixteen represented with delegates and contributions in the amount of $35.50.

A group of children from the Orphanage rendered some messages in song. Then we received a special offering for the Orphanage in the amount of $20.25. The reports from the various committees were accepted. The contribution from churches was divided with the Orphanage and with the deceased ministers' wives.

By vote we meet next time with Free Union church in Nash County, near Spring Hope, N. C., in April, 1944. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Barnes' Hill Church for their kindness shown this union.

We closed with praise and prayer.

Z. C. Bissette, Moderator,
Rev. J. Frank Parrish, Clerk

EDITORIAL

The Baptist readers will find in this issue of our church paper a financial report of the donations for the South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church. It covers the dates from January 16 to February 15, 1944. We consider this a good report for the four and one-half weeks in which the different individuals and church organizations have made contributions for this most worthy cause.

Let us hope a larger number of individuals, churches and church organizations will make even larger contributions during the next thirty days. May the Baptist readers look forward to seeing Brother Wilton Dail's next report considerably larger next time.

There is an old adage, "Many hands make light work," and may we hope that much free and liberal giving to this new church in South Norfolk will be shown by a great number of people until the church shall have been erected on the fine lots which the local church people have already purchased. The Bible teaches that we are to bear one another's burdens.

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Much talk is being spread around in this section of the country concerning Summer Vacation Bible Schools. When the Public Schools, Colleges and the Universities are out this summer, it will be a good time for a week or so of Summer Vacation Bible Schools to be held in many of the churches both in the country and in the cities.

Sunday School teachers and superintendents, pastors and other church workers in many places are beginning to lay plans for summer Bible training for Junior Boys and Girls, Intermediate and Senior Boys and Girls. The need is great, much good can be accomplished, and the church communities will be greatly benefitted by this summer training in religious instruction. The best time to teach the fundamental principles of Christianity is when the young people are in their early "teen age." Their minds will absorb the good teachings of the Bible teachers, and it will give them a greater understanding of Scriptural truths. A greater appreciation for the church and the cause of Christ will be established in their tender minds.

May many of the church leaders in the various churches throughout the entire denomination begin to consider this matter seriously, and begin soon to plan to hold a Summer Vacation Bible School in their churches, or in some suitable and convenient spot. There are many suitable religious books written for this specific purpose, and together with the use of the Bible, splendid courses of instruction have been mapped out for any church group to hold a good summer session of the Bible teaching.

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Remember, Baptist readers, **"God's Acre Plan"** this season, and set apart some garden plots and farm acres for yielding an increase for the Lord. This year will be a good one in which to redouble your gifts to the cause of the church and its work. Greater things are, all the while, being expected of the church, and of the church people throughout the entire country. It is not to be expected for any Christian to become a slacker during these trying times. The church must have money, and large sums of money, for it to be able to do the essential things for the spreading of the gospel.

There is much joy to be derived in cultivating "God's Acre" this year for the glory of the Lord. Select the best spot of ground, fertilize it well, plant the best seeds for a money crop, then when the plants begin to grow, cultivate them with care. Then you will rejoice to see them grow into a bountiful harvest. God will bless your efforts, if you will do your part for the kingdom work, and with a willing heart. Try it this year, have faith, and work toward the end for a bountiful reaping. The increase will be great.

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You are to remember, also, that the mails are now crowded all the while, and that shipments of literature may be days in transit before reaching you for use at the proper time, therefore, order in plenty of time to have your supplies on hand several days before the Third Quarter begins. We may not have enough paper on hand for any re-printings of any of the quarterlies when the original supply has been exhausted.

The Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prinson to them that are bound. Isa. 61: 1.

"When Ye Think Not"

(Luke 12: 35-40)

Mr. Cheyne, the Scotch preacher, once said to some friends, "Do you think Christ will come tonight?"

One after another they said, "I think not."

When they all had given this answer he solemnly repeated this text: "The Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." So it is with most of us; if we were asked this same question, we would probably also answer in the negative. But Christ has warned us many times to expect His imminent return.

Our text is that Christ will come when we think not, or when we are not expecting Him, but we would like first to give a few proofs that He is coming again.

The Christian who reads the New Testament will find in its pages, three solemn and weighty facts; namely, first, that the Son of God has come into the world and gone away; secondly, that the Holy Ghost has come down to the earth, and is here still; and thirdly, that the Lord Jesus is coming again. Now, today, we want to deal with His coming again. We believe that He will leave the place He now occupies on His Father's throne, and come in the clouds of heaven, to receive His people to Himself; to execute judgment upon the wicked; and set up His own everlasting and universal kingdom and He Himself become the ruler of this world.

It is true that Christ came to this earth, and went back to heaven, and that the Holy Ghost is still on this earth, but it is also true that He will come back. If we admit one fact, we must admit all; and if we deny one we must deny all; inasmuch as all rest upon precisely the same authority—the word of God. They stand or fall together. If the other facts are true, then just as true is it that our blessed Lord will come again, and set up his kingdom upon this earth; that He will literally, and actually and personally come from heaven; take to Himself His great power and reign over this earth.

When our Lord was about to depart from His disciples, He sought to comfort them by these words: "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Here we have something definite. He says, "I will come again," not, "I will send for you," or that, "you will come to me when you die." But He has given us His promise that He will come again and receive us unto himself, and He has to keep to His promise, because He is "the truth." He cannot lie or alter His word. He does not want to change it. He only wants to show us His love by coming Himself.

Suppose I had been traveling for a long time and had decided to go back home. The day before I was to arrive, I had sent the message that I was coming home. Then imagine my surprise when I finally arrived; and they had sent the servant to meet me instead of coming themselves. But Christ will come Himself.

We find in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles another proof that He is coming again. Our blessed Lord had just gone up from this earth while his disciples were looking on. "And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, "ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

From this we learn that the selfsame Jesus who left this earth, and ascended into heaven, in the presence of a number of witnesses, **shall so come in like manner** as they had seen Him go into heaven. How did He go? He went up personally, literally, actually, the very same person who had just been conversing with them, whom they had seen with their eyes, heard with their ears, handled with their hands: who had eaten in their presence and had "shewed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs." Well then, "He shall so come in like manner."

Some one may say, "But who saw the Lord as He went up?" Not one unbelieving, person ever laid his eyes upon our precious Lord, from the moment that He was laid in the tomb. The last sight the world had of Jesus was as He hung on the cross; the next sight they will get of Him will be when He comes like a flash of lightning to execute judgment upon this wicked world.

Therefore, to the unbeliever His coming is a dread, but to us who have accepted Him as our personal Saviour it is a great hope. We find in the first chapter of First Thessalonians Paul exhorting the young converts at Thessalonica to look for His return. He called it "the patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul also thinks of their progress in holiness and love, and adds: "And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, **at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ** with all his saints.

When Paul seeks to comfort those who have loved ones that have "fallen asleep," he says, "but I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hape. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

Paul was teaching the Thessalonian Christians to look for his return daily, also, he assured them that the

dead in Christ shall rise first, that is, before the living are changed, and all shall ascend together to meet their Lord.

Paul, when writing to the church at Corinth, tells them that as they sit around the Lord's table they should be reminded of this glorious hope. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death **till he come."** This glorious hope may be realized at any moment, even before I finish this message today. There is nothing whatever to want for. Christ may come for his people tonight; there is nothing to hinder His coming.

Now, there are going to be two acts to the Lord's coming. His coming for His own people, the church, and His coming to judge the world, called in the scripture "the day of the Lord." The Christians have no need to fear His return, but I feel sorry for those who have hardened their hearts and rejected His offer of eternal life.

His first coming is what Bible scholars call the Rapture, which is imminent. This is when the Lord returns, not to the earth, but to catch up His church in the air. This will not be accompanied by any circumstances of terror, wrath, and judgment and the world will not see Jesus at the Rapture, only His people. Paul was telling the Thessalonians about this when he said, "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

The Lord here returns as a Bridegroom to receive His bride which is the church, or the believers. When the voice of the archangel and the trump of God is heard, then all the saints of God, both those of Old Testament and New Testament times; those who lie in our cemeteries and graveyards, or in the ocean's depths; all these will rise to meet their Lord in the air. Our corruptible bodies will be changed into incorruptible bodies, as Paul tells us "Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed."

A great number of people mix up the coming of Christ for His people, and His coming **with** them. When Christ comes to execute judgment, His saints come with Him. "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints. To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

Now, if the saints accompanied their Lord when He comes in judgment they must be with Him previously: This is the second act of the Lord's coming or called "the day of the Lord."

After Christ has caught up the church at the Rapture, the Saints spend a short time, some think it is a seven year period, with the Bridegroom at the marriage Supper in the sky. In the meantime the earth has been going through a terrible period of persecution and hardship for we find in Matthew 24: 21 "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time no, nor ever shall be." The Lord in His mercy and love for us will spare the Christians this awful period of trouble which will fall upon the earth after we are gone. My friend, if you are not ready now, for Christ's coming, you will have to go through this great tribulation.

Now, while the Saints are enjoying themselves with their Lord, God is working out His great plan in the world. He fulfills His promise and brings out of the great tribulation—as this period of persecutions is called—a remnant of His people, the Jews. But these have to pay an awful price, because they, or their race had once rejected the Gift of God. Now, when the world is bitterly persecuting these Christian Jews, who have had their eyes opened, and it looks as if the world will win, then, will Christ come back to the earth with the Saints who have been with Him. Jesus speaks of this coming, "for as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: and then shall appear the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribles of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." We find in Revelation 20: 9, where John says, "and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."

So we see that the second act of Christ's coming is His coming in great power and glory with His saints to execute judgment.

Isaiah speaks of this in the second chapter of his book: "For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up: and he shall be brought low: And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he riseth to shake terribly the earth."

During the dark days of the struggle for Italian liberty the people generally looked upon Garibaldi as their invincible deliverer. Prisoners, hurried away to loathsome dungeons, would be cheered as they passed along the streets by friends whispering in their ears, "courage, Garibaldi is coming!" men would steal out at night and chalk on the walls and pavements, "Garibaldi is coming!" and when the news of his approach near to a city was announced the people broke out into the rapturous shout, "Garibaldi is coming!" He

came and Italy broke her political and religious fetters, never to be so enslaved again. A greater than Garibaldi is coming to God's people. Jesus is coming to reign, and His kingdom is joy, peace, and blessings eternal. After Christ has rescued the Christian Jews from their enemies, He then establishes His kingdom and as we find in Matthew, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Now, my friend, I think we see that Christ is coming and how He is coming, but the most important thing for you to think about is, "Are you glad that He is coming or are you ready for His coming."

Queen Victoria, after hearing one of her chaplains preach on the Second coming of Christ said, "Oh, how I wish that the Lord would come during my life time." "Why does your majesty feel this very earnest desire?" asked the chaplain. With her countenance illuminated by deep emotion the Queen replied, "Because I should so love to lay my crown at His feet."

I wonder, dear friends, if you feel this way—that you are hoping that Christ will come during your lifetime so you can lay yourself at His feet. If you have accepted Him as your personal Saviour you should be glad to see Him coming in the clouds of glory.

And don't forget, "The Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." I don't say, "Get ye ready," but "Be ye ready." Christian friends, remember we are not citizens of this world, but only pilgrims and strangers seeking for a city that hath a sure foundation. So my warning to the Christian is to live as if you expect Him at any time. Now, of course, I don't mean for you to climb a mountain and spend all your time looking for Him, but be in readiness to go at all times. It seems to me, then, if we really believed in His imminent return that we would do all in our power to have as many people ready to go as we possibly could. It is our duty, as Christians, to warn the lost that Christ is coming back for His own any day; and that they should be ready for His coming.

Dear lost friend, what about you? Are you ready for Him to come today? Have you had your sins washed in the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ? Remember, only His own will be caught up to meet Him in the air. Christ died to save you from your sins, and He would like so much to meet you when He comes. You might say, "I plan to accept Him someday, but not now — some other time." But my friend, Christ has warned us, "The Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." Are you ready now. If He were to come before we leave this building today, would He find you ready?

Ervin Brown,
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THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Ninety-nine sheep were safely sleeping
In the shelter of the fold,
While one was wandering afar
Out in the bitter cold.

The shepherd left the ninety and nine,
He went out in the cold;
To seek the wandering sheep
And brought it back to the fold.

He climbed the mountain steep
His hands were pierced by thorns;
Yet faithfully He sought his sheep
Though he was weary and worn.

"Rejoice, I've found the wanderer
Out in the desert wild;"
"Hallelujah," sang the angels,
"Jesus brings back His child."

Jesus is seeking the wanderer,
Out in the desert wild;
Let us go to meet Him—
He welcomes Home His child.

Lovingly, He will meet us
Though we have gone astray;
From the straight and narrow way,
Tenderly He will greet us on the way.

Mattie Mae Beacham

CAN WE SING THE OLD HYMNS?

By Waver McLendon

Because we are a free people living in a free land, we may raise our voices fearlessly. Because we are citizens of the kingdom of God, we may sing his song. We have learned the hymns of the church at mothers knee, and we have sung them in services of worship so frequently that we may never stop to think what a blessed privilege it is just to be allowed to sing his praise. Are we worthy of singing these glorious songs of our faith?

Many of us sing the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow!" Do we actually realize in our everyday life that all of our rich blessings come to us as freely flowing gifts of our Heavenly Father?

"Praise Him all creatures here below." Have we done our part to make certain that all of God's children know of his loving kindness so that they may praise him as their Father? Are we willing to stand next to any child of God, regardless of race or environment, and sing with them the praises of the Father in Heaven?

We sing, "Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free." But are we willing to accept the hardships that make us worthy to sing this simple plea?

"Abide with me!" Do we sing this as a beautiful piece of poetry set to a soothing melody, or in time of sorrow and trial do we trustingly say, "Lord abide with me," rather than rebelling against the heartaches that have come to us.

When we sing, "Have Thine own way Lord," do we honestly place our lives in his hands to be shaped as the potter moulds the clay? When will we be able to sing "America the Beautiful,"—"Thine alabaster cities gleam undimmed by human tears?"

Sometimes we sing from the Psalms, "Let us sing unto the Lord a new song." Perhaps we should say, "God makes us worthy to sing the old songs."

DEAR BOYS IN THE ARMED SERVICES

I have just recently returned from Travelers' Rest Church. We enjoyed a good service and the attendance was fair for the weather conditions. The Sunday School in the afternoon was very good, and it took up an offering to pay for the Baptist paper to be sent to the other boys who are going in service for their country.

Perhaps the text I used will help you, so I am passing it on to you. It was taken from the Book of The Acts of the Apostles, chapter ten and verse thirty-three, "Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded of God." In order to get the story more completely, I am asking you to begin reading with the first verse and continue reading through verse thirty-five.

God spoke to Cornelius and he obeyed; then he spoke to his servants, and they obeyed. God spoke to the Apostle Peter and he was convinced. The servants of Cornelius were at the gate of Peter when God said to him, "Come down." The message was delivered and off they went the next day to Cornelius' house. So, Cornelius made ready and had the congregation waiting. When the Apostle Peter and the servants arrived, and after the usual greetings, then the work began. And here is when Cornelius spoke the text.

So, boys, you see that they were in the presence of God before they knew each other, and therefore, out of the presence of the Highest come many wonderful things for their good. And we are still on the receiving line of God, for He will receive us when we will seek Him and obey His commands. So, all the group received as the Apostle preached the Word of God unto them. They got what they needed most, Christ their personal Saviour. Today we need to sit and listen. Then, I feel sure we can safely take in the One who directed the meeting at Cornelius' house. Let us pray that our services will be thus revealed.

Please read and study this tenth chapter of Acts, and may the Lord keep you. And to one of the boys, who had the misfortune of getting a leg fractured, we are hoping that you will soon be well again.

With love,

Rev. S. T. Shutes,

Your Pastor

REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NORFOLK CHURCH

I have been serving in the capacity of treasurer of the South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church since January 16, 1944. I am herewith giving a report of the progress made on the Building Fund since that date. We do hope that, while we are laboring for a church here, the people will not forget to remember us in their prayers, for we are taught to pray without ceasing. We want to thank each one for what has been done to help us in this work.

Below is a list of the donations received from the different churches and individuals:

I. H. Keel, Rocky Mount, N. C.	$ 5.00
J. W. Loveles, Portsmouth, Va.	10.00
C. G. Gurkin, Corinth Church, Williamston, N. C.	15.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	69.35
Rev. W. A. Hales, Elizabeth City, N. C.	2.75
Hickory Grove Church, Pitt County, N. C.	12.36
Hickory Grove L. A. S., Pitt County, N. C.	2.64
Depriest F. W. B. Church, Gattman, Miss.	25.00
Louis Legum Furniture Co., Berkley, Va.	5.00
J. G. Ange, Broad Creek Village, Norfolk, Va.	5.00
Mr. Meekins, Elizabeth City, N. C.	2.00
Hopewell F. W. B. League, Smithfield, N. C.	10.00
Saint's Delight Church, Greene County, N. C.	13.25
Our Church has raised	31.25
Total	$208.60

May I thank each and everyone again for the contributions sent to us for the South Norfolk Church.

I remain your brother in Christ Jesus,

Wilton Dail,

309 Graydon Avenue,

Norfolk, Va.

TEXAS CHURCH CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston will observe March 5th as a bright day in the history of the organization. It brings to a close a year in which the blessings of the Lord Jesus Christ have been tremendously poured out upon the membership of this Church.

One year ago on February 7th, we held our first service with an attendance of nine. One month later the organization of the church was completed with fourteen charter members. We now have a membership of forty-one and thanks be to the Lord for the continued growth of this instrument of His in the winning of souls to know the way of righteousness. We enjoy the good fellowship which comes from being in Sunday School and League services. Studying the work of our Master and preparing our young people to be able to stand and speak for Him are two vital portions of the church work, and we are very glad to have this work going in our church.

The accomplishments here in Houston are not to be thought of as having come only from the local surroundings and talent. We extend to the Central Texas Association and Central Texas Quarterly Meeting our deep appreciation for the support which both have rendered.

The day will be spent in thanksgiving and prayer. A guest speaker will bring the messages of the day. Lunch will be served in the building and meetings will be held during the afternoon for discussion of the work here, and for study of the program as it stands before us in the very near future.

Your prayers are sought in this vital work for the Lord.

H. Ray Berry, Pastor

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

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Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
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BOOKS YOU NEED

There is a great need for more books to be used in our Church work to supplement the literature produced and distributed by the Free Will Baptist presses. I have looked over some that every church would do well to have. I recommend them to you for use.

1. "Group Activities for Children," by Margaret Beck, 40c.
2. "Intermediate Worship Services," by N. W. Whitewell, $1.50.
3. "Children at Worship," by Percy Elizabeth Parris, $1.25.
4. "Standard Vacation Bible School Florence W. Waterman, $2.00; 5. Junior, by Eggleston and Perin, $2.00; 6. Intermediate, by C. H. Benson, $2.00.
7. "Vacation Bible School Hand Book" by Verner Nelson, 60c.

Numbers 4 through 6 are the best books I have ever seen for use in Daily Vacation Bible Schools. They are excellent. They have all the materials as far as books are concerned for use for all ages of children. These books can be used for two or three years. You at least will have to use them two years to cover all the material. You can not go wrong if you get them.

The above suggested list is mostly for children who attend our Sunday Schools and Leagues. Please care for our youth now and they will be able to take better care of the Lord's Work now and in the future. Feed them now and they will feed you later.

The books listed above can be secured from the Press in Ayden, North Carolina, at the prices shown. I urge you to order the Standard Vacation Bible School Courses and also to buy the books that are recommended to you by the "GEM" of Monett, Missouri, and the "BAPTIST" of Ayden, North Carolina, and those recommended by the National Auxiliary Convention.

Yours in His Service,
R. B. Crawford.

REPENTANCE

By Rev. N. P. Gates
Hazel Park, Michigan

"Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," (Matt. 3: 2).

The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God," (Isa. 40: 3).

"In those days came John the baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bring forth therefore fruits, meat for repentance: And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire," (Matt. 3: 1-10).

In the foregoing prophecy, as well as the declarations of him of whom the prophet spoke, produces a foregone conclusion of man's great responsibility toward God, if he ever expects to obtain favor of God in the forgiveness of sins.

Oh, but you say that man is saved by "Grace," and that "Grace" is an "Unmerited favor." To this I agree, for in that it is God that sheweth mercy.

"For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy" (Rom. 9: 15-16).

So then, God has a plan, whereby, and upon whom he might shew his love and mercy in the forgiveness of sins.

If this were not true, then all would be saved regardless of his or her sinful state; "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men" (Tit. 2: 11).

Moreover, the promise is to all men, through him that loved us. "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," (II Pet. 3: 9).

Hence, we can see that it is God's will that all men everywhere might be saved.

But, Beloved, you may as well believe that it is also God's will for one to be lost if he, or she is not willing to repent.

God's call to salvation is a "Universal Call," we hear him saying, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else" (Isa. 55: 22).

"Hear O Israel."

"Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is," said the voice of Micah.

We conclude that to hear means more than a mere sound. But to "Hearken," "Give ear," or take heed. To do so means a change of position, a new view, a change of mind with a conception, conceived in the heart to do thinks you would have not other-

wise done, or to receive instructions.

"Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live" (Deut. 4: 1). "Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: far be it from God, that he should do wickedness; and from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity. For the work of a man shall be to render unto him, and cause every man to find according to his ways" (Job. 34: 10-11). Hence a man must need to forsake his own ways, and submit unto the Lord's ways else he cannot be saved.

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple" (Ps. 19: 7). . . "whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which build his house upon a rock:—etc" (Matt. 7: 24).

Man's ways are not the Lord's ways; neither can he know the Lord's ways, so long as he desires to remain in sin.

"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isa. 55: 7-8).

This, Beloved, is a clear-cut case of repentance toward God. Hence, according to Divine prophecy, we hear the "Forerunner" of Christ (John the Baptist) also Jesus, and the apostles, declaring the language of our text. "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Let us pause for a few moments, giving thought to other advocates concerning the plan of salvation. Since there are those who would have you to **believe,** then **Repent** and be baptized in order to be saved.

To this, I must say is verily a reversed order from that of Divine truth:

Quoting Jesus, ". . . The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mk. 1: 15).

"Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4: 17).

"Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish". (Lu. 13: 3-5).

Well, but some say, How can a man repent unless he believes? To this, I will answer by asking this question: How can you believe in God until you have repented of your sins against him? Let us know the truth, and the truth shall make you free, (John 8: 32).

"Knowledge, that is to know we have sinned, is produced by a conviction of Spirit;" "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11: 1).

When knowledge of sin comes, if the sinner will hearken, the goodness of God, leadeth to repentance. (Rom. 2: 4). "Godly sorrow, worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death" (II Cor. 7: 10). And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. (Rom. 5: 5).

"For we are saved by hope but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it," (Rom. 8: 24-25).

We call your attention in the beginning of man. Please permit me to ask this question: What better state could man be in to believe God than when God made him? After his own likeness and image created he them. Man was without sin, had no knowledge of sin, yet he disbelieved God, and believed the Devil instead, therefore he fell, and great was the fall. Had he believed God, he would have not fallen. Since that fall, sin was passed upon all men, for all have sinned. Please let me reiterate, that man cannot talk to God, to be heard of him, until he has repented of his sins against him.

Please be reminded that "Repentance is the key to the door of mercy."

I wouldn't want to risk my chances for "Eternal glory," with a faith that was not prompted by repentance.

Adam believed the Devil and fell.

"The devils also believe, and tremble," (Jas. 2: 19b).

Therefore to again be in favor with God, man's only hope is by repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; the effect is a new creation. Since the old creature was made sinful by the fall, faith is made perfect in the new creature, by repentance from the fall.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold all things are become new," (II Cor. 5: 17). A complete "change," if you please. "The things I once loved I now hate; and the things I once hated I now love."

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the time of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3: 19).

We again quote the apostle Peter: "Repent therefore of this, thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bonds of iniquity" (Acts 8: 22).

In conclusion, if you have wrongfully treated a friend or brother, to the extent that he had severed his friendship with you, would you return to him in the pretense (or make believe) that you believed he would receive you, and again bestow his goods upon you? Or would you return to him in a Godly sorrowful state, pleading for forgiveness for the wrongs you had committed against him, irrespective of what his attitude might be toward you?

THIS IS REPENTANCE.

Think it over.

—In F. W. B. Evangel

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Incarnation of Christ

Incarnation means to clothe with flesh. Christ was God manifested in the flesh. "The Word which was in the beginning was with God, and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin excepted." Treatise.

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1: 14). "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal

with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men" (Phil. 2: 6, 7).

Christ Was Rich but Was Made Poor

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (2 Cor. 8: 9).

Dear reader, are you saved? If so, you are rich. Rich in the grace of God. Rich in this world and in that to come. We are children of God, if saved. "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together" (Rom. 8: 17).

Christ Tempted, As We Are

Christ before His incarnation could not be tempted. James says, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man."

When Christ was tempted by Satan, to "make bread out of stones," it was the flesh that Satan worked upon. Christ was "hungry." So, with all the temptations that Jesus endured, all came through the flesh. "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin" (Heb. 4: 15).

All this shows that Christ was the INCARNATE GOD. Only God could live in this world without sinning. All men are sinners. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." So, only the INCARNATE God could live on earth and commit no sin. Also, He was rich. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." But He gave up all His wealth—the heavenly and the earthly—"For not a place to lay His head." Only, God would do this for His enemies. Yes, Free Will Baptists believe in the INCARNATION.

The Virgin Birth

Both the old and the New Testaments declare that Jesus Christ was to be, and was born of a virgin. The Scriptures set forth the fact, so plainly, that only an infidel would dispute with divine authority. "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel" (Isa. 7: 14). Isaiah says, "The Lord himself shall give you a sign." The sign did not come from man, but from God. It is God's promise. Matthew, in speaking of the birth of Jesus, says "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted, is God with us" (Matt. 1: 21-23). Read the full account of the birth of Jesus by Matthew, Ch. 1, and also by Luke, Ch. 1 and 2.

Orthodox Free Will Baptists believe in the VIRGIN BIRTH of Christ. We believe that He was conceived just as the Bible teaches. We believe that He was born just as the Bible teaches. We believe that He was "The only begotten Son of God." Free Will Baptists do not believe that doctrine of the modernist, which says, that "Christ was a son as men are sons." All saved men are sons by the "grace of God." You, and I, who believe in Christ—that is believe in the Christ as described by the Word of God—are sons of God. But we are sons of God only by the virtue of accepting the "only begotten Son of God" as our personal Saviour. We cannot claim to be "children of God" until we have been born again.

Christ said that unbelievers were the children of Satan. "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3: 3). We should not claim to believe in Christ, unless we believe what He says.

Christ said to the unbelieving seed of Abraham, "I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham" . . . "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lust of your father ye will do" . . . "And because I tell you the truth ye believe me not" . . . "He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God" (John 8: 37-47). Get your Bible and read the ten verses referred to.

Upon the face of this Scripture, these words spoken by the Son of God, the "only begotten Son of God," I cannot understand how that a person who can understand plain language can deny the "INCARNATION," and the "VIRGIN BIRTH" OF JESUS CHRIST, and at the same time claim to be a "Christian." There is no compromising of the truth. What is not truth is false. If Christ is not the INCARNATE GOD, then He has no power to save a lost soul. If He was not born of a Virgin, as the Bible teaches, then the Bible is false.

Again I say, Free Will Baptists believe in the INCARNATION and the VIRGIN BIRTH of the "only begotten Son of God." We believe it because the BIBLE teaches it. To believe in Christ is to BELIEVE THE INCARNATION AND THE VIRGIN BIRTH. We have no right to claim SALVATION unless we believe in, and on the Lord Jesus Christ. We must accept Him as our personal Saviour. There is no way to accept Him without accepting His Word. His word is: "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." "The Father and I are one."

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life". "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3: 16-18).

My dear reader, do you believe in Christ or do you believe about Christ? The modernist believes about Christ. All that he cannot understand—all that is supernatural—he rejects. All who are saved accept Christ by FAITH. We just believe what God says about it, and the work is done.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* Middlesex, N. C.

REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.* Greenville, Tenn.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Middlesex, N. C.

Dear Friends:

This is OPPORTUNITY YEAR. . . for turning coupons into **more dollars** for the benefit of our work. DOUBLE VALUE will apply on coupons from certain of the products to June 30, 1944. Please ask your group to concentrate their efforts on securing these coupons in order that we may take advantage of the generous rate of $8.00 per 1,000 for the coupons from Octagon Toilet Soap, Octagon Scouring Powder and Ballard's Obelisk Flour.

This very liberal rate of $8.00 per 1,000, is twice as great as our regular payment of $4.00 per 1,000. The $4.00 rate applies to all other coupons from Octagon Soap Products, Rumford Baking Powder, Health Club Baking Powder, and Luzianne Coffee and Tea. Borden's coupons from Silver Cow Evaporated Milk and Magnolia Sweetened Condensed Milk are worth $3.00 per 1,000.

Fewer individuals are using their coupons for personal premiums this year, due to the more generally prosperous times. Now is the time to get them into the habit of contributing their coupons to our work.

You must realize how much this extra cash income means to us . . . we appreciate your regular coupon contributions that make this income possible. Believing you are always anxious to hear of ways and means for uncovering still more coupons for us, we are enclosing a list of "Coupon Collecting Suggestions" which we hope will help you double your efforts to secure the Double Value Coupons.

Cordially yours,
James A. Evans.

Save and send us Coupons from these products: Octagon Soap, Octagon Cleanser, Octagon Toilet Soap, Rumford Baking Powder, Octagon Soap Powder, Octagon Soap Flakes, Octagon Granulated Soap, Luzianne Coffee and Tea, Health Club Baking Powder, Ballard's Obelisk Flour, Borden's Silver Cow Evaporated Milk, Borden's Condensed "Magnolia."

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COUPON COLLECTING SUGGESTIONS

For the Coupon Chairman

The money derived from coupons your group collects, added to that from the accumulation of our many other supporting groups, is a very great help in carrying on our work. Knowing that you are interested in contributing larger quantities of the coupons, we are passing on to you this list of suggestions. Many of them can be successfully used by your group.

Acquaint all members with the uses to which we put this "coupon income." Let them know just how much the coupons are worth to us. To June 30, 1944 several of the coupone bear a DOUBLE VALUE and so are worth $8.00 per 1,000. These are Octagon Toilet Soap, Octagon Cleanser, and Ballard's Obelisk Flour.

The balance of the listed coupons are valued at $4.00 per 1,000—except that the Borden coupons are worth $3.00 per 1,000.

Be sure you know all products bearing the coupons we want. If you will use these products in your own home you will be in a position to talk them up at meetings. Every family represented by your membership, buys products similar to these every week in the year. Our campaign will profit most from those who use these products and then turn over their coupons.

Vary the type of announcement you make at meetings, when asking for coupons, so as to keep up the members' interest. At an early meeting display the different products on a table so members may become acquainted with the full list.

Set a time at meetings when members may file up and donate their coupons at the desk.

Form a "telephone committee" that will regularly ask for coupons from those members who do not attend the meetings. As enrolled members they will undoubtedly respond to this appeal.

Neighbors and relatives can also be relied on to help. The "cause" for which their help is asked is certainly deserving and it doesn't cost them a penny to help with coupons.

Post notices on your meeting room board concerning the campaign, where others than members may see it. Mark on the notice the name and address of the coupon chairman for your group. Also, include notices of the appeal for coupons when possible in the church bulletin.

Ask organized Sunday School classes to take part in the drive. Competition between classes will stimulate greater interest and produce excellent results.

The main thing is—to decide on a definite plan—the one that will work best with your group—and then work that plan.

We have been advised that occasionally some stores may be temporarily "out of some of the soap products." But, try again when marketing the next time for these products are being delivered regularly in only slightly reduced quantities.

These are the products bearing the Coupons wanted: Octagon Laundry Soap, Octagon Soap Powder, Octagon Cleanser, Octagon Toilet Soap, Octagon Soap Flakes, Octagon Granulated Soap, Rumford Baking Powder, Health Club Baking Powder, Borden's Silver Cow Evaporated Milk, Borden's Magnolia Sweetened Condensed Milk, Ballard's Obelisk Flour, Luzianne Coffee and Tea.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

JESUS URGES HIS DISCIPLES TO WATCH

(Lesson for March 5)

Lesson: Mark 13: 3-10, 31-37.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh" (Mk. 13: 35).

Jesus is coming again!

This present age shall end in disaster!

When? Read the Golden Text again, and do not waste breath asking useless questions. "Ye know not when!" is the only authoritative information we have or shall have until we learn the time by its sudden and dramatic appearing. No advance notice will be given of His Return, every figure which Christ used emphasized that fact. "Like a thief in the night" He says in one place, and no advance notice is given of such a visit!

Men who have ignored this part of the text have wrought havoc in the church and have brought disrepute upon the doctrine by their unwise and anti-Biblical guesses. "It is not for you to know" is still the stern reproof of Christ, when men ask concerning the time of His Return.

Again and again the enthusiasm of extremists has led them to set dates and approximate the time, but all have failed so far and will continue to fail in these predictions. The text we now consider tells us that the time is not the important factor in this issue. The key word is **watch!**

An old Scotch farmer had been approached again and again by the local representative of a fire insurance company to protect his farm against fire. "Na, na!" the old man would say, with a wise shake of his head. "Ma fairm will nae gang on fire!" Then one fateful day the unexpected happened. The neighbors were astonished to see the farmer racing up and down the village street instead of helping to put out the flames. As he ran he shouted: "Sandy! Sandy! Whaur's that insurance chap? It's awful that ye canna find a body when ye're needin' him!"—The Expositor.

II. Home Work

1. What was the testimony of Jesus about His Second Coming? (Mat. 24: 27-31; Rev. 22: 7).
2. Did the Apostles believe in the Return of Christ? (Acts 3: 20; I Thes. 4: 16; II Thes. 1: 7-10; II Pet. 3: 4-10; I Jn. 3: 2).
3. What did the angels say about Jesus' Coming Again? (Acts 1: 11).
4. What physical signs shall precede His coming to earth again? (Mat. 24: 29).
5. What conditions shall prevail among the nations of the world at that time? (Mat. 24: 6, 7; Hag. 2: 22).
6. What will be the world's attitude towards spiritual things before Christ comes? (II Thes. 2: 1-4; Mat. 24: 5; I Jn. 2: 18).
7. Could the Jews have ascertained the exact time of Christ's first coming? (Dan. 9: 24-26).
8. Who only knows the exact time of His Return? (Mk. 13: 32).
9. How should we use the time until He comes? (Lu. 19: 13; Eph. 5: 16; Col. 4: 5).
10. When will the Lord Jesus come again? (Lu. 12: 39, 40).
11. We refer you to our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies for a **safe** and **sane** presentation of the truths of this lesson. Much harm has been done by arranging a fixed schedule of prophetic events. The present World War has proven many teachers of prophecy to be wrong in their ideas as to how future events would take place. Some were sure Italy would never declare War on France and England, for example.

III. Special Lesson Topics and Truths

Christ's Prophecy of His Second Coming. The Olivet message recorded in Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21, sets forth two great crises: the destruction of Jerusalem, which took place in A. D. 70, and the personal return of the Lord Jesus at the close of this age. After the manner of prophecy, these two are so closely intertwined that it appears impossible to set apart all the verses that apply to each event. The events at the destruction of Jerusalem are a foreshadowing of the greater events at the end of the age. The destruction of Jerusalem was a judgment on Israel after forty years of further testing, during which they rejected the risen, glorified Lord, as they had rejected Jesus manifest in the flesh. At that time came the full inauguration of the age of Christ's Church, now separated completely from the Judaism that rejected the Messiah. Jerusalem is to be under control of the gentiles during this present age, called "the times of the Gentiles." This is made clear in Luke 21: 24, a key verse for the interpretation of the prophecy. But Israel's rejection is not permanent (Rom. 11: 25, 26). This present age is to be characterized by war, pestilence, famine, earthquake, which things are "the beginning of travail," that is, the warning pains before the birth-pangs of a new age. But it is also the age of the preaching of the Gospel to all nations, the Church age, the dispensation of the Holy Spirit, the age of Gentile rule, the age of Christ's bodily absence. It is to be succeeded by the age of Christ's personal presence, when the kingdom is restored to Israel (Acts 1: 6; 3: 19-21), the age of universal peace and righteousness, "life from the dead" (Rom. 11: 12, 15), final preparation for the new heaven and new earth (Rev. 20: 7; 21: 1).—S. S. Times.

There can be no peace in this
age of bloodshed,
Of strife and hatred and deep
distrust;
The bow and the spear shall not
be broken,
The sword in the scabbard
shall never rust,
Though kings take counsel and
statesmen promise,
Though people with people a
pact shall make;
They can sign no truce they will
not sunder,
And swear no oath they will
not break.

There can be no peace till the
King of Glory
Comes down to earth from the
Heavens above;

—Selected

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor

New Bern, N. C.

BLESSED PRIVILEGES

By Mrs. Edwin Roper,
Ransomville, N. C..

On Saturday, January 29, 1944, I was granted a blessed privilege of attending the Albemarle Union Meeting, which met at Shiloh Church, Beaufort County. I say I was granted a blessed privilege, because God made it possible for me to attend, and surely it was a privilege, because the entire day was a sweet fellowship and communion with the Holy Spirit, and the Christian friends. Everyone seemed to be very happy, and it made us feel as the Apostle Peter did on the Mount of Transfiguration. We were so happy to meet Rev. Harden, pastor of the South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church. I wish every member of our denomination could have heard him preach. His message was filled with enthusiasm for the progress of the little church. He was so very grateful for what the Union meeting, churches and individuals have done and are doing for the South Norfolk Church.

Every F. W. B. Sunday School, Ladies Aid, League and church will be rendering a great service toward the upbuilding of God's kingdom, we believe, in making a special donation to the South Norfolk Church. Let us help them in that church all we possibly can, and in so-doing make them happy, ourselves glad, and the heavenly Father and His holy angels to rejoice.

There were three specials offered during the afternoon session of the meeting. Three boys from the local church sang, "Kneel at the Cross." How good it made us know that no matter how great our burdens might be, we can keep at the cross of Jesus, and leave them there. Miss Ruth Jennings beautifully sang the testimony of every Christian, "What Jesus Did for Me." After the meeting was adjourned, Mrs. Ballard, in her sweet Christlike spirit sang, "Jesus Coming Soon." How happy our hearts were made to feel while she sang this beautiful hymn. A little prayer, unheard, went up something like this: "May we watch for Thee day and night, keep our wedding garments spotless and be ready to meet the Bridegroom when He comes to meet His Bride in the air."

A Christian friend of mine made this statement, "All during the time Mrs. Ballard sang I kept saying over and over in my heart, 'If it could only be now.'" Fellow Christians, if it can be possible, attend the Albemarle District Union meeting, and you will surely be blessed because you will find Jesus there.

Prayer is another great privilege to me. How many hearts ache because they forget or do not take time to pray. It is a sweet privilege to take our burdens to the Lord in prayer. He is always kind enough to listen, and in His own way He never leaves a prayer unanswered. But if someone asked us to do something for him, we would not dare ask a favor of him, and expect him to grant it, until we had done what he had asked us to do. Would we? Surely not. Well, Jesus has asked us to love Him, and keep His commandments. If we do just this, we will walk not after the lust of the flesh, but after the Spirit.

"Kneel and Pray"

By Bobbie Winstead

When your days seem dark and
dreary
And you falter by the way;
Your heart will beat much lighter
If you will only kneel and pray.

You will find your strength returning
Through prayer in Jesus' name;
Worldly things will pass away
But He's always just the same.

Don't wait 'till you're in trouble,
But thank Him every day;
And you will find Him right there
with you
Every time you kneel and pray.

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OAK GROVE AUXILIARY REPORT

The auxiliary of Oak Grove Church met at the church on February 9, and Mrs. N. R. Lewis had charge of the program and conducted the devotions. The subject was the "Country Church." Those taking part on the program were: Mesdames Lee Bass, Y. W. Eldridge, Hubert Lewis and Annie McPhail. Mrs. N. A. Brock played the piano and they sang, "How Firm a Foundation," and "O Worship the King."

There were nine members present though the weather was inclement. There were 133 chapters read in the Bible by the members since the last meeting, and 46 quarts of milk given away. Five cards, 19 visits and flowers were sent to the sick since our last meeting. The meeting was enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Annie McPhail, President
Miss Thelma Lee, Secretary

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NEWS FROM NEW BERN CHURCH

At the recent annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, of St. Mary's Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern, reports showed a marked improvement in each department. Several new members had been added, while interest in the program of the church was very gratifying. The Treasurer's report showed that the Auxiliary had raised the sum of $912.95 during the year, and that a goodly amount of these funds had been spent for Missions, Orphanage, Christian Education and our Retired Ministers, as well as for local relief and other needs of the church. In the election of officers, the only changes made, were the President and Secretary, Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, was made President and Mrs. D. W. Hancock was made the new Secretary. The Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Gaskins, was re-elected, as were all Vice-Presidents. The Auxiliary has gotten off to a good start for the New Year, and interest in the new

Year Book, and in the promotion of the National Auxiliary Program is becoming more deeply a vital part of the work.

We are planning courses in Missions and Stewardship during the spring months, and hope to realize great benefit from these.

Our enlistment drive is still on, and so far, we are well pleased with results. Our circle leaders are alert and doing a wonderful service in the promotion of the various interests of the Auxiliary, and are women of Prayer and vision. We cannot fail to be thankful to the Master for His wonderful blessings, and for His leadership, not only during the past year, but through all the years of our service in Auxiliary work.

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Our Sunday School is growing in numbers from week to week, and under the capable supervision of Brother U. W. Daugherty, promises still greater achievements. We have five Sunday School rooms, but need as many more, as the main Auditorium is being used by five classes at this time. We have a small building apart from the church, where Mrs. M. W. Register has charge of the "Cradle Class." She is doing a fine work among these little ones, with her assistants, who are co-operating in every possible way. We hope to be able to enlarge our church soon, so that we can take care of the School in its rapid growth.

The program of the church, under the splendid leadership of the pastor, Rev. W. B. Everett, is moving along toward higher planes of service. There were sixteen new additions to the church during our fall revival, when Rev. George Dunbar, of Chuckey, Tenn., conducted a two weeks meeting here. He brought soul-stirring and heart-searching messages each day, and proved himself in every way, worthy of the high esteem and appreciation of the entire church. His labors were untiring and the work accomplished during his stay with us is holding up in a very gratifying manner.

With all of the bright prospects before us as a church, we realize the urgent necessity of being at all times, on the alert and prepared for attacks from the "enemy," who is ever busy in his efforts to destroy the works of righteousness. The pastor stresses the need of co-operation, unity, loyalty and sacrifice, but that it may go on to greater heights in the promotion of the Gospel of Christ, and the salvation of the lost. We pray that our Father may lead us on, as "Labourers together with Him," and in "Stedfastness in the work of the Lord."

Yours,
In service for Him,
Alice E. Luptor

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PROGRAM

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Auxiliary Convention, held at the home of Mrs. H. C. Barnes, of Cash Corner, N. C., the following program was arranged. The Convention will hold its Spring, and Annual Session with the Church at Sandy Plain, Thursday, March 23, 1944.

Morning Session

Theme: Prayer, the Key to Steadfastness

9:30—Devotions; Mrs. W. O. Caroon
—Greetings by the President of the local Auxiliary
—Response by Mrs. Louise Bedsworth
—Message from the President
—Business session
10:00—Registration
—Reading of minutes of Executive session
—Appointment of committees
—Report from the 2nd and 6th Vice-Presidents
—Report of Field Worker
10:30—News from the Orphanage by Rev. Jas. A. Evans
11:15—Congregational singing and Prayer
—Special Music
11:30—Convention Message: "Be Ye Stedfast in Prayer and good works," by Mrs. Bruce Barrow, Kinston, N. C.
12:00—Recess

Afternoon Session

1:30—Praise and Prayer service by Mrs. Erma Godley
—Reports from Delegates attending other Conventions
—Reports from the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Vice-Presidents
—Special selections from Orphanage Class
2:15—Short talks on "Our Missionaries," by Mrs. J. H. Oglesby
—Report from the 4th Vice-President, with a talk on Stewardship, stressing Christian Education and Vacation Bible Schools in connection with the Theme for the day, by Mrs. J. C. Griffin
3:00—Reports of the various committees
—Petitions, Resolutions, Finance
—Treasurer's report
—Miscellaneous business
—Election of officers
3:30—Adjournment

Mrs. J. C. Griffin, President,
Alice E. Lupton, Secretary

NOTE: Auxiliaries are requested to save the Baptist paper in which this Program appears, as there will be no programs for distribution.—Pres.

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AUXILIARY CIRCLES MEET

The Eunice Lee Morris Mission Circle and the W. L. Jernigan circle of the St. Paul's Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, met on Monday night, February 7, at the church. The program was rendered from the Program Book. The meeting was opened by the members singing, "How Firm a Foundation." The scripture was read by Mrs. Roy Hilley from Eccl. 5: Matt. 13: 39. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Hales.

The topics of the program were discussed by the following members: Mrs. Roy Hilley, Mrs. W. A. Hales, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Mrs. John Copeland, and Mrs. J. L. Sample. The roundtable discussions were open with Mrs. Ballard in charge, and Mrs. L. E. Ballard led in a word of prayer.

There were fifteen members and six visitors present for the meeting. In conclusion a hymn was sung, "Faith of Our Fathers," and Mrs. John Copeland dismissed the meeting in a word of prayer.

Mrs. H. I. Furlough, Secretary

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXCHANGE

Edited by Rev L. E. Ballard

MINUTES OF THE ALBEMARLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The convention met at Shiloh Church January 30th, and was conducted by the use of a program.

Devotions were led by Rev. H. E. Harden.

After remarks by the president the ministers were recognized, and those present were Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. H. E. Harden and Rev. D. M. Radcliff.

The list of Sunday Schools was called and those representing were as follows:

	For Orph.	For Con.
Malachi's Chapel	$ 25.47	$ 1.00
Sound Side	15.00	.50
Mt. Tabor	23.17	3.45
Union Chapel	2.50	.50
Free Union	23.00	.50
Sidney	4.75	.25
St. Paul	8.50	1.50
Shilo	3.00	1.50
Hickory Chapel	18.62	2.00
Trinity	5.50	.50
Corinth	2.00	1.00
South Norfolk	4.00	1.00
Gum Neck	0.00	1.00
Total	$135.51	$14.70

After being favored with special music, Rev. W. A. Hales delivered the message. After the sermon there was a public offering taken for the Orphanage amounting to $69.62, making a total today for the Orphanage of $205.13.

Afternoon Session

Devotion and message were by Mrs. L. E. Ballard, subject, "Have You Found Your Place in the Master's Cause?"

It being time to elect officers, there was a motion made and carried that the same officers be re-elected for the year 1944. There was a move that the convention extend to the officers a vote of thanks for their work through the past year.

A motion was made and carried for the convention to appoint delegates to represent the Albemarle district in the State Convention. Those named as delegates are Miss Ruth Jennings and Mrs. H. I. Fowler.

The Treasurer gave his repart. A motion was carried to accept same. The Secretary was instructed to write the editor of the paper in regards to having the program for the Union, the League Union and the Sunday School Convention printed in the same column of the paper or on same page.

A vote of thanks was extended to the people of Shilo and Community for the generous way in which they entertained during the convention. The meeting adjourned to meet with Trinity, fifth Sunday in April, 1944.

Alonzo L. Reynolds, Secy.

FOURTH UNION REPORT

The Fourth Union of the Central Conference of North Carolina met at Owen's Chapel on January 29, 1944. Rev. L. B. Manning conducted the devotions, and Rev. C. D. Hamilton offered a word of prayer. The minutes of the last union were read and approved. The visiting brethren and sisters were invited to have seats with us. The following committees were appointed: Finance, R. E. Hart, Thomas Webb, R. R. Everett; Program, Barney Kirby, Sr., Mrs. Charlie Reasons, Rev. Manning; Temperance, Rev. W. L. Hart, Rev. P. C. Wiggs, Martha Webb.

The following committees were elected until our next annual election which will be, I would say, in July, 1944: Orphanage, Rev. L. B. Manning, Jesse Gay, David Corbett; Education, Rev. P. C. Wiggs, J. E. Edmundson, Barney Kirby, Jr.; Superannuation, J. E. Baker, G. W. Bailey, Benj. Dilda; Missions, Rev. C. D. Hamilton, W. J. Cobb, Barney Kirby, Sr. Rev. Wiggs brought the eleven o'clock message. His text was taken from Gal. 6: 10. After the message an offering was taken for the Orphanage to the amount of $16.73.

In the afternoon the union was called to order and the congregation sang hymn number 170. On motion we excommunicate Brother M. E. Tyson for departing our faith. The ministers present are as follows: W. L. Hart, J. W. Joyner, L. B. Manning, P. C. Wiggs, C. D. Hamilton, Marshal Joyner. Those ministers absent were: N. D. Beaman, E. L. Abrams, R. C. Proctor, H. T. Sowers, N. D. Tyson. Licentiates who were absent were W. F. Newell and W. H. Webb.

The following churches were represented with donations: Watery Branch, Walnut Creek, Free Union, Friendship, Harrell's Chapel, Spring Branch, Howell Swamp, Aspin Grove, Owen's Chapel, Ottis Creek, Edgewood, Dilda Grove, Saratoga, Antioch, Daniel's Chapel, LaGrange, Little Creek, Virginia. The total contribution amounted to $64.68. We had on hand from the last union $6.52. A motion was carried to have the Finance Committee to retire and settle with the treasurer, and that he then make his report to the union.

Received for Education	$3.50
For retired ministers	1.00
For home missions	1.00
Total	$5.50
Paid to clerk and P. P.	$ 6.00
To Orphanage child for clothing	20.00
To mission fund	10.00
To the Orphanage (donated)	10.00
Donation to Sister Wooten	12.00
Total paid out	$58.00
Balance in the treasury	$13.20

The next union will convene with Daniel's Chapel in Wilson County, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April, 1944. The devotional committee reported to preach tonight Rev. M. Joyner. A motion was carried to empower the various Boards to use the money as they see fit. A motion was carried that we take a free will offering for Sister Johnny Wooten, and the offering was $13.00, it to be added to the $12 dollars given as a donation from the union. The money was handed to Rev. L. B. Manning to be given to Mrs. Wooten. A rising vote of thanks was then extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. The union was then closed with praise and prayer. Rev. L. B. Manning dismissed the congregation in a word of prayer.

Rev. Marshal Joyner, Moderator,

R. R. Bailey, Clerk and Treas.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

IN MEMORIAM

This is written in loving memory of a very dear aunt, Aunt Julia Brinson, who was 82 years old. Her loving memory still lingers in our hearts. She left us one year ago today.

Deep in our hearts is still a thought of a loved one laid to rest;
In sweet memory we shall keep it, for she was one of the best.

She was upright and beautiful in all her ways;
And a wonderful character to the last of her days.

She was a loving aunt, always true and kind;
Oh! such a loving memory she left behind.

Mrs. H. H. Mallison.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His wisdom and mercy saw fit to call from this life Brother Jimmie Barbour, who departed this life last year, be it resolved:

First, That because of his consecrated and devoted life to his church and to his many friends, we bow in humble submission to the divine will of God who doeth all things well;

Second, That we reverently thank God for his great faith and Christian works which he so nobly exemplified while in our midst;

Third, That we extend our deepest sympathy and sincere prayers to his bereaved family, and commend them to Him who alone can give comfort in the hours of trial; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, a copy to the Free Will Baptist paper for publication, and a copy be retained in the minutes of our church ledger.

Junius A. Barbour
Mrs. Eula Coats,
Rebecca Ann Hobbs,
Committee.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God in His great mercy and infinite wisdom saw fit to call from us our dear beloved member and co-worker, Mrs. Nellie Langdon, we the church, and Sunday School of St. Mary's Grove do hereby resolve:

First, That we bow in humble submission to the will of God who doeth all things well;

Second, That we extend to the bereaved family our heart-felt sympathy and prayers. May they take their burdens to the Lord in faith, the One who is willing to bear them;

Third, That in losing Sister Langdon this church and Sunday School have lost a faithful member and a devoted worker. May her faithfulness and her devotion linger long in our memory; and

Fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Baptist for publication, a copy to the bereaved family and a copy be retained in the minutes of our church ledger.

Junius A. Barbour,
Mrs. Eula Coates,
Rebecca Ann Hobbs,
Committee.

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OWENS. In the early morning of October 12, 1943, the golden gates stood open, and the gentle voice of the Lord spoke to the soul of Mrs. W. R. Owens, and said, "Well done good and faithful servant," and she entered there to be in the presence of the Master. She had served so faithfully here.

Mrs. Owens was born February 14, 1892, and united with the Saratoga Free Will Baptist Church while quite a young girl, and remained a faithful member for life. She was also a very active member of the Ladies Aid and Sunday School. She often expressed her enjoyment in the Ladies Aid work. She had served as president for the Ladies Aid, and as secretary, and at the time of her death she was the Second Vice-President. This society has been organized some over fifteen years, and this was the first time the circle had been broken by the passing of one of its members in death.

Mrs. Owens was married to Mr. W. R. Owens and to this union were born nine children, two of whom preceded her to the grave several years ago. She is survived by her husband and seven children, six sisters and two brothers.

Mrs. Owens was a loving wife, mother and neighbor, and was gratefully loved by all who knew her. The beautiful floral offerings truly spoke of the love and respect which the entire community felt for her. Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. N. D. Beamon, assisted by a quartet composed of Mrs. J. C. Moye, Mrs. Ruth Clark, Rev. N. D. Beamon, and Mr. Rufus Beamon. Interment took place in the Fountain Cemetery.

In the graveyard softly sleeping
Where the flowers gently wave
Lies one we loved so dearly
In her lone, silent grave.

We'll miss you O so sadly,
Until the resurrection morn;
When we'll meet again in heaven
In that bright eternal home.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our church
Which never can be filled.

We miss you in your home,
We miss your gentle care;
We miss you at the church,
We miss you everywhere.

—Written by a friend,
Mrs. Paul Thigpen

Boys and Girls Corner

A GIFT FOR JESUS

Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus were very happy. Jesus, the Master, whom they loved with all their hearts, had brought His disciples and was going to stay at their home overnight.

Martha was the housekeeper. All day she worked preparing good things for the evening meal. She showed her love for the Master by her skillful cooking.

Mary loved the Saviour too. She wanted to give Him the nicest thing she could. In her room she had a little bottle of sweet-smelling perfume. It cost a great deal, and Mary had saved a long time in order to buy it.

While Jesus and the disciples were at the table, Mary came in with this little bottle in her hand. She walked up behind Jesus and poured all the perfume on His hair and feet. Then she leaned over, and with her beautiful hair, which she unloosened, she dried Jesus' feet. We wouldn't do such a thing in this country, but in that land it was a way to show love.

The sweet perfume filled the whole room. Judas, the one who took care of what money the disciples had, scolded Mary. He asked her why she had wasted all that costly perfume, and why she had not used the money to give to the poor.

But Jesus was pleased with Mary because she had given Him the very best present she had. He told Judas: "I am not going to be with you much longer and Mary has done right to honor me. The poor will be here with you always. Help them whenever you can. Mary has given her dearest treasure. She has done what she could."

—Bible Story

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Two Men Prayed

By Barbara Cornet Ryberg

Two men prayed in the long ago,
Two men, much like the men we know:
One prayed with his head held high,
With a square-set jaw and a tearless eye;
Convinced that his was a righteous cause,
He thanked the Lord for the man he was.
So, satisfied, he turned away,
The self-same man who had paused to pray.

The second man, penitent and lowly,
Dared not lift his eyes to a God so holy,
But smote on his breast as he spoke this word:
"Be merciful to a sinner, Lord."
And God, who delights to forgive and bless,
Credited him with righteousness.
A guilty sinner, he paused to pray;
A justified saint he walked away.

Two men prayed in the long ago,
Two men, much like the men we know;
Two men facing eternity,
Which is like you? Which is like me?

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Mrs. W. H. Pierce, Kenly, N. C. ---------10
Mrs. Flave Mercer, Beulaville, N. C. ----10
Mrs. J. H. Oliver, Kinston, N. C. --------10
L. W. Mizell, Winsor, N. C. ----------9
D. J. O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala. ---------9
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W. F. Clark, Thomasville, Ga. ----------8
M. B. Hutchinson, McArthur, Ohio -----8
Rev. T. Renfrow, Kenly, N. C. ----------8
Mrs. E. B. Deans, Lucama, N. C. -------8
Mrs. John Smith, Vanceboro, N. C. -------8
R. N. Hinnant, Micro, N. C. ----------8
Mrs. Pearl Pearce, Micro, N. C. ---------8
James W. Roberts, Altha, Fla. ----------8
Mrs. S. B. Strickland, Middlesex, N. C. --7
H. E. Jomp, Wilson, N. C. ----------7
Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn. -------7
Mrs. W. O. Croom, Kinston, N. C. --------7
Melvin Parker, Smithfield, N. C. ---------7
R. R. Bailey, Walstonburg, N. C. ---------7
Mrs. Bonnie Rice, Morehead City, N. C. --6
Mable Wilson, Vanceboro, N. C. ---------6
L. L. Moore, Hyman, S. C. ----------6
Annie Ruth Lee, Gattman, Miss. ---------6
Miss Miranda Ditty, Bascom, Fla. -------6
Mrs. F. A. Edwards, Chocowinity, N. C. --6
H. E. Harden, Norfolk, Va. ----------6
G. C. Joyner, Smithfield, N. C. ----------6
W. R. Williams, Kenly, N. C. ----------6
Mrs. Harvey Moore, Greenville, N. C. ---6
J. R. Davidson, Ashland City, Ala. -------6
Nathaniel Cox, Blunts Creek, N. C. -----6
Willie Renfrow, Kenly, N. C. ----------5
Ransom Trent, Iaeger, W. Va. ----------5
Mrs. Icy Goen, Bryan, Texas ----------5
Mrs. Clarence O'Donnell, Pell City, Ala. -5
R. C. Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C. ---------5
Mrs. C. T. Brock, Kenansville, N. C. ----5
Mrs. John R. Murphy, Snow Hill, N. C. --5
I. J. Blackwelder, Nashville, Tenn. -------5
N. P. Gates, Hazel Park, Mich. ----------5
Mrs. J. W. Boyette, Princeton, N. C. ----5
Mrs. H. S. Swain, Columbia, N. C. -----5
Mrs. Sam Edwards, Bladenboro, N. C. ---5

I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our our Lord. Rom. 8: 38, 39.

WHY ARE THERE DIFFERENCES AMONG FREE WILL BAPTIST?

By E. C. Morris

The article under the heading, "Who Are Free Will Baptists?" which appeared in the Baptist a few weeks ago, has brought to my attention three other vital questions. First, Why should there be any greater differences among Free Will Baptists than any other denomination? Second, What are some of the great differences among Free Will Baptists? Third, How can these differences be eliminated?

We will just consider the first question in this article.

We may sometime wonder why there is such a great difference in the practices and usages in various sections of the country in the Free Will Baptist denomination; but if we would only realize the nature of the denominational development, we might then wonder why there are no more differences.

Our denomination, unlike others, did not originate from any one particular source as we will learn through the study of its history. Paul Palmer and Benjamin Randall seem to be the two leading men as human leaders in the founding of this great denomination, however, there were several other men and groups who came out of other churches and established Churches which later united with the Free Will Baptist denomination. Paul Palmer and Benjamin Randall lived many years and many miles apart, neither of which ever knew of the other or their work. Paul Palmer was a Welsh Baptist, and founded some churches in Eastern North Carolina about 1727. Benjamin Randall, before conversion, was a member of the Congregationalist Church up in one of the New England States. He became the founder of the Free Will Baptist Church at New Durham, N. H., about 1780. He was disowned by the Strict Baptist because of his liberal views on the atonement. About the close of the eighteenth century, Benajah Corpe, a Baptist minister of New York, not knowing of the liberal Baptist views of New England, gath-

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EDITORIAL

FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING—

In this issue of the Baptist paper, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Business Manager of the Nashville Free Will Baptist Bible College, is publicising the need of the erection of an administration building for the college. In the articles concerning the school, he shows that there is beginning to appear an urgent need for the erection of this building within a short time so that adequate accommodations will be provided for the growing needs of the school.

Since the student body for the second year has been practically doubled over the first year, and also since the outlook for the third year now would appear to more than double the present enrollment of students, it is plainly seen that the present rooming facilities of the college will not take care of the situation when the third school year opens this coming September. In view, therefore, of the present needs and the future prospects of the school, it is plainly evident that the Free Will Baptist denomination throughout the United States should now begin to rally to this call for funds to enable the college to erect, as soon as adequate funds can be raised and the government will permit, the proposed administration building for the college. It is plainly shown, by the Business Manager's statements, that the present building will not be able to take care of the growing needs of the school. Moreover, greater interests are being shown all the while in the college by an increasing number of Free Will Baptists in the different states, and they are willing, it is certain, to begin to raise funds in all of their local churches with the view of enabling the college officials to erect the proposed building when the government will grant the permit for them to make this addition to the school.

We believe the ministers, and the different church organizations in the different states where Free Will Baptist churches are established, should begin to consider this matter with a great deal of concern, and to lay plans in their churches and organizations to raise liberal offerings for this specific purpose. Money is plentiful everywhere now, and certainly every local church throughout the entire denomination can raise a creditable contribution, and have a vital part in helping to raise the required $70,000 for the erection of the administration building for the college. Taking it all in all, there are approximately 4,000 Free Will Baptist churches in the United States. When considered on an average scale, this would mean less than $20 dollars for each local church in the denomination, and there is scarcely any church that could not raise now twenty dollars for this cause if an honest effort were put forth. On the other hand, there are hundreds of churches that are sufficiently capable of raising one hundred dollars and even more for this most needy cause. When the Business Manager, and the Board of Trustees of the college lay their plans and launch the drive, we believe the whole denomination will rally to this call and raise the money within a few short months.

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HOW SUBSCRIPTION ROLL NOW STANDS—

As was promised a month ago, we are herewith giving the present status of our subscription roll. During the month of February, there were 105 names of old subscribers taken out of the roll because of failure to renew their subscriptions which became past due. The total number of names entered during February, that is, those who did renew in time to avoid their names being taken from the list, and those who were new subscribers is 126. This shows only a gain of 19 subscribers for the month of February, which happens to be the same as it was for the month of January.

May everyone do his or her best to enable us to be able to show a greater gain for the month of March. May the many solicitors in the different churches for the Baptist paper do their best to arouse the church people to take the paper and to read it, and keep posted on what the denomination is doing for the advancement of God's kingdom here upon earth.

LINCOLN READ THE BIBLE

Abraham Lincoln loved his Bible and the company of ministers of the gospel. He could often be found thumbing the pages of his old worn Bible, which was his greatest source of knowledge. At one time he went to Brooklyn in disguise for a season of prayer and supplication with Rev. Dr. Henry Ward Beecher.

All great men and great women have found this old Book of books to be of supreme importance when they most needed greater faith to support them in their most stupenduous trials. This old Book comes to the monarch, the king on his throne, the Prince, the Potentate, to tell him that he is a servant of the most High only through faith in Jesus Christ. The child can listen to its stories with delight, while great teachers ponder them as parables of life. The wilderness and the solitary places have been made glad by its truths; while the fire on the hearthstone in the humble home, has given light for the reading of its worn pages.

Those who read this remarkable old volume, find much more than a book of mere political maxims or economic principles but a book vital with spiritual truth, from which men may learn the greatness of a Saviour's love and his forgiveness for sin. No book is so well-known for human life from the cradle to the grave, and no person can afford to ignore its teachings.

A. R. Flowers,

Sims, N. C.

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Executive Secretary
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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

In the month of June, 1938, during the sitting of the last session of the Eastern General Association, when convened with Pierce's Chapel Church, Smithville, Miss., a tentative board of education was elected which was composed of three members; namely, Mr. W. E. Coville of Nashville, Mrs. J. R. Bennett of Bridgeton, N. C., and J. R. Davidson. The Board was called together before taking leave and agreed on a few simple plans for beginning the accumulation of a financial nucleus looking forward to what we now are able to see. J. R. Davidson was named as Treasurer, with responsibility in collecting, and handling funds. Quite a bit of effort was put into the plans, and a small sum of money had been gathered when the National body met in Nashville during the month of November of the same year. At this session of the National Association the first National Board as it now functions, was named which was composed of the following ministers: J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C., George D. Dunbar of Chuckey, Tenn., D. Self Jones of Mansfield, Mo., Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Oklahoma and J. R. Davidson. George D. Dunbar was named as Secretary and J. R. Davidson, Chairman-Treasurer, in a called meeting. It was agreed that the financial plans already set in order be continued for the present, and when the Association was convened in Bryan, Texas, in July 1939, the report of the Treasurer showed an accumulation of several hundred dollars. It was in a session of the Board called to order by the chairman during the sitting of the National body in Bryan that the financial plans were enlarged upon, and investigations were ordered for selecting a location for a Bible School. The board having spent long hours together during the sitting of the National Body when convened in Paintsville, Kentucky, in prayer and definite planning for a balanced plan of procedure which would bless every phase of our common cause that the plan of launching all phases of our work under the direction of a National Board, which called for the election of an Executive Secretary. With thanksgiving in our hearts, and assurance that God had led us in this way, the plan was presented to the National Body which in turn was unanimously adopted. From this point we launched a definite plan of procedure under careful direction of Rev. L. R. Ennis, Executive Secretary, and the Lord surely placed His approval by prospering the cause.



The Present College Building

While the National Association was in session in Drumright, Okla., it approved a recommendation by the board of education in granting a trusteeship, and in the appropriation of one thousand dollars for the purpose of launching the Christian Workers' Institute Program; also for negotiating a deal for property in the city of Nashville for the purpose of opening and operating a school. Our present property purchased in the month of September, 1941, for the sum of $15,000.00, one thousand of which was donated by Mr. W. O. Tirrill of the city of Nashville. Contracts were drawn on the twenty-third day of the month covering a period of four years with privilege of retiring the entire amount on the date of maturity of any annual payment. A definite campaign was launched by the Board for funds to retire the debt within the first year, and the services of Rev. L. R. Ennis were secured in the direction of the campaign. It was in this connection that the well known Foundation Check plan was introduced, and in July, 1942, during the sitting of the National Body in the town of Columbus, Miss., the Treasurer's report was of such nature to almost guarantee the retirement of all indebtedness on the date the first annual payment was to fall due. Consequently, the Association ordered the opening of school on September 15, 1942. This order was carried out with Rev. L. C. Johnson serving as President. Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Teacher-Secretary, Rev. Henry Melvin, Music Teacher, and J. R. Davidson, Business Manager. All of these were looking to the treasury for sustenance of life, yet with all the extra financial draw the "barrel of



The Student Body

meal" wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail. Instead all necessities were provided, and on October 13, 1942 the property of which the above cut is the likeness was dedicated to the glory of our God for the training of talent as meet for the Master's use.

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SCHOOL FAMILY

Nine students were enrolled on the opening date, September 15, 1942, to which number nine others were added during the first year's history. Much of that for which we had longed began to be in manifestation as these students were directed in definite courses of training under careful direction of Rev. L. C. Johnson, Miss Laura Belle Barnard and Rev. Henry Melvin. The first session closed on May 28 with thirteen of those enrolled present, and these went out into several fields of endeavor to bear the testimony of our Saviour. Their testimony in word, and from the message lived through them, proved to be a great stimulus to this cause, as well as to every phase of our National cause. The names of those enrolled during the first year follow: Paul J. Ketteman, George Waggoner, Opal Hilliabidal, Wallace Malone, Daniel Cronk, Huey Gower, James Hagin, Chester O'Donnel, Marie Thomas, Damon Dodd, Sylvia Dodd, Rashie Kennedy, Sam Kennedy, Mrs. Rashie Kennedy, Ethelene Whaley, Royster Martin, Robert Woodard and Mr. Starnes.

On the opening day of the second year 29 were enrolled, including 13 of those who were enrolled during the first year. The new students enrolled this year are: Mabelene Leary, Francis Tinnin, Margaret Chappel, Alethia Etheridge, Luther Gibson, George Ludwig, Kenneth Turner, Albert Halbrook, Christina Halbrook, Paul Boggs, William Buster, Ailene Baine, Gladys Beane, Ruby Dowling, L. D. Nance, Howard Lyle, Ailene Gower, Trula Gunter, Gertrude Bowe, John McLean and Myron Hyatt.

Some of these have been sacrificed to the war effort, and have felt compelled to drop out for other reasons, but there are twenty-seven in daily preparation for the greatest warfare known to man. The most of the student body may be seen in the above picture along with Brother Johnson, President, and Miss Isabel Potts, Teacher.

Victories are being scored as history is being made, as the development of the student is of primary interest in the plans of procedure. Fellowship as a promoter of the most ideal Christian relationship, and true worship are in for special emphasis. Each day's session is opened with a worship period, and daily devotionals are conducted each evening. Beside

these, and the worship spirit which prevails in class sessions a Sunday School is conducted on each Lord's Day, and Morning Worship is held at the college. Sunday evenings are given to visiting with the churches in the city, and to such profit as may come by attending special features which are offered as faith builders. The students have organized an evangelistic association which is instrumental in directing outside activities, such as preaching the Word at various points where opportunity affords, and opening, and conducting missions in the city. At this time there are definite plans taking form for the opening of a down-town mission as a soul-saving station. May we pray definitely for this project. Our college offers training by precept and example in the use of textbooks, of which the Bible is major, together with a practical experience which should produce such as will reveal the fact that these students have carried out Paul's injunction, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

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Proposed New Administration Building

PROPOSED NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Looking ahead careful consideration was given in the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, which was in session the week of the 15th of November, 1943. The Business Manager was authorized to proceed with effort to procure sketches for a proposed administration building to be constructed along the east side of the present building as soon as the government may release the necessary materials. Such sketches are now in hand, having been obtained through the services of Mr. W. D. Sevier, contractor, and the above cut of a perspective of the likeness of the proposed building reveals to you something of how the building should appear. This structure should prove to be adequate in meeting our needs in housing dining conveniences, kitchen, heating plant, gymnasium, necessary offices, class rooms, auditorium and facilities for men's dormitory. The engravers who made the cuts, and building official of the city comment to the effect that our upright, (the above cut) is ideal.

Mr. Sevier has furnished me with an approximate estimation of the cost of construction, and has placed the figure at $70,000.00 with all proposals included, and at a figure of $40,000.00 without the gymnasium and the auditorium. I am sure that it will prove to be vitally interesting to our people to know that we have been able to operate, and constantly add facilities, provide quite a few improvements and lay up a reserve cash balance of $5,000.00 as the initial step in providing the necessary funds with which to construct the proposed

building. Said reserve is being placed in the bank on time deposit as building fund. This means that it will only be necessary for the denomination to raise sixty-five thousand dollars for the construction of the building with auditorium and gymnasium, or thirty-nine thousand for just the front section.

It has been said by some of our representative leaders, "Let them show us something and we are ready to go." It seems to me that the Lord has shown all of us that things can be done, for no endeavor of our people has ever experienced more definite divine approval than our last educational program. It has only been a few months since we were looking into the future wondering if such as has come to pass could be done. The setting in motion our educational institution has proven one of the most outstanding forward movements of our entire history, and is proving a great stimulus to many who were becoming discouraged. We now look on most two years of successful operation, during which time forty students have received training to some degree, and several hundreds having received some training in the Christian Workers' Institute, the forerunner to the college. Prospects are fine for more astounding victories ahead, but we are face to face with a challenge affecting our production lines (Free Will Baptist Pocket Books and Bank Accounts) that we may go ahead at God's command. I am here reminded of God's promise in His call to Joshua as recorded in Joshua 1: 3. "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses." To me we have just as sure promise in this field of endeavor, but the question is: What places will our faith impel us to place the foot? Whatever we do may it be the fruit of a faith with VISION.

Rev. J. R. Davidson,

Business Manager

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"CHRISTIAN WORKERS' ASSOCIATION"

George Waggoner, Reporter

The Christian Workers' Association is the result of a meeting of the young men of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, organized on September 10, 1943. The organization was born in prayer and effected through the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The purpose in the association is to promote Christian efforts here in the city. Officers were elected and plans were made for street meetings, distribution of gospel tracts, prayer meetings, and other services

Since that time there have been several services held by different members of the group. They include services at the State Prison, street services in the downtown district, open air services near a new housing project, and various prayer meetings and church services. Several hundred gospel tracts have been distributed. There have been at least twenty-one conversions reported. New opportunities to minister unto others continue to arise weekly.

Much work and prayer has been going on during the last few weeks in reference to establishing a city mission. The exact location is as yet unknown—maybe some large place uptown or a small place in a slum section. If the mission is established, it is planned for different students to keep it open for services during the summer. The prayers of every Christian are desired in regard to this matter. Meanwhile, other services are being held regularly. It is planned to make this organization a permanent one. The new students each year will continue the work.

Nashville is a needy field. Pray with us that we may be able, with God's help, to answer that need.

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REPORT OF TREASURER OF NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD

(October 1 - December 31, 1943)

Receipts

Turned over by E. C. Davidson, retiring Treasurer, Check for balance in the Treasury	$1,211.72
Mrs. Beulah Chambliss, Joilton, Tenn., Check from New Hope Church and Women's Auxiliary	215.00
M. L. Johnson through E. C. Davidson, Check from N. C. State Board	225.00
A. B. Brannen, Jessup, Ga., Money Order from South Georgia Association	5.00
F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville, Ky., Check from Nat. Unified Program Offering	110.00
Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, 306 Cedar St., Flat River, Mo., Money Order from Missouri State Board	6.56
M. L. Johnson, Box 83, Lucama, N. C., Check from N. C. State Board	86.75
Total Receipts through December 31, 1943	$1,660.03

Disbursements

W. C. Holmes Insurance Agency, Prem. on Bond for Treasurer	$ 5.00
Robert B. Crawford, Nat'l. Executive Secy., Promotional Dept. of N. A.	30.00
F. C. Zinn, National Board Chm., Expenses to Oklahoma State Assn.	25.00
Robert B. Crawford, Nat'l. Executive Secy., Promotional Dept of N. A.	30.00
W. L. Williams Printing Co. Stationery	8.00
Exchange on Check from E. C. Davidson at Glennville, Ga., ($1,211.72)	1.52
Total Disbursements Through Dec. 31, 1943	$ 99.52
Total Receipts brought down	$1,660.03
Less Total Disbursements	99.52
Bal. in Treas. Dec. 31, 1943	$1,560.51

We make the following observations concerning the report given above and concerning the program generally:

You will notice that this report covers the record of receipts and disbursements from October 1 through December 31, 1943. Therefore, offerings that were made by churches and states during December, but reached me after the closing date of the report, will be included in the

next quarterly report.

We call your attention to the fact also that reports from two States, North Carolina and Missouri, are made through the Chairmen-Treasurers of their State Superannuation Boards. This is as it should be, and we hope that before long offerings will be coming to us through the State Boards in all States where there are Free Will Baptists. We commend the Boards in these two states to organize as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. We are happy over the overwhelming victory in that almost all the states adopted the Superannuation Program together with the Proposed State Constitution, but it will be an empty victory unless we follow through by organizing and putting the program before our people.

If you have already organized by the time you read this article, will you State Chairmen-Treasurers please write me a card or letter at the address given below, giving me your name and address. My reason for making this request is two-fold: First, if we get an offering from a church in your State direct, and not through your Board, we can send it to you and, at the same time, inform the sender that all offerings should come through you. We want to work altogether through the State Boards where it is possible.

Then in the second place, we shall need your assistance in the administration of the program. For instance, we are planning a survey of the ministry at this time, and without the help of some designated person in each state to help us, it will be an impossible task so far as that State is concerned. In a few days we hope to have questionnaires ready to send to the ministers. Our plan is to send these blanks to the State Chairman-Treasurer, and let him send one to each minister in his State to fill out and return to us. You can see that, since we do not know all the ministers and their addresses, we cannot do the work as it should be done without some help. Since this program has been so enthusiastically accepted, we do not want to put it in operation without giving every minister in every state the benefit of sharing in the good to be derived from it.

Watch your church papers for some definite information in the very near future concerning the "Protective phase of our Program."

Yours in Jesus' Name,
J. O. Fort,
808 West 27th St.,
Bryan, Texas

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Holy Spirit

"The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He is said to guide, to know, to move, to give information, to command, to forbid, to send forth, to reprove and be sinned against."—F. W. B. Treatise.

To Guide and Teach

"Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth" (John 16: 13). This Scripture shows that the Holy Spirit had not come, when Jesus spake these words, but the promise was, "When He is come." When He is come He WILL guide you. Note, the fact that Jesus did not say, "He shall guide you" but He said, "He will guide you." It is the "will" of the Holy Spirit, which is a certainty. He can do nothing less than guide those who believe in Christ.

"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him" (I John 2: 27).

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever, I have said unto you" (John 14: 26).

The Holy Spirit, or the Holy Ghost, (both is the one, and the same person) is a Teacher. He was sent by the Father in the name of Christ. He was sent to be a Comforter. This means one to go along with you. He knows all things. "Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth" (I Cor. 2: 11-13).

By this Scripture we are assured of the knowledge of God. The Holy Spirit reveals to us the will of God. He reminds us of the words of Christ. We do not have to speak by the wisdom of the world. Our Teacher is within us. The true child of God does not have to depend upon the wisdom of man.

The apostles "called the multitudes of the disciples unto them." . . . and said, "Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom" (Acts 6: 2, 3). These believers in Christ were to be full of the Holy Ghost. All full-fledged believers are full of the Holy Spirit. "And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Ghost" (Acts 6: 5). True belief and true faith are accompanied by the Holy Spirit. "For the promise is unto you and your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2: 39).

The Promised Power

The disciples were without power for the overcoming of the world, and the witnessing for Jesus. They were still expecting the deliverance of Israel from the Roman bondage. They could not see further than an earthly kingdom. They were in the same spirit as in the day when they spread palm branches and their cloaks "in the path of Jesus and cried, "Hail King of the Jews." They were ignorant of the will of Christ, and His command to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." They wanted an earthly King. Their concern was so great that when they came together, they asked Him, "Lord wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1: 6). They could not remember the words in the declara-

tion and assurance of this statement: "Upon this rock I will build my church." They could not get hold of that truth, "But ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." They were too much wrapped up in the restoration of Israel. So, Christ said unto them, "It is not for you to know the times of the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth" (Acts 1: 7, 8).

All true witnesses of Jesus Christ are filled with the Holy Spirit. To be a witness one must know something, or either his testimony is false. We must know the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and as our personal Saviour. We cannot know this except by being born again. This birth is a Spiritual birth. "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (John 3: 5). Until this takes place we do not know what to say as a witness. We are powerless to say that which we do not know. It is vain jangling to try to witness. It is as "sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal," unless the witness is baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4: 31).

How the Gentiles Received the Holy Ghost

Notwithstanding, Christ had assured the disciples that they should "receive power," and that they should "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." But they had failed to go to the Gentiles with the Gospel of Christ. It took a vision from the Lord. God had to work at both ends of the line, so to speak. He spoke to Cornelius, who sent for Peter, and then God had to speak with a vision to get Peter to act. So, Peter went down to the Gentile family. "And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, stand up; I myself also am a man" (Acts 10: 25, 26). Peter did not claim to be infallible. He desired no worship for himself. Then Peter began to preach by saying, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him". . "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word." And then Peter said, "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?" (v. 37).

Notice that Peter was preaching. He was preaching the Gospel of Christ. While he was preaching the "Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word." These Gentiles were not begging God to send the Holy Ghost. They were listening to a gospel message. This message was Christ. Peter was preaching the Christ who was hanged on a tree and who arose from the dead. A part of the message was, "Jesus of Nazareth" . . . "Whom they slew and hanged on a tree." . . . "Him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly." No place here for doubters. Christ died. He was buried. "God raised him up the third day."

Free Will Baptists believe that Christ actually died and that God brought him again from the dead. We believe it because the Bible says so. We believe the whole Bible. God's record says, "Jesus Christ died." "It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is arisen again, who is even at the righ hand of God" (Romans 8: 34). Our Christ did not "turn to gasses." He was not "stolen" away by God or man. The Devil makes some folks believe such foolishness. But our Christ is at the right hand of God, making "intercession for us."

1944 Session of the State Association

I have just received a letter from Rev. D. W. Alexander, President of the North Carolina State Association, and Chairman of the location and Program committee, that the next session was scheduled to convene with the church at Reedy Branch. This is fine work by the committee. Reedy Branch is a good place to go. It is in the heart of the greatest body of Free Will Baptists in the state. More Free Will Baptists in Pitt County than any other county. I am praying for a glorious session.

MORE MINISTERS ORDAINED

The Ordaining Council of the Piedmont Association met at Goshen F. W. B. Church, Belmont, North Carolina, and ordained and set apart to the full gospel ministry of the Word the following ministers:

L. C. Conwell, Gastonia; Joe Pool, Kannapolis; Kenneth Hicks, Marion; D. W. Tilley, Marion; C. C. Holtzclaw, Belmont.

Wade Calvert, pastor of Goshen Church, presided over the ordination service. E. R. Tyner delivered the charge. The Lord greatly blessed the service, and many rejoiced in the old-fashion way.

The Piedmont Association (Original) consists of the North Carolina churches that were formerly members of the Beaver Creek Association. The Beaver Creek Association retains the South Carolina charter, and the South Carolina churches.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
Sherman H. Oakes, Secretary

DID YOU PRAY?

Ere you left your room
  Did you think to pray?
Did you thank God
  For the blessings of the day?

For the land in which we live
  For the coins we might give
For a word of consolation
  For hymns of adoration?

For health, strength and love
  That comes from above
For everything to meet our needs
  For the sower who sows the seeds?

For our kiddies 'round our knee
  For light that we might see
For birds, trees and flowers
  For all the joys that are ours?

Ere you left your room
  Did you think to pray?
Did you thank God
  For the blessings of the day?

Mrs. William Gaskins,
33 S. Front St.,
New Bern, N. C.

TEACHING and TRAINING

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL "TEACHING SERVICE"

THE F. W. B. L. "TRAINING SERVICE"

A Department Devoted to Religious Education and Training in the Churches
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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Second Union Sunday School convention was held with Saints Delight Church in Greene County on January 30, 1944. The eleven o'clock message was delivered by Rev. J. C. Moye. He used as his subject: "Where There Is no Vision the People Perish."

Special music was rendered during the convention by Rev. Bob Wiggs, Mrs. Jessie Davidson, Mrs. J. C. Moye and three of the Maury High School teachers. The convention was well attended, and the reports were very good from the various schools.

We feel that much good has been done through our Institute, and we trust that those who attended these classes will take the instructions to their local schools and put them into practice. This was our last class of the institute at this time.

Much time and thought has been given to the planning of our next convention program, so each Sunday School be sure to lay plans for your school to be well represented.

Banner No. I was awarded to Reedy Branch Sunday School for contributing the most to each phase of our work, the amount was one hundred and fifty dollars. Banner No. II was awarded to King's Cross Roads Sunday School for the largest attendance, contributions received each Sunday and new members.

Two offerings were received: one for missions, and one for the Orphanage. April 30, 1944, the convention will convene with Piny Grove Church in Pitt County. Be sure to send a fine report from your Sunday School.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
Publicity Director

SOUTH NORFOLK INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

The young people of the South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church met on Sunday, February 13, 1944, for the purpose of organizing an Intermediate League. Under the supervision of Rev. H. Edgar Harden, the following were nominated and duly elected :

Rv. Eddie Dowdy, president; Medford White, vice-president; Irene Swindell, recording secretary; Lucille Dail, corresponding secretary; and Carolyn Sawyer, treasurer.

After the officers were elected, we decided to re-elect new officers every six months. We decided to meet every Wednesday night prior to midweek prayer services.

Lucille Dail, Cor.-Secy.

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STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION AT GOLDSBORO

One Day Session, April 21st, Planned

By L. E. Ballard,
Publicity Director

Plans are being completed for a one-day session of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention-Institute, to convene with the Goldsboro Free Will Baptist Church, on Friday, April 21, 1944. The program will be similar to the one last year—A "War-Time" Program, packed as full as possible with the most needed things, meeting one day instead of two in the interest of conserving time and gasoline. We hope to be able to publish the program in these columns next week, or week after next at the latest.

We appeal at this time to our Sunday School superintendents and pastors to begin preparations to attend, and to have their Sunday Schools represented by well chosen delegates, and a good donation. Try to plan in such a way to conserve gasoline as much as possible. Since Goldsboro is a good bus and train center, many can come via bus or train. If you have a car, and can drive, be liberal in offering to bring others. Do not only offer to bring the delegates from your own church but, if you have room for an additional person, invite some minister, or superintendent or delegate from a neighboring church to ride with you.

If we all pull together this year, we can have one of the greatest sessions in the history of our Convention. Goldsboro is as good location as we could choose for the convenience of the largest number of Sunday Schools over the state. The host church is a progressive group of workers; the Sunday School is striving for the Standard of Excellence; and our meeting with them will be to the mutual benefit of the Convention and the local Sunday School. Rev. W. K. Jordan is pastor of the Goldsboro Church, and Mr. Ed Best is superintendent of the Sunday School, and both these loyal and progressive leaders are wholehearted in a desire to co-operate with the officers of the convention in making plans for the convention. Incidentally, our president, Brother Raymond Sasser, now lives in Goldsboro, and will be "right on the scene" to see that everything possible is done to assure a great convention.

Goldsboro waits, and God waits, and we are all waiting for you, brother superintendents and pastors, to get busy out there in the churches from Murphey to Manteo, and plan and arrange to represent. Please don't disappoint Goldsboro, and God, and all the rest of us, by taking this matter lightly and failing to make plans to come.

"The Spirit (the Lord) and the bride (the church) say, Come! And let him that heareth (you, and you, and you!) say, Come! And let him that is athirst (who wants fellowship and instruction), COME! And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely (get the benefit of the good things prepared!)" Revelation 22: 17—the parenthetical scriptures are ours! Anyway, what we are trying to say is COME!

A Well Earned Tribute

It may be a little early to say this, but it is on our hearts, and we want to pass it on to those who are leading and promoting the great movement in the interest of our young people—the Free Will Baptist Leaguers.

For several years Rev. Clarence Bowen, who is now President of the North Carolina F. W. B. L. Convention, has been editing the Senior and Intermediate Quarterlies, published by the Free Will Baptist Press, at Ayden, N. C., for use in leagues throughout the bounds of the denomination. These years have seen the promotion of the quarterlies until they are now used by practically all the Intermediate, Senior, and Adult leagues. While the first editions of the Quarterlies prepared by Brother Bowen were very creditable, there has been a constant improvement in the publications until today they certainly compare favorably with like publications of other denominations, and, we truly believe, are superior to some of them. What Brother Bowen has done, has been no little task. No small amount of research work and special study has been necessary in order to give to our young people the material needed to help them prepare effective weekly programs. During the pioneer years in the history of any publication, there are discouragements and difficulties to face, peculiar to those years. Brother Bowen has faced these discouragements, and overcome them, and has given to our young people two great blessings in these Quarterlies.

Recently Brother Bowen resigned from the editorship of these publications, on account of the demand upon his time of his college and pastoral work, and the editors of this department have been asked to take the responsibility of preparing and editing the Quarterlies. It is with humble spirit, and a deep sense of debt to Brother Bowen's pioneer work, that we undertake to carry on. We are also conscious of our dependance upon the prayers and co-operation of all those who hold dear the interests of our young people. Our first effort will appear in the Quarterlies for the second quarter, 1944 (April-June), and we will appreciate any criticism on the same, or suggestions for improvement of future numbers.

We wish to append to this a tribute to Mrs. M. A. Woodard, who is editing the Junior F. W. B. L. Quarterly. She has given most satisfactory service in this place, and we shall count it an honor to work with her on the staff of editors of our F. W. B. L. literature.

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Will You Help Us?

Since Sunday School work and F. W. B. L. work are closely related, one being the teaching service and the other the training service of the church, it has been decided to combine the two in this department in THE FREE WILL BAPTIST under the department heading "TEACHING AND TRAINING." Leaders of the Sunday Schools and Leagues are urged to send in news for the department. Also, short articles on subjects connected with religious education and training in the churches will be welcome at all times. All matter for the department should be sent to the address given in the caption. However, in the case of notices of conventions, etc., needing to go in early as possible, copy may be sent directly to the paper at Ayden, but should be marked in top left hand corner "For Teaching and Training Department." Use typewriter, double spaced, when possible.

FREE WILL BAPTIST

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ered a group of Baptist into an open communion Church. This group united with the Free Will Baptist about ten years afterward.

About the year 1826, there was a great revival which pervaded some Baptist Churches in the State of Georgia, many becoming dissatisfied with the prevailing theology of Calvinism withdrew and organized what was known as the United Baptist Association, which was somewhat the forerunner of the Chattahoochee Association of the United Free Will Baptist. About the same time the Cause was taking a definite form in Georgia, there was a Baptist minister of Northwest Alabama who proclaimed liberal views and was disowned by his Church. After he was expelled from his Baptist brethren, he gathered a group who held views similar to his and the result was the establishing of the Mt. Moriah Association of Gree Will Baptists in 1851. Another group of independent liberal thinkers was founded by Rev. H. S. Gordon of Southern Illinois. This group withdrew from the Northern Baptist over the question of open communion about 1850 and later became affiliated with the Free Baptist.

When we take under consideration all these sources and causes, we must conclude that unless the Holy Spirit had let all these human leaders, it would have been impossible for all these groups to have become united under one name and a united program been made workable.

May we praise God, for the fact, that there is no fundamental difference and we are fastly working out these minor differences, which, of course, are mere custom and practices. May the day soon dawn when all hindering differences be banished and we will be working on a solid front.

A REQUEST FOR PRAYER

I want to ask all of God's people who believe in prayer to remember me to Him in prayer. I have written several times through our church paper, asking that Christians offer a word of prayer to God for me.

I am now in deep trouble, besides my ill health due to nervous breakdown. About two months ago my son was taken from me to go into the service of his country and to be in the war, leaving three small children with me to care for. And about a week ago I had another son who fell from a log truck and was killed almost instantly.

I feel that I cannot hardly endure the trouble that is upon me. I cannot stand it without God's help, so will all of you praying people, please pray for me that I may be able to be strong enough to stand the sorrows which have come upon me?

A Sister in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. Mattie Taylor,
Williamston, N. C.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

JESUS BETRAYED, DENIED AND CONDEMNED

(Lesson for March 12)

Lesson: Mk. 14: 10, 11, 53, 54, 66-72; 15: 12-15.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief" (Is. 53: 3).

Among the many decent and noble instincts possessed by man, none is more attractive and commendable than common **gratitude.** It is right and proper to render thanks for favors done and to be grateful for kindnesses shown, and the exercise of a gracious willingness to say "Thank you" helps keep our relations with all men on an enjoyable level.

The greater the deed of kindness done, the more sincere and ardent should be the resultant gratitude. For a small favor we may just say "thanks," but a more important action or gift must be compensated in a more appropriate expression. For instance, we could discharge an obligation to a charming hostess with a gift of flowers, but if one should save your life at the risk or cost of his own, you would want to spend your days in repayment of that debt.

Herein lies the mystery and the deep condemnation of this text. One came from Heaven to die for men! He took upon Himself all of the great burden of sin and shame that forever would deny men the right to look upon the face of God. To open a highway to Heaven for lost men, He "bare our sins in His own body on the Tree."

Natural gratitude and common decency would demand that we give allegiance to such a Saviour, but the Man who came and died for us received **this** reception: "He is despised and rejected of men; a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief." Not all the sophistries of which philosophers are capable will ever be able to expunge that frightful fact from the pages of human conduct!

And please note that the tense of the verb to be is **not** the past tense; God's Word says "He **is** despised . . ." It would have been bad enough if the great rejection had been limited to the dark and ignorant age in which He lived, but the offense is magnified and the blame is multiplied by the **continued** humiliation of Jesus Christ in every age.

—Selected

II Special Lesson Topics and Truths

Judas Iscariot. Judas was "one of the twelve," most highly privileged of all men up to that time, enjoying intimate fellowship with the Son of God, working miracles in His name. Judas had every opportunity to become a son of God, but made himself a son of perdition (John 17: 12). Satan entered into him before he consummated his act of betrayal (John 13: 2, 27). He began to see the enormity of the action, and was filled with remorse, but not with repentance or with faith in the Lord's forgiving grace. He was not so hardened as the rulers. Judas, like the Pharisees, was a lover of money. He was looking for an earthly kingdom, for the glory of the crown without the shame of the Cross. It was prophesied that one of his inner circle should betray the Lord, but this did not compel the act of Judas (Psa. 41: 9; 55: 12-14; 69: 25; 109: 8; Acts 1: 20). Christ was delivered up by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, but all who acted were free and responsible.

Simon Peter. Peter who made the great confession also made the great denial. Did he speak for the Church on both occasions? In any case, we need to remember that while all the others fled, Peter out of love, who as a young man about twenty, acquainted with the high priest, would incur little danger. It was self-confident Simon, who had not watched and prayed, who denied his Lord. Study Peter's life and progress, noting his restoration (Mark 16: 7; John 21: 15-22).

III. Sentence Sermons

Judas who complained of Mary's extravagance sold his Lord for one-third of the price of that same ointment.

Modernism today is both betraying and denying the Lord. One of the Booth family on returning to England was informed that ministers had changed their ideas of the old Gospel. She asked, "The cocks are still crowing in England, are they **not?"**

Those rulers who condemned Jesus will see him "coming in the clouds of heaven," and so will all rejecters of Christ.

Judas should have said, "I have sinned," not to the chief priests and elders but to God (Matt. 27: 3-5).

The Lord, in the midst of the suffering and shame, turned and looked upon Peter (Luke 22: 61); he has the same loving heart today toward each erring believer.

—The S. S. Times

IV. The Lesson Illustrated

An American Judas

I went to West Point one time, and we had an evening meeting in the old chapel. As we passed under the rear gallery to go out, one of the students stopped and said, "I wish you would look at that shield on the wall there; that is the most striking thing at the academy to me." I looked at the wall; all around there were marble shields set in the wall, and on each shield was the name of one of our Revolutionary generals. Then I looked up at the particular shield to which attention had been called, and that shield was blank. It was there in form just as the others, but with no name on it; simply the words Major-General, and the date of the unnamed general's birth. "What does it mean?" I asked. "Well," said the cadet, "that is the shield for Benedict Arnold. There is a shield for every Revolutionary general, and one for him, too; but the nation would not cut his name on it nor the date of his death. He denied his country his country has denied him."—Robert E. Speer.

Jesus Rejected by Modernism

Dr. Philpott, speaking at the last Founders' Week Conference in Moody Bible Institute, dwelt on Isaiah 53: 3, where the prophet, referring to our Lord Jesus Christ, says, "He is despised and rejected of men." Dr. Philpott employed the present tense of the King James Version to press home the sad and awful fact that at this moment the Saviour is still "despised and rejected of men" in our own land. An illustration he used was the new book by Professor Shirley Jackson Case, of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, in which the author declares that Jesus should no longer be considered a standard of perfection but simply an inspirational figure. He is not an unattainable model of perfect living, he said; his teachings are not to be accepted as infallible rules of conduct; indeed, to do so is to ignore the findings of historical research and hinder true religious living!—Moody Monthly.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor

New Bern, N. C.

THE JEHOIADA CHEST HAS COME TO STAY

Springtime is one of the most beautiful seasons of the year, for it unfolds to us the beauties of nature. It also unfolds the glories and riches that "Mother Nature" has been holding close to her heart through the winter months. Then, all of a sudden we begin to see grass, leaves and flowers cropping out of their hiding places to make hearts glad with their beauty and fragrance.

Then, too, spring is the time for the farmers to begin their new crops, sow their seeds, and look forward to harvest time in the fall. There is still another class who rejoice in springtime, and they are our school children who with eager and watchful eyes see the dogwood blossoms, and then cry out that it is time for fishing. Books are forgotten for a few days, and the little streams are visited by these busy youngsters.

Last, but not least, the Church of the living God welcomes spring with all of its spiritual significance, reminding us of the glorious resurrection of our blessed Lord. In fact, we could go on telling the value of springtime, but we must get to the point which we wish to make concerning the Jehoiada Chest.

While so many things are taking on new life, let our auxiliaries do likewise, and put a chest in the auxiliary, and the ones that do have a chest, let it get not lazy on them, but try and revive the work. Look in your new Year Books, and you will see the Jehoiada Chest has been adopted into our great family, and has an equal share in carrying out the program as other phases of the work. Please send your dollar per month to be divided for missions. In July when Sister Polston makes a record of her report you will rejoice, because your chest helped in the great cause of missions. Someone may say we sent more than a dollar per month for missions. You can send $100.00 through the chest if you like. The thing we are trying to do is to get our women to carry out the program, and all do the same thing. We want you to be a Number One Auxiliary. In sending in money, be sure to tell whether it is Jehoiada Chest money or not, so that you will get credit for the same.

May God bless you and help you to make this the very best year in the history of the auxiliary work.

Lizzie McAdams.

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AUXILIARY OF POWHATAN CHURCH

Our Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. J. M. Peel on Thursday night, February 10, 1944, and Miss Margaret Ellis presided over the meeting. Our opening song was: "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer was offered by J. A. Jackson, and the secretary then called the roll, and read the minutes of the last meeting.

Record of Business

Members present	15
Absent	4
Visitors	2
Dues paid in	$2.30

Disbursements

For missionary to India	$1.00
For Jehoiada Chest	$1.00
Expenses for supper given	$1.25

Activities

Religious magazines given away	18
Sick visits made	44
Trays given to the sick	4
Flowers given	1
Funeral designs	1
Cards sent	9
Quarts of milk given to needy	42
Chapters read in the Bible	211

It was suggested that we hold our spring revival during the Week of Prayer. The cottage prayer meeting will be held on February 21 in the home of Mrs. Bettie Wiggs. We had reports of Mrs. Peel, our treasurer, and one from Grace Oldham, who is chairman of Personal Workers' Committee.

Mrs. N. W. Hodges was in charge of the program, and the topic of the lesson in the Year Book of Programs was: "Beyond the City—The Country Church." The following talks were made: "Our Debt to the Country Church," by Mrs. J. A. Jackson, "Some Changes in the Character of the Population," by Mrs. Jennings Williams; "Other Changes Wrought by Progress," by Grace Oldham; "Kingdom Work in the Country," by Verna Mae Jones; and "Daily Home Mission Opportunities," by Mrs. J. M. Peel.

The meeting closed with song and prayer. The hostess served refreshments during social hour.

Mrs. Jennings Williams

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SIDNEY LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid of Sidney Church held its monthly meeting on February 18, 1944. The meeting was opened with song and prayer. The president read for the scripture lesson Eccl. 5: 9, and Matt. 13: 3-9. She then made a short talk on the following subject: "The Importance of the Country Church." Following the talk several members took part in a chain of prayers.

There were eleven members present, one visitor. Bible chapters read, 252; sick visits made, 36; trays taken to the sick, 41; cards sent, 10; daily Bible readers, 2.

The meeting closed with song and prayer.

Mrs. Jordan Clayton, Cor.-Secy.

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WESTERN AUXILNARY TO CONVENE

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Western Association will convene with the Free Will Baptist Church at Micro, N. C., Wednesday, April 5, 1944.

Each local Auxiliary should send to the Secretary the amount of dues, amount raised locally, and otherwise, together with your donation and 10c per capita dues. Order your blanks for Vice-President reports from the Press at Ayden, N. C., and mail to the following:

1st Vice-President, Mrs. D. E. Wilder, Middlesex, N. C., R-1.

2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Oliver Smith, Pikeville, N. C., R-1.

3rd Vice-President, Mrs. C. F. Bowen, 911 Greene St., Durham, N. C.

4th Vice-President, Mrs. N. E. Strickland, Middlesex, N. C., R-2.

5th Vice-President, Mrs. Hardy Talton, Pikeville, N. C., R-3.

6th Vice-President, Mrs. Etta Frost Renfrow, Wilson, N. C., R-2.

In making your donation, please bear in mind that our Convention meets Annually instead of Semi-Annually and make your contribution as large as possible. Let us have a 100 per cent representation this year.

Mrs. Chester Pelt, President,
Mrs. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary,
Micro, N. C.

ANIMPORTANT REQUEST

"All clerks of every state and district association in the denomination are asked to send at least one copy of their 1943 minutes to the National Statistician, Rev. Clarence Bowen, Box 821, Wake Forest, N. C., as soon as possible. Your prompt action in this matter will be most graciously appreciated."

Clarence Bowen

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.*
Middlesex, N. C.

REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.*
Greenville, Tenn.

JANUARY RECEIPTS FOR 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sutton $	10.00
Antioch Church (Central)	50.00
Cedar Hill S. S. (French Broad)	3.02
Davis F. W. B. Church (Eastern)	7:50
Core Creek (Eastern)	113.17
Free Union (Sea Level)	10.60
Prospect Church (Cape Fear)	46.16
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	2.00
Pleasant Hill (Central)	5.62
Stoney Creek Women's Auxiliary (Western)	10.00
Marsh Swamp (Western)	10.00
First F. W. B. Church, Flint, Michigan	11.50
St. Delight F. W. B. Church (Central)	13.70
Truck Hire	1.00
Mt. Zion S. S. (Eastern)	4.73
White Oak (Pee Dee)	4.60
A Friend	1.00
Colgate-Palmolive Peet Co. (Coupons)	30.09
Prospect L. A. S. (Cape Fear)	4.00
Truck Hire	3.60
Elwood Lane F. W. B. Church (Western)	8.00
Wilson F. W. B. Church (Western)	50.00
Warden's Grove Church	5.06
Refund on eggs	13.50
Truck Hire	3.44
James Wiggins (payment on cow)	5.00
J. H. French	5.00
Bridgeton Miss. Society (Eastern)	5.00
Kinston F. W. B. Church S. S. (Eastern)	10.50
Howell's Swamp (Central)	15.00
Union Chapel (Eastern)	4.81
Pilgrims Rest S .S. (Eastern)	6.00
Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Lupton	1.00
Thomasville F. W. B. Church in Georgia	6.75
Kenly F. W. B. Church and League	34.82
LaGrange (Central)	4.21
Greenville F. W. B. S. S.	7.63
South River Church (Eastern)	10.00
Micro Church (Western)	77.23
Rock Springs Church (Western)	9.00
Letha Fulcher	5.00
W. K. Ballentine	20.00
V. H. Cozart (Baling Hay)	5.00
Micro F. W. B. Church (Western)	8.75
G. W. Stevenson	10.00
St. Mary's L. A. S. (Eastern)	3.50
Mrs. Esther Williams	15.00
Lee's Chapel Church (Cape Fear)	35.00
Belhaven S. S. (Central)	4.22
Mabel Ave. S. S. (Beaver Creek)	10.00
Deep Run L. A. S. (Eastern)	1.00
Winterville S. S. (Central)	3.25
Rains Cross Roads (Western)	8.66
Union Chapel L. A. S. (Eastern)	1.00
Walnut L. A. S. (French Broad)	5.00
India Springs Church (Eastern)	6.00
Parkers Chapel (Central)	1.00
Sidney Church (Eastern)	1.50
Home Mission Board (Refund on preaching)	20.00
Morehead City S. S. (Eastern)	5.00
Hickory Chapel League	3.00
St. John Chapel Church	4.56
Zeno Dixon (Refund)	25.00
Laura Barnard Circle (Greenville Church)	5.00
Hickory Grove Church (Rockfish)	3.00
Third Union (Eastern)	35.00
Robert's Grove	1.00

Micro	13.65
Loan on land	10,000.00
Loan (for farm supplies)	2,000.00
Friendship Church (Western)	4.75
R. A. Chamblee	1.00
Robert and Virginia Bynum	25.00
Stancil's Chapel	4.00
Hull Road S. S. and L. A. S.	18.89
Goldsboro F. W. B. Church	7.57
Wintergreen L. A. S.	1.00
Truck Hire	2.75
Second Union, Western Association	20.25
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Sale of Eggs	73.85
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ballard	10.00

Donations on farm purchase

W. A. Jackson	25.00
J. C. Moye	100.00
J. A. Evans	100.00
Levi Hill	25.00
L. H. Wetherington	25.00
Fifth Union Meeting S. S. Convention (Eastern)	25.00
Fourth Union (Central Conference)	27.82
Fifth Union Meeting S. S. Convention (Eastern)	50.00
Davis F. W. B. Church (Eastern)	7.50
Homer's Chapel French Broad)	3.00
Fourth Union District (Central)	46.73
Second Union (Central Conference)	60.87
Cape Fear Union	15.00
Goshen Grove F. W. B. Church	20.00
Rose Hill (Central)	5.00
Fifth Eastern Union	80.00
Friendship (Eastern)	11.87
St. Delight (Central)	15.68
Total	$13,718.86

James A. Evans, Supt.

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CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Faustina Shearon, Manager

Date	Church	County

Fri., Mar. 10, People's Chapel Wilson
Sun., Mar. 12, 11:00 a. m. Sweet Gum Grove Pitt
Sun., Mar. 12, 7:30 p. m. Bethany, Pitt
Fri., Mar. 17, 7:30 p. m. Stony Creek, Wayne
Sun., Mar. 19, 11:00 a. m. Pleasant Hill, Pitt
Sun., Mar. 19, 7:30 p. m. Elm Grove, Pitt
Fri., Mar. 24, 7:30 p. m. Friendship Johnston
Sun., Mar. 26, 11:00 a. m. Hickory Grove Pitt
Sun., Mar. 26, 7:30 p. m. Dilda's Grove Pitt
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IN MEMORIAM

This is in loving memory of my dear Son, Willie Harris, who departed this life on January 7, 1944.

We miss you Son, Oh so much,
And I hope some day to understand;
Why God took you from us
Into that other heavenly land.

I know you are an angel there,
And without you we're so lonely here;
But my prayer is to see your sweet face again
Where we'll dwell together forever more.

—By his Mother,
Mrs. Cula Gray Dixon Harris,
Portsmouth, Virginia

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TAYLOR. Our heavenly Father in His mercy saw fit to call our darling niece, Virginia Taylor, to her heavenly reward. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Parker Taylor. Her life was short, having lived only 11 years, 4 months and 14 days. She died in General Memorial Hospital on January 26, 1944.

We are all grieved at her passing, as well as Father, Mother and Sister. But we ask that you look to Jesus, for He is your all in all. He has promised never to forsake you. We feel sure that Virginia is resting in the sunlight of our blessed Saviour.

Virginia joined the Free Will Baptist Church at Whaley's Chapel in October, 1943. She is missed in the church and Sunday School, for she was always there when health would permit. Those who knew her learned to love her.

Her funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Loyd Vernon, and assisted by her former pastor, Rev. M. L. Johnson. Rev. Crow of the Methodist Church assisted in the funeral also, after which her remains were placed to rest in the family cemetery under a mound of beautiful flowers.

—By her aunts,
Mrs. C. M. Whaley, and
Mrs. Lemmie Taylor

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TAYLOR. With a sad heart I am writing about the death of our beloved son, Earl L. Taylor. He was instantly killed a few days ago by a fall from a log truck. He was 22 years old.

He was a good boy. When he was young he joined Cedar Grove Free Will Baptist Church, and was a faithful member until his death. He was married to Miss Hazel Roberson. Besides his wife he leaves Father, Mother, a sister, Mrs. Roland Cherry of Ocola, Florida, and Miss Addie Lee Taylor of Norfolk, Virginia, and Willie Nathaniel of the home, and James Edward in the U. S. Army.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. James Perry at the home, and his body was laid to rest under a mound of beautiful flowers to await our meeting again when Jesus comes.

Dear Earl, you are gone from us,
But not forgotten, no, never;
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
'Round the grave forever.

—By his Mother,
Mrs. Mattie Taylor,
Williamston, N. C.

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MY GREAT SORROW

(Written for Mattie Beacham, after her father's death)

My father dear was laid away;
His earthly cares are ended;
It grieves me so, that he is gone
But surely it's as God intended.

I sorrow not for him as though
He were eternally dead;
For well I know that Jesus came
And lived, and loved, and bled.

I hope some day to meet him,
In a land beyond the blue;
And I know that I shall greet him,
My Father, kind and true.

—Mrs. Amy B. Cowell,
Bayboro, N. C.

A WOMAN'S WISDOM

Selections from Dorothy Dix's Rules for Happiness

MAKE UP your mind to be happy. Happiness is mostly a matter of self-hypnotism. You can think yourself happy, or you can think yourself miserable.

Nail on your face the smile that won't come off and after a bit you will find that it stays there naturally.

There isn't a single human being who hasn't plenty to cry over, and the trick is to make the laughs outweigh the tears.

Be yourself, and do the things that you enjoy doing if you want to be comfortable and happy.

Don't borrow trouble. You have to pay compound interest on that and it will bankrupt you in the end if you do.

There are none of us but who have lain awake at night, petrified with dread of some calamity that we feared might befall us and that we felt would shatter our lives if it should occur. Generally, it never happened, but if it did, it wasn't so bad after all and we survived it without serious injury.

Don't cherish enmities and grudges. Don't keep up old quarrels. Don't remember all the mean things people have done to you. Forget them. Hate is a deadly chemical that we distill in our own hearts and that poisons our own souls.

Don't hold post mortems. Don't spend your life brooding over the mistakes you have made, or the sorrows that have befallen you. What is done is done, and cannot be changed, but you have your whole future life in which to make good.

Do something for somebody less fortunate than yourself. Minister to other people's troubles. It will make you forget your own. Happiness is a coin that we keep only when we give it away.

Keep busy. That is a sovereign remedy for unhappiness. Hard work is a panacea for trouble.

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The Clarion-Call

Awake, awake, O Church of God!
Comes now to thee the call
Of Christ, thy Lord, who bids thee on
Till every foe shall fall.
What though the hosts of darkness stand,
Their last fierce battle make?
The Victor, Christ, he summons thee;
O Church of God, awake!

O Church of God, lose not the day
What now has come to thee;
A world, awaking from its sleep,
Is waiting light to see.
On heathen altars fires burn low,
Now, now advance, let idols fall,
And Christ be known afar.

The fathers heard; they followed fast,
And eager met the foe,
The prison's chain, the dungeon's gloom,
And drank the cup of woe.
With faith-cleared eye they saw the Lord,
The meaning of His cross;
For mankind's sake, for Jesus' love,
All things they counted loss.

The toil and labor of the years,
Let these not be in vain;
Haste, reap where others sowed in tears,
And weary served in pain.
Thy sons, thy daughters ready are
To dare for Jesus' sake;
O golden Hour! what call is thine!
O Church of God, awake!

—Anonymous

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"They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever" (Dan. 12: 3).

ALBEMARLE UNION REPORT

Our Union meeting met with Shiloh Church on January 29, 1944. The devotions were conducted by Henry Webster. The union then went into the regular business, and the list of ministers was called, and those present were: D. M. Radcliff, W. A. Hales, L. E. Ballard, H. E. Harden. Rev. Duff Toler was present from the Fifth Eastern Union, and he was made welcome with us.

The list of churches was called and then represented with a donation of $21.60 for missions and $21.50 for the union. At the eleven o'clock hour Rev. H. E. Harden preached, after which an offering was taken to be added to our mission fund. The amount was $38.31. We then had recess for lunch.

In the afternoon we re-assembled for the usual congregational singing, and we had special music by Miss Ruth Jennings. The devotions were conducted by Robert Gradeless of Norfolk, Virginia. We then entered into the business of the union. A letter was read from Brother A. W. Brickhouse, and the report from the South Norfolk Church was given by D. R. Harris. The reports from the treasurer of the union and missions were made and accepted. Motion No. 1: That we take the South Norfolk Church as our mission point for 1944. It was moved and carried that we take $20.00 out of our treasury, and send it to Miss Etheridge who is in school at Nashville, Tennessee. It was moved and carried that we give the South Norfolk Church $69.35 out of the mission treasury. It was moved and carried that we re-elect the same officers for another year, except the assistant moderator, and Rev. L. E. Ballard was elected as assistant moderator. It was decided that the next union is to meet with Trinity Church in Beaufort County.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown to this union meeting. We adjourned to meet next time with Trinity Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April.

W. A. Hales, Moderator,
J. A. Harris, Clerk

EDITORIAL

STATE MISSIONS—

In this issue of the Baptist paper, appear special articles which are devoted to the subject of State Missions. Since the North Carolina State Association has designated March and April as mission months of this year in which each church within the bounds of the State is urged to raise special donations for **Missions,** we are in this issue calling the attention of the North Carolina Free Will Baptists to this important phase of the work of the church.

The call is urgent, due to the fact that the need of greater funds to carry on the mission work both home and abroad is steadily increasing, and that the responsibility of the Free Will Baptist churches of the State is steadily growing all the while. Each church is asked, therefore, to raise sometime during these two months a liberal offering, or offerings and to send the same to Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Director-Treasurer, Ayden, North Carolina. He will be glad to receive your offering, and give your church proper credit for it. Through the columns of the Baptist paper, he will publish at the end of the drive, a complete list of all churches within the bounds of the State that send contributions to him for this most worthy cause.

It is expected that every Free Will Baptist church in the State will take part in this "Mission Campaign" before the two months shall have passed, and that the sum total of money raised by all the churches will run into hundreds of dollars by the time the campaign is over. Each church, therefore, in each conference or association in the State is asked to make its offering, giving as cheerfully and liberally as God has blessed its members. However small or large in membership, or strong or weak financially, the request is that each shall do its best, according as God has blessed it with material blessings with which to contribute to this good cause. Since there are between five to six hundred churches in the State, and if each one will do its part in the campaign, the result will be gratifying to every interested Free Will Baptist in the State.

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING LEAGUE CAMP—

As chairman of the Young People's League Camp Committee, it becomes our unpleasant duty to announce that we shall not be able to secure the use this summer of Camp Leach on Pamlico River, North Carolina, as we have been doing for the past seven years. The present Business Manager of the Camp informed us just recently that the young people of the Episcopal Church will occupy the Camp during the entire summer season, beginning June the first and continuing on to September the first. The Camp is the property of the Episcopal Church, as most of our young people know; and, since the young people of their church have arranged to use the camp this summer by their various groups holding camp festivals there during that time, some other suitable camp will have to be used, by our young people, if such can be secured for our camp this season.

The Business Management of Camp Leach expressed sincere regrets to us, and stated that they appreciated very much the way in which our camps were conducted each year down at Camp Leach. It is expected, however, that our young people will be able to use Camp Leach, if so desired, after this year, or until we shall be able to have a camp of our own.

We are asking that, if anyone knows of a suitable summer camp in the State, and convenient for our young people, you please inform us of the same, and state how we may get in touch with the Business Management of the camp in time to arrange a camp this summer for our young people.

AN IMPORTANT REQUEST

"All clerks of every state and district association in the denomination are asked to send at least one copy of their 1943 minutes to the National Statistician, Rev. Clarence Bowen, Box 821, Wake Forest, N. C., as soon as possible. Your prompt action in this matter will be most graciously appreciated."

Clarence Bowen

THE WAY TO LIFE

By Pvt. Ira S. Turlington
(Formerly of F. W. B. Church, Greenville, N. C.)

Why do I serve with a happy heart?
One whom I've never seen;
Why is it I never hesitated to start?
Or to do His will—I'll explain!

He gave His life on Calvary,
So that you and I might live;
He cares for us tenderly,
And only faith and service I'm asked to give.

He came into the world, like you and I
To establish a plan of salvation;
So that with faith, we shall never die,
But help carry His word to every nation.

He pleads, "Believe on me!"
"And I will give you peace and rest!"
In my heart His face I see,
Encouraging me onward to His sacred breast.

So, when I'm discouraged, and life seems useless,
I look up to Him for assurance;
In His word I have found a way to happiness
So I pray in faith for strength and endurance.

North Carolina Missions

PROGRESS MADE IN THE F. W. B. FOREIGN MISSION DEPT. FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS

Five years ago at this time the Willeys were working in Panama at the headwaters of the Sambu river. They were at that time working against great odds because of restrictions by the Panamanian government, and soon after that date were compelled to leave the Republic of Panama..

Five years ago Miss Barnard had not left India. In fact it was voted in July, 1940, that she be given a furlough beginning in the fall of that year. The masses of our people had never met her while most of our people knew her through the annals of our church papers, and of course she was known personally to many of our people in the Eastern States.

Five years ago Miss Bessie Yeley had just come under the supervision of our National Foreign Missions Board. To be exact she came under the national supervision in the fall of 1938.

Five years ago last November the National Foreign Missions Treasurer made a combined report of three years and five months, or from June 1, 1935, to November 1, 1938. The grand total of receipts for that period of time was $7,228.03. While at the close of the first six months of this present associational year the receipts totaled $7,301.19, and $73.16 more during the first six months of this year than during all the time from 1935-38. But the Bible says despise not the day of small things, and certainly we are not doing that. Had we not have had those figures then, though small they were, we could not show the figures we now are able to show as a denomination. But it certainly does show a marked prograss for which we thank the Lord.

Now we are permitted to treasure and enjoy the thoughts of a Free Will Baptist Association of churches duly organized on the island of Cuba. A Cuban School of Missions is now functioning on an eighteen acre tract of land outside the city of Pinar Del Rio, Cuba; all exclusively owned and operated by the Free Will Baptist denomination. A splendid group of four F. W. B. American missionaries, are busily engaged with that work; together with a staff of some eight to ten native Cuban F. W. B. Missionaries. We can now think of our missionaries as working directly in the interest of and under the super-



Rev. Davis

vision of the Free Will Baptists, and not under the control of some other organization or board. During the past five years six different ministers of the denomination, aside from the missionaries, have gone out of the states to visit our mission fields, and to help with the work. Five years ago there were a very few states that were represented in the receipts for forign missions, whereas now there are 14 or 15 states from which come regular gifts for this worthy work. At the close of last associational year which was June 30, 1943, our grand total for foreign missions was something over nine and one-half thousand dollars.

For these successes and for this marked progress there is but one explanation, that is, that God has given our people a missionary vision, and they have been willing to receive it. Like Paul of old our people have not been disobedient to the heavenly vision. The reason of these victories is not to be found in any one, nor in any one group of individuals, but we can only say, "behold what God hath wrought."

During the last five years the Willeys have been permitted to enter Cuba, where the Lord has so graciously blessed, at the same time we have suffered serious set backs as pertaining to our work in India, simply because of the hindrances thrown in the way as a result of war. Had it not been for the warring conditions of the world, and our Sister Barnard could have returned to the India field with a staff of workers, and there is no telling what great strides of progress we would have witnessed as per a Free Will Baptist work in India by this time. But such have been the conditions, and that beyond the control of any of us it seems. However, the work which Miss Barnard started in South India has been moving along all the while, and no one knows the good which may have been done.

So, to sum it all up, the progress of Free Will Baptist missions for the past five years has been nothing short of a modern-day miracle. It is indeed unusual, and outstanding. To me it is significant of the times in which we are living. Surely His coming draweth nigh. And tremendous is the responsibility it thrusts upon us as a denomination. As these doors swing so wide ajar, let us pray earnestly that the progress will be just as marked during the next five years as they have been this last half decade, upon the condition of course that Jesus tarries..

Yours for the salvation of the souls of men everywhere,

Winford Davis

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DIRECTOR AND TREASURER

At the last sitting of the State Association of Free Will Baptists, there was a new board of Missions set up. This did away with the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, instituting one Board known as the

Board of Missions of North Carolina. I was made Director and Treasurer of this Board.

The new set up is to get us to think in terms of Missions at large. Missions for every man at home and abroad—Bible Missions. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." "Ye shall be witnesses unto me BOTH in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria and unto the UTTERMOST PART OF THE EARTH."

The money sent to me, undesignated, is equally divided. Half goes to Foreign and half to Home Missions, or State Missions. Money that is specified for Foreign Missions goes to Foreign Missions, and that which is sent in for Home Missions go to Home Missions.



Rev. Wiggs

We have sent to our Foreign Mission treasurer, Bro. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo., $665.00 dollars thus far this year. Our quota for this year is $3,000 dollars. I am praying and urging you to pray that we might reach this amount by the time our books shall be closed at the end of this church year.

I am asking every pastor, especially during the months of March and April, to stress missions to your people. Every Church, Sunday School, Women's Auxiliary and League are asked to take an offering sometime during this period of time. I am asking individuals to respond as the Lord has blessed you. Please pray, give and work for Missions.

I received from the former Home Mission Treasurer the amount of $754.48, and I have received thus far this year, $201.02. I have paid out during this year the sum total of $177.46. According to these figures we have not done so very much for Missions so far this year.

The Lord will continue saving souls as we give of our money to send someone to take the glorious Gospel to people that do not know, and have never heard.

R. C. Wiggs

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"MY CONVERSION"

Pfc. Floyd Hopper
Camp Pendleton, Va.

I was converted approximately five years ago in Wheatland, Wyoming, during an Evangelistic campaign.

I was a Junior in high school, and I had attended the revival meeting for some time and the Spirit was truly convicting me of my sins.

I was convicted of my sins and guilt after the first meeting but Satan had a hold on me, and I was afraid to go forward, but I couldn't rest and I felt guilty, as every hour passed. Finally, on Saturday evening my parents had gone to town, but I went to the revival meeting. I had my mind made up and sat up close to the front, and at the close of the service, when the invitation was extended, I was the first to slip from my seat, and kneel down before the Lord, and confessed my sins. I believed on Him and He came into my heart to live. I was such a sinner and I knew Christ loved me and gave Himself for me. I just couldn't keep from crying for joy.

You know some people cry when they are happy. Well, sir, that's the way I felt. To think I could go to heaven merely by confessing my sins to Christ and accepting Him as my personal Saviour. I was so happy to know that Christ would forgive me of all my sins, past, present and future, and I could just humbly come to Him, and He would guide me in all things.

Since that glorious night everything has been so different. I have been living in a different world it seems. Oh, it means so much to me, when something comes up, do I worry and fret about it? No! I take it to the Lord in Prayer. I am so very thankful that God hears and answers prayer. He has been so loving and gracious to me.

Since I've been in the Army, I have met some fine Christian men and Chaplains. By the grace of God He has kept me, and praise His precious name He has drawn me closer to Himself. I humbly thank God that He has shown me the way, and He has strengthened me so much since I have been in the Army.

Please pray for us Christian boys in the service that we may truly witness for Him and let His light shine in us and tell others of His wondrous love and mercy.

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Gal. 2: 20).

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"WHAT CHRIST MEANS TO ME"

(A Christian Soldier)

Cpl. George N. Wiggs

I would not give anything, for my experience in the Army, because here is where I found the best friend I have ever had—Jesus Christ my Saviour and Lord.

On the day before Thanksgiving of 1942, at Camp Gordon, Ga., in a G. I. Theater, there were over two thousand present at this meeting. Soldiers were sitting in the door ways and on the stage, waiting to hear this man of God tell the story of Salvation through Christ. How he lived and died, that we may have eternal life, by trusting and believing in Him.

At the close of the meeting an invitation was given. I went up and

accepted Christ as my personal Saviour, along with me about a hundred and twenty-five other soldiers. I don't remember everything that happened. I was so happy. I had a feeling in my heart that I never had before. I never knew until that day what a joy I had been missing, by not knowing Christ. Since that day Christ has meant more to me than anything else in the world. The friendship and the fellowship, which I have found in Christ is so complete, and there is not anything that can take that place. It is such a pleasure in serving and living for Christ. I can never praise and thank Him enough for the many blessings He has given me.

Being in the Army, and knowing not where or when I might be sent at any time, I can go with a clear knowledge that God is always with me, and will never let me down. What a joy it is to know you have such a friend.

Pray, dear friends, that we may return safely to our loved ones and that through Christ Victory will soon come.

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"MY TESTIMONY"

Pvt. Robert Short,
Virginia Beach, Va.

When I was about eleven or twelve years of age in a little country Methodist Church I found my Lord. Later I was baptized and joined a church. The church didn't find a place for me to work for the Lord, so my faith didn't grow and strengthen as it should. In later years I went to the C. C. C. There I went back to worldly things. That was about the year of 1939. Going deeper and deeper back into the world. Then later I enlisted in the United States Army, and of course I indulged in greater sins and things of the world, but on the day before Thanksgiving of 1942, I found my Saviour, Jesus Christ, and I thank the Lord over and over again for sending Bro. Hyman Appleman to the city of Augusta, Ga. Then the Lord sent Him out to Camp Gordon, holding a service at the theatre. That day the Lord spoke to my heart and convicted me of my sins. I came back to the Lord and gave my all to him, later joining a Baptist church in Augusta.

I thank the Lord for the prayer He has answered and what He has meant to me. Without Christ I cannot do anything, but through Christ's strength I can do anything.

I know the Lord will take care of me where ever I may be, and I know His grace is sufficient for all my needs.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary

Mission Months

March and April are months in which North Carolinians, we who are members of the Free Will Baptist church, are to make special efforts in the raising of funds, along with special prayers, sermons, and encouragement to others to "help in the taking of the Gospel to all the world." Pastors are urged to take offerings in all their churches. Evangelists are invited to secure offerings wherever they may be. Every auxiliary of the church is urged to make special offerings, and gifts from individuals are solicited. May we all put our "shoulders to the wheel," and push over in a big way for the glory of God. Send all Mission offerings and gifts to Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, N. C.

REMEMBER that if mission offerings are designated by the donor, the money is divided 50-50 between Foreign and Home Missions. So, if you want your money sent to either foreign or home missions just say which, when you send your offering.

The Eastern Auxiliary

The Eastern Auxiliary Convention of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina is scheduled to meet with the church at Sandy Plain, near Beulaville, in Duplin County, Thursday, March 23rd, in semi-annual session. The program which appeared in the issue of the 23rd of February, will be the only printed program, so those who are interested should preserve their copy of that issue. Every precaution must be taken now to save paper. This is one method.

Sandy Plain Church

Sandy Plain Church is one of our best churches in Eastern North Carolina. It is the home of four of our ministers, namely, Revs. G. W. Kennedy, deceased, R. C. Kenney, Rashie Kennedy and Sam Kennedy. Very few churches have produced four ministers of the Gospel. Churches, from which come ministers of the Gospel, are usually churches that are very spiritual. This has been true with the church at Sandy Plain. This writer has known the church for many years, and has found it one of the most spiritual, they are very generous and sociable, so we predict that those who attend the Eastern Auxiliary will have a feast on both Spiritual and temporal things.

The State Sunday School Convention

The State Sunday School Convention is scheduled to convene its annual session with the Goldsboro Free Will Baptist church on Friday, April the 21st, 1944. The convention is more than the usual term "Convention," it is the "Convention Institute."

Goldsboro is a good location, and notwithstanding the rationing of gas and other hindrances, we are looking for a good representation. We have through the President, Raymond T. Sasser, been notified that the subject for the Convention sermon will be, "Victory Through Christ." This writer was selected by the program committee to deliver the Convention sermon. We appreciate this honor, very much, and ask, right now, that all our friends pray for us in the performance of our duty to the Convention, to our Sunday Schools, and to our God.

Representation

As stated above, both in regards to Sandy Plain and the Goldsboro churches, these places are in good lo-

cation for most of North Carolina Free Will Baptists. Let's begin right now to prepare for the going. Leave off some unimportant trip—trips that a great number of us can leave off—and when the time comes to go, let two or three Sunday Schools or Auxiliaries get their heads together and bunch up and go on one car. Pastors can carry their members in many cases if they will. You delegates call on your pastor to carry you. You can make him a special offering if he cannot afford to make the trip from the standpoint of finance. Let us have a great big **"Want To Go,"** and as I often say, "We do about what we want to do for the Lord."

Next Week

The Lord's will, we want to go back to the subject, "What Free Will Baptist Believe," as set forth in the Revised Treatise of the National Association of Free will Baptists. I for one believe it. Every one who claims to be a Free Will Baptist should believe it, if we want unity and strength as a denomination. There are many people who have never seen a copy of the Treatise. But it is headed, "A TREATISE OF THE FAITH AND PRACTICES OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS."

Those who read it (who are not members of the Free Will Baptist church) are led to believe that "we believe what is written in the Treatise." So, we should acquaint ourselves with what we believe. This is our purpose in writing on this subject. But, get you a TREATISE, and read it for your self. We will be back next week the Lord's will. Pray for us.

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SOMEONE PRAYS FOR YOU

Someone prays for you, dear friend,
Though your way seems rough—without an end.
There's a God who answered prayers in the past,
And does today, if we will humbly ask.

The answer is not always like we expect,
But we should know—God knows best.
So, don't do wrong because you think no one cares,
For each day you are remembered in prayer.

Yes, someone prays for you each day,
Though it might not be in a stylish way.
Still wherever you go or whatever you do,
Don't forget—someone prays for you.

It may not be in a temple or in a crowd,
Might not even be spoken out loud.
But true from the heart and quiet of a room,
Surely someone prays for you back home.

So, when you have come to the end of the way,
If the life you've lived have been true every day,
The heartaches and cares for you will be over,
For you will live with Jesus forever more.

What a happy time when we'll all get there
With no more sorrow or pain to bear,
When our prayers are answered and we live on high,
Forever with Jesus to never more die.

—Mrs. Jarvis H. Waters,
Pinetown, N. C., Route 1

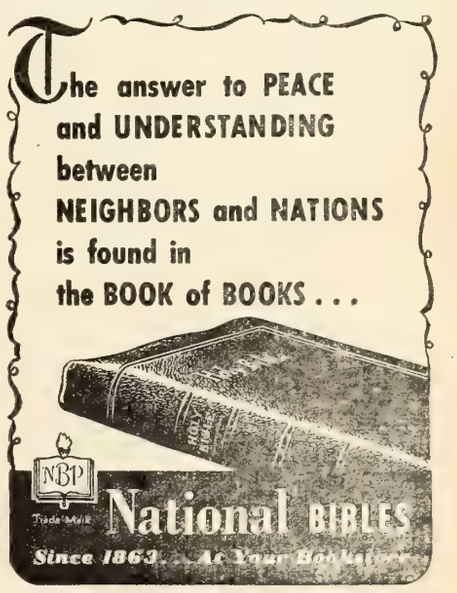
EVANGELISTIC MEETING AT LAURINBURG

We have just closed a meeting in Laurinburg, North Carolina. It was very successful in every way. We organized on Sunday evening, February 20, 1944, and we are hoping soon to have our church lot.

We shall appreciate any donations or anything that the good people might do for us here in Laurinburg to help us build our church. We want the Baptist readers to know, through this publication of the Baptist paper, that we are planning to erect a church here in Laurinburg.

By the Lord's help we are going to start a meeting in Longwood Park at Hamlet, North Carolina, February 27, 1944, at 7:30 P. M. Pray that we may have success in this meeting.

Your brother in Christ,
Rev. W. D. Taylor,
Rockingham, N. C.



BE SURE YOUR SINS WILL FIND YOU OUT

(Joshua 7: 14-18)

Israel had sinned and they were following every detail in order to locate the one who was responsible for the act. First of all they sought tribe by tribe, and the tribe of Judah was taken. In the tribe of Judah family by family were taken, and the family of Zarhites was taken. In the families of the Zarhites, they sought man by man, and Zabdi was taken. In the household of Zabdi they sought man by man and Achan was taken.

We wonder just how Achan must have felt as he saw first his tribe taken; then the particular family, with which he was aligned, taken. Then, the particular head of his own branch, and then finally himself. He must have been under deep conviction, yet he did not repent of his sin although God was giving him plenty of time to repent. Perhaps Achan thought he could hide from God, but he found, to his sorrow, that the word of God is ever true. God had said, "Be sure your sins will find you out," and Achan's sin had found him out. "Thinkest thou, O vain man, that thou canst sow to sin, and not reap thereto? Thinkest thou that thou canst evade the judgment of the Most High God? Hast thou not heard that the books are to be opened and that every one shall receive according to the things written therein?" Although Achan knew he was guilty, he would not repent until he was personally accused by Joshua. Many people are like that today, they know they are guilty sinners yet they will not repent. After being accused by Joshua Achan confessed. Listen to his confession. "I saw." This expression shows that Achan was overcome by the lure of gold, and the Babylonish garment, not only did he see, but he coveted. He wanted the gold and the garment for himself. Not only did he see, and covet but he took. Here was where he yielded to temptation. His love for the spoil not only made him a thief, but a rebel to God's definite command. After taking the spoil he hid it in his tent. The very fact that Achan hid the money and garment showed that he realized he had done wrong. When we try to cover up our tracks it is evidence that we are in the evil way. When we sin it not only troubles us but it troubles others. Notice Achan's sin, how it troubled Joshua. Joshua said, "Why hast thou troubled us?" One cannot play with fire without getting burned. You cannot take a serpent into your bosom without being bitten, neither can you play with sin without it bringing sorrow and misery to your own heart. Achan's sin brought much sorrow to himself and to his family. We have often seen the ravages of sin—health gone, peace gone, money gone, friends gone, life gone. Who wants to play with sin? What anguish, what heartaches, what bitter cups have always befallen those who followed in the paths of the unjust. It is not only the present that is marred by sin, but sin bringeth forth death, sin spells woe for the life to come. Achan died a physical death, and he was stoned because he had sinned. That was bad enough. How unspeakably worse is it to suffer eternal death. Outer darkness, without a ray of light is the result of sin.

Rev. R. W. Allman,
Route 3,
Kannapolis, N. C.

"THE WRATH TO COME"

That's a dreadful word—"The wrath to come."

But God must punish sin.

His righteousness demands it.

His Word plainly foretells it.

The whole history of man proves that He will do it.

Every man's conscience warns him of it.

There is present punishment, and there is "The wrath to come."

Sin and suffering go together.

The Lord Jesus healed a man of an infirmity of thirty-eight years' standing, and said to him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5: 14). "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6: 7), here and hereafter.

God cannot be deceived, nor can anything be concealed from Him.

"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (Heb. 4: 13).

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked."

Men minimize sin. They make light of it. They say, "O, it is only a little thing." It is a fearful mistake!

Sin is a most offensive thing in God's sight.

His judgments upon it prove it. The sufferings everywhere because of it, prove it. Death with all the sorrowful things that follow in its train, prove it. And there will be eternal sufferings also, because of it—**"The wrath to come,"**—is ever to come, never ending.

"These shall go away into everlasting punishment" (Matt. 25: 46).

"Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched" (Mark 9: 44).

"Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction" (II Thess. 1: 9).

"He that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3: 36).

What shall we do to escape "the wrath to come?"

It is in the Gospel of the grace of God, that we are told of what God Himself has done, through the cross of Christ, for our deliverance from the wrath to come. The Lord Jesus Christ by God's appointment, according to His great love for us, has borne the wrath of God against our sins, in our stead,—"Even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come" (I Thess. 1: 10).

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15: 3).

"Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree" (I Peter 2: 24).

"In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1: 7).

The work, you see, on the ground of which we are delivered from "the wrath to come," and are pardoned, and saved forever, was done by the

only One Who could do it—the blessed Christ of the New Testament, the Christ of God.

Now, men are besought, and entreated to believe this blessed Gospel; to believe on Christ as the One, Who has done all for them. "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this Man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by Him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses" (Acts 13: 38, 39). The Cross of our blessed Lord proves God's great love for man, in spite of his awful sin. It proves also our utterly lost condition, and the worthlessness of all our works for salvation.

The man who would add his own works to Christ's for salvation, has not seen his lost estate, does not know the Gospel, and with the man, who will not believe in Christ at all, for salvation, will surely suffer "the wrath to come."

There is but one way of escape from hell—Christ (John 14: 6).

There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4: 12).

"I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake" (I John 2: 12).

Nothing, nothing, will save the soul, purify the heart, change the life, and give victory over sin but this faith in our adorable and mighty Saviour.—M. S.

—Selected

A REPORT FROM GLENNVILLE, GEORGIA

By Gladys Lewis

The Sunday School Convention of the South Georgia Association, met with Alabaha Church, Blackshear, Georgia, January 30, 1944. There was a good representation from the various Sunday Schools throughout the Association. The spirituality was great as the Lord Jesus Christ was made pre-eminent. As a result the people have a new vision of the importance of teaching young people in the Sunday School to take Christ as a personal Saviour and to live for Him to the best of their ability. Christians, help us to get the Gospel out through the Sunday Schools. Pray for us.

On Saturday before the first Sunday in February the Glennville Church celebrated its forty-fourth anniversary. This was annual "Home Coming" time for all members and former pastors. Non-resident members were urged to come or write. The attendance was good. Many who could not come wrote letters and sent liberal offerings. This time of Christian association was a means of drawing all in closer fellowship with the Lord. The program rendered by a few of the members, including a sermon by the pastor, was enjoyed by all. There was a special recognition of our men in service. Their names were read from the Service Honor Roll, and prayer was made in their behalf. At noon all gathered around a table on the church yard, and enjoyed a bountiful spread of food. The day's program closed in the early afternoon. The blessings of the day might have brought the expression from all: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Our Woman's Auxiliary recently sponsored the presentation of a missionary playlet with the idea of furthering missionary education and as an occasion to receive an offering for missions. This playlet, written by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, shows something of everyday life in India, India's need for the Gospel, and the influence of the Gospel in transforming lives. Thirteen characters are employed, each dressed in the costume which his respective engagements require. A railway compartment scene is depicted, where two heathen women of caste open their hearts to each other; two pilgrim widows chant their hold verse, count their prayer beads, and reveal their story in conversation; while accompanying children take life jovially. An outstanding Hindu man dies leaving three wives. The wailing of hired mourners and the dirge of funeral musicians are heard. The young widow of the deceased, hearing the Gospel later, is converted and rescued from the throes of heathen custom, and rears her children as Christians. A family altar scene in that home is shown. The part of the Missionary, played by Miss Barnard, gave a glimpse of the real missionary life. The drama closes with a pantomine in which all characters appear with outstretched hands, pleading for Gospel light.

THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS

I am sitting up some today, but do not feel able to answer personally all the messages that I received while I was sick. I am using, therefore, this method to say, "Thanks" to all our friends for their prayers, contributions, cards, letters, etc.

Had it not been for the prayers of the faithful ones, I feel that I would not now be in the land of the living. I spent nineteen days in the People's Hospital, Jasper, Alabama, and I was sick a week before I went to be treated. I have now been home four days, and I am able to sit up only for a few minutes at the time.

I must say, "Thanks" to Ebenezer, Glennville, and Jakin churches in Georgia for their splendid offerings to help on my expenses. I had to undergo two operations while at the hospital, but the Lord gave me the grace to endure the trials. I have often preached on the subject: "My Grace Is Sufficient," but now I truly know that it is true indeed.

I have two messages on my heart for the paper, when I get strong enough to write. I would write more now, but I am too weak now. Please pray for me.

Your servant in the bonds of affliction,

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Cordova, Ala.

P. S.—I must not forget to say "Thanks" to God for the church here who almost doubled my salary each week I was in the hospital.—K. V. S.

"When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet" (Prov. 3: 24).

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FEBRUARY RECEIPTS

LAND FUND

Cape Fear Conference

Corinth Church	$ 50.48
White Oak Grove	12.95
St. John	12.00

Central Conference

Free Union	26.28
Oakley Cleaners	3.00
W. W. Howard	26.00
Hugo Auxiliary	25.00
Dawson's Grove	25.75
Rose of Sharon	25.00
Malachi's Chapel	19.00
Free Union	26.00
Greenville Church	37.00
Mt. Tabor Church	12.77
Free Union League	3.00

Eastern Conference

Core Creek	100.25
Rooty Branch	22.55
Davis F. W. B. Church	35.00
Sandy Plain	26.00
Dublin Grove	8.87
Arapahoe Church and S. S.	60.00
White Hill Church	33.50
Brice's Creek	5.00
Christian Chapel	18.10
Dailey's Chapel	7.15
Kinston F. W. B. Church and Sunday School	25.00
Core Creek	1.00
Woodington Church	40.00

Western Conference

Mrs. Nettie Evans	4.00
Leon E. Griffin	5.00
Rains Cross Roads	25.00
Orphanage Church	3.91
Marsh Swamp	37.37
Stony Creek	22.30
Mt. Zion	10.25
Union Chapel	7.00
Floods Chapel	22.00
Holly Springs	35.56
Mt. Zion	16.12
Stony Hill	13.00
Holly Springs	25.00
Selma F. W. B. Church	52.00
Tippett's Chapel	25.00
Herbert Herring	13.00
St. Delight	15.00
Total	$1,018.16

CHAPEL FUND

Eastern Conference

Rooty Branch	$ 15.50
Davis F. W. B. Church	40.00
Snow Hill	11.00
Mosley's Creek	30.00
Sandy Plain	25.00
Mrs. Mary A. Gillikin	10.00

Cape Fear Conference

Clinton F. W. B. Church	5.00
Oak Grove, Sampson Co.	20.00

Central Conference

Belhaven Church	9.00
Friendship Church	18.50

Western Conference

1st Union Meeting	50.00
Total	$ 231.00

CLOTHING FUND

Pleasant Grove L. A. S.(Western)	$25.00
Union Chapel L. A. S. (Eastern)	20.00
W. G. Wilson	20.00
Total	$65.00

CURRENT FUND

Eastern Conference

Core Creek	$ 18.68
Pilgrim's Rest	3.00
Union Chapel Church and S. S.	14.54
Sneads Ferry Sunday School	2.19
Deep Run L. A. S.	2.00
Macedonia Church	130.33
New Haven F. W. B. Church	25.00
Carteret County Union	21.38
Sneads Ferry Sunday School	1.50
3rd Union	50.00
Warden's Grove	8.25
Morehead City Sunday School	7.00
Arapahoe F. W. B. Church	10.00

Central Conference

Free Union	25.00
4th Union Convention	15.25
W. H. and Ida West	10.00
Ayden Sunday School	1.00
Marlboro	20.87
Ayden	105.00
Sound Side	5.00
King's Cross Roads	25.00
Winterville Sunday School	3.50
Dildy's Grove	7.50
Parker's Chapel Sunday School	2.33
Rocky Mount and Tar River Vocal Union	14.41
Trinity Church	20.00
Buck Edmundson	10.00
Albemarle S. S. Convention	204.48
F. C. Earley	10.00
Greenville F. W. B. S. S.	9.89
LaGrange Sunday School	6.80
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Willoughby	21.00
Polly and Dolly Norris	3.00

Western Conference

1st Union Meeting	50.00
Marsh Swamp	59.00
Union Chapel	35.00
Elwood Lane	5.00
W. K. Ballentine	3.75
Stancil's Chapel	12.59
Rock Springs	13.70
Friendship Women's Aux.	5.00
Hansley's Chapel	27.51
3rd Union	3.25
Mt. Zion, Wilson County	4.00
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Kings Chapel Church	18.55
Free Union Church	.57
Oak Grove	5.45
South View	4.18
Union Grove Church	5.00
Hillsboro Church	10.61
1st Union Meeting	50.00

French Broad Conference

Horney Heights	5.00
Laurelton Chapel Sunday School	7.51
Cedar Hill Church and S. S.	2.58

Pee Dee Conference

White Oak Church	5.50
Miss Dorothy Budd	8.00

Cape Fear Conference

Tabernacle Church, Goldsboro	$16.33
Goldsboro F. W. B. S. S.	13.47

Toe River Conference

Bald Mountain	95.00
Toe River Conference, Tenn.	25.00
Pitman's Chapel	10.00

Rockfish Conference

Rockfish Union	10.00

Miscellaneous

Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., Coupons	75.14
Sale of Corn	3.70

Livestock sale	80.61
Refund	37.48
Truck Hire	16.95
Robert Crawford	2.00
Truck hire	2.00
Sale of wood	2.00
Truck hire	11.65
Refund	8.54
Payment on cow note	5.00
Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., Coupons	33.71
Refund	30.50
Sale of poultry	98.10
Truck hire	5.70
Sale of eggs and chickens	91.63
Refund	57.09
Total	$1,759.65
GRAND TOTAL	$3,138.81

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CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Faustina Shearon, Manager

Date	Church	County
Fri., Mar. 10,	People's Chapel	Wilson
Sun., Mar. 12, 11:00 a. m.	Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt
Sun., Mar. 12, 7:30 p. m.	Bethany,	Pitt
Fri., Mar. 17, 7:30 p. m.	Stony Creek,	Wayne
Sun., Mar. 19, 11:00 a. m.	Pleasant Hill,	Pitt
Sun., Mar. 19, 7:30 p. m.	Elm Grove,	Pitt
Fri., Mar. 24, 7:30 p. m.	Friendship	Johnston
Sun., Mar. 26, 11:00 a. m.	Hickory Grove	Pitt
Sun., Mar. 26, 7:30 p. m.	Dilda's Grove	Pitt
Fri., Mar. 31, 7:30 p. m.	Everett's Chapel	Johnston
Sun., April 2, 11:00 a. m.	Gum Swamp	Pitt
Sun., April 2, 7:30 p. m.	Owen's Chapel	Wilson
Fri., April 7, 7:30 a. m.	Rock Springs	Nash
Sun., April 9, 11:00 a. m.	Edgewood	Edgecombe
Sun., April 9, 7:30 p. m.	Aspin Grove	Wilson
Fri., April 14, 7:30 p. m.	Saint's Delight	Franklin
Sun., April 16, 11:00 a. m.	Parker's Chapel	Pitt
Sun., April 16, 7:30 p. m.	Marlboro	Pitt
Fri., April 21, 7:30 p. m.	Edgemont	Durham
Sun., April 23, 11:00 a. m.	Hugo	Lenoir
Sun., April 23, 7:30 p. m.	Daniel's Chapel	Wilson
Fri., April 28, 7:30 p. m.	Hansley's Chapel	Durham

REPORT OF THIRD UNION

The Union Meeting of the Third District of Eastern North Carolina, held its regular session with White Oak Grove Church on Saturday, January 29, 1944. The opening devotions were conducted by the Moderator, Rev. S. A. Smith.

After the organization of the Union, prayer was offered by Rev. Loyd Vernon. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The list of ministers was called with eleven present. Rev. W. L. Jernigan brought the 11 o'clock message using for his subject, "Hearing Jesus." After the message, dinner was served on the grounds. Having just joined this Union, this was the first time White Oak Grove had entertained us, and we feel that they should be commended in a special way for their hospitality. The lunch was fine and well served.

The afternoon session was opened with singing and prayer. The list of churches was called with 23 representing. The return of the committees with their reports was accepted.

Treasurer's Report

On hand from last Union	$ 4.69
Received at this Union	124.30
Total on hand	$128.99

Disbursements

Expense of Union meeting	$ 5.50
To Emergency Board	25.00
To Extension Board	25.00
To Superannuation	15.00
To Orphanage	50.00

Petitions were taken up and the next Union goes to Dailey's Chapel on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April. The introductory sermon is to be preached by W. I. Jernigan, with D. W. Hansley on his failure.

S. A. Smith, Moderator,
Mrs. D. F. Chambers, Clerk

TREASURES IN HEAVEN

Here on earth you may have houses,
wealth and riches yet untold,
In this world you may find happiness and peace;
But in Heaven I have treasures that
are better far than gold,
I've a home where joy and love
shall never cease.

You may live your life contented in
this wicked world of sin,
You may have no sorrow yet to
come your way;
But with all the grief and sorrow I
have happiness within,
Joy and love that lasts forever and
a day.

I have treasures in that city where
no sorrows never known,
I've a mansion there prepared by
Christ the King;
Soon I'll join the happy angels gathered 'round the great white
throne
Shouting praises, Hallelujahs ever
ring.

Venie M. Carney,
E. Durham, N. C.

To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Rev. 2: 7.

Book List

For Women's Study Classes

Stewardship and Missions (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
Stewardship in the Life of Women (Helen Wallace)	$ .50
The Larger Stewardship (Chas. A. Cook)	$ .35
He That Giveth (John E. Simpson)	$ .60
Devotional Talks for Women's Organizations (Frankie Oliver)	$ .50
Women and the Church (Louise Novotny)	$ .60
Talks on Soul Winning (E. Y. Mullins)	$ .25
The Plan of Salvation (Austin Crouch)	$ .40
The Open Gate to Prayer (Mabel N. Thurston)	$ .25
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JESUS CRUCIFIED

(Lesson for March 19)

Lesson: Mark 15: 22-39.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" (Is. 53: 5).

In a perfect life, there could be no pain, suffering, sorrow or distress. One who never violated a single law of health would never know sickness. One who violated none of the moral laws would not experience remorse and the spiritual anguish that is far worse than physical torment. The perfect man, who lived the perfect life, would not share in the common "saga" of despair and tragedy which is the daily record of our sad race.

Yet Jesus, who was perfect and did live the perfect life, suffered as no other man ever suffered, and knew of pain in its most vicious form!

This apparent paradox is clearly explained in these amazing words: "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities"! Therein lies the fullest measure of love that man ever will know, and in those words lie also the evaluation which God places upon the souls of lost men.

—Selected

What the Nail Means

Christ died for us. In olden times when a bill was paid, instead of attaching "received payment" and the main signatures, the paper was folded and a nail driven through it. Jesus Christ bore our sins in his own body on the tree, taking God's bill of indebtedness (all that was written in ordinances against us), and nailing it to the cross. When we accept Christ (the Gift of God), through whose hands and feet the nails have been driven, we have in our possession a receipt in full for every debt ever incurred to a holy God.—The S. S. Times.

"Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so Divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!"

II. Sentence Sermons

1. His Death was the Death that conquered death.

2. Was Barabbas looking on at the Man who died on the cross that he had merited?

3. Nothing was spared at any point to add to the sufferings of our Saviour: there was none to help (Psa. 22: 11).

4. "Why, I am a thief, and I belong on that middle cross!" said a notorious thief convicted of sin by the story of the three crosses: each of us can say, "I belong there," for the Man who hung there was there for me.

5. On the cross the Holy God was reconciled to sinful man, and now we as God's ambassadors are to call on men, "Be ye reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5: 19-21).

6. The inexpressible love of Christ for men shines out against a background of indescribable hatred and cruelty and bitter revilings and contempt.

7. Only at the Cross do I learn what **sin** is, and there only do I learn what **love** for sinners is.

8. Had our Lord been drugged he would not have prayed for the soldiers, nor saved the robber, nor cared for his mother, nor suffered the full separation from the Father, nor commended his spirit into his hands, nor voluntarily laid down his life: he ministered to the end, and gave his life a ransom (Mark 10: 45).

9. We refer **you** to our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies for the best helps possible on this lesson of lessons. And we also pray that many more Bible schools will begin using our own lesson helps with the Second Quarter of 1944.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Pilate on Trial, Not Jesus

In the famous Tribuna of the Uffzi Gallery at Florence, a tourist, armed with his guidebook, went up to the curator. "Are these your masterpieces?" he asked. "I certainly don't see much in them myself." "Sir," said the curator, "these pictures are not on trial; it is the visitors who are on trial." It was not Jesus who was on His trial, but Pilate.

Saved—Because of Calvary

During the World War I, thousands of young men who would never darken the door of a Gospel meeting, listened to the Gospel and were saved. One young English lad wrote home to his father from the trenches, saying, "Father, this war had to be that I might be saved!" His father was reading the letter to a friend of ours, and said, "Just fancy, our George thinking that God would cause, or permit, all this upheaval that he might be saved!" "Ah!" replied our friend, "God upheaved more than all Europe that your George might be saved. Calvary was a greater tragedy than this war, and Calvary had to be that I might be saved."—James M. Gray.

"Two Died for Me"

A ship had been wrecked, and when the boats had been let down it was seen that there was not room in them for all. Lots were cast, and among those who had to remain behind was a young and very wicked sailor. He was very pale, and those near him heard him mutter, "Lost—lost eternally." But he was picked up bodily and thrown into one of the boats. The man who had done that

called to him, "You are not ready to die yet, but I am, and am willing to die for you. But mind that I see you in Heaven." An old sailor who had often told him of Jesus and asked him to receive the Saviour, thus died in his stead. Ever after, the young man, who really accepted Christ, was wont to testify in these words: "For me two have died!"

"But He (Jesus) was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed" (Is. 53: 5).

WHAT DOES A MINISTER DO BETWEEN SUNDAYS?

By Dr. George Arthur Buttrick
Minister, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City

We write letters—to a college for a boy asking enrollment, to a business firm for a woman seeking employment. of courage to a man in stress, of sympathy to a family in sorrow, of cheer to men in camp. . . . We see people—after nearly fifteen years in this church, the number who ask to come equals the number to whom we go. What unburdening of heart, what perplexity of mind, what troublings of conscience, what magnificent courage is revealed in "ordinary" extraordinary people in these meetings! Three hundred-fifty of these pastoral contacts in the last eleven weeks. We conduct baptisms (the grand youngsters who were in my communicant's class when I began here now come with babies to be baptized). We conduct weddings (including the rehearsals, because we covet the friendships thus formed). We visit folks in sickness. We conduct funerals and do everything possible, sometimes making all arrangements. We lead services of dedication for a new home: it is a happy task. We attend meetings: there are about ninety group meetings in this church each week. An instance? The young people asked us to talk to them about weddings; it was a good chance to say that homes are broken before, not after marriage. Meetings—staff meetings, prayer meetings, trustees' meetings, men's club meetings, guild meetings; and now we are in trouble because the others are omitted from mention.

What else between Sundays? We read books and the Book. A minister's library must seem boring to the average reader. Actually many of them are more interesting and far more valuable than the latest novel. In any event, a good minister, like a good doctor, must keep abreast of new knowledge in his field. Here is an instance. The earliest manuscripts of the New Testament were until recently no earlier in date than the middle of the fifth century. But recently manuscrips have been found that were written in the second and third centuries. What changes occurred in those two hundred hitherto hidden years? A minister must read. He writes sermons. Each demands from me ten hours of hard work, and each is written to the last comma and period. We serve the church—not eight hours a day but always twelve hours a day, seven days a week, and often sixteen hours—with no guarantee of an undisturbed night.

When I was a boy the lamplighter was our neighborhood friend. He was happy and added to our happiness, but he was staunch in standard as he was glad in mind. At dusk we saw him thrust his long light-pole into the street-lamp, touch a lever and kindle the gas-light. Soon we lost him from sight in the darkness, but we knew where he was by the progress of the lights. That, I think, is the minister's job—to deepen the joy of the day and to kindle lights when the streets of the world grow dark, and to be content meanwhile to be himself unseen. It is hard work, emotionally exciting, physically and spiritually demanding, not free from ignorant and captious criticism, still more marked by failure; and sometimes we ask ourselves if, were life given a second chance, we would choose the same road. But always when the mind is renewed by rest and prayer the answer is a sure and a grateful "Yes." The reasons quicken into new confidence.

—Reprinted from
"Current Religious Thoughts"

PROGRAM

The Sunday School convention of the Eastern Conference of South Carolina will convene with Little Bethel Church on April 1, 1944, Hemingway, South Carolina. Elder M. F. Howell is superintendent, and Brown Hucks will be host pastor.

Morning Session

10:30—Opening with congregational singing and scripture lesson by Supt. M. F. Howell
—Prayer
—Welcome address by Elder T. D. Lyerly
—Response by Elder M. S. Todd
—Special song by the choir
10:50—Introductory business period
—Appointment of temporary committees
—Reading of last minutes by secretary
—Reports from various Sunday Schools
—Field worker's report
11:30—Sermon by Elder T. A. Williams
12:15—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

1:30—Song by any S. S. desiring to render service
—Program by local church
—A Talk by Elder H. N. Davis
—Final business period
—Reports of temporary committees
—Motions and resolutions
—Petitions for the next convention
3:30—Vote of thanks, song and adjournment

By the Committee

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Boys and Girls Corner

JACK'S NEW MEMBER

"Will you go to Sunday School with me next Sunday?" asked Jack, as he and Ned walked home from school on Friday afternoon.

"I wish you wouldn't ask me to go," answered Ned. "You know my father does not care about going to church."

"You may go with me in my father's car," offered Jack. "I want you to go very much. My teacher wants each member of our class to bring a new member. You are the only boy my age in our neighborhood who does not go to Sunday School."

"I don't know whether I would like it or not," said Ned. "I never have gone to Sunday School or to church."

"You will like our class, I know," answered Jack. "Please ask your father to let you go."

That evening Jack said to his father, "I want Ned to go to Sunday School with me. He says his father does not care for church. Will you ask Mr. Nelson to let Ned go with us?"

"Certainly, Jack," promised the father. "I have wanted Mr. Nelson to go with me for a long time. He would never go with me, but I see no reason why Ned cannot go."

Jack's father telephoned Mr. Nelson immediately and Mr. Nelson consented for Ned to go with Jack.

On the way to Sunday School the next Sunday, Ned asked: "Why do people go to Sunday School and church? I know that most people go, but I don't know why."

"Church is a place where people go to worship God," explained Jack's father. "By going to church we let others know that we are interested in knowing more about our Heavenly Father."

"And in our Sunday School class we study about Jesus," added Jack. "Our teacher tells us lots of things about Him."

"Do you just sit still all the time?" asked Ned.

"We do things," said Jack, "as well as learn things."

"The first thing you want to learn," Jack's father said, "is that the church building is a place of worship. You will want to be still when you are thinking about God."

"It's funny my father never talks to me as you do," commented Ned. "I wonder why he doesn't go to church?"

"I have asked him to go lots of times," Jack's father stated. "Now that you are going, it may be that he will become interested."

"I wish he would," Ned said, "for it seems like people are happier when they go to church on Sunday."

As they entered the boys' classroom, Jack was glad he had a new member. The other boys in the class and their teacher heartily welcomed Ned.

"Will it count if I bring my father?" Ned wanted to know.

"It won't count in our class, Ned," the teacher told him, "but it will count in another class, and you will be helping."

"I'm going to try my best to bring him," declared Ned, "and I believe he will come with me. Why! the church is a wonderful place. Father will want to come here and worship, I am sure."

"And when he comes he will want to bring others just as you do," replied the teacher. "Jack brought you, and you will bring your father. He, in turn, will want to bring someone with him. That is the way our church grows."

When Ned returned home after church, he told in detail everything that had happened.

If you will go only once, Father," insisted Ned, "you will want to go all the time; and you will want to take your friends, too."

"Your joy is catching, Son," laughed Mr. Nelson. "I promise now to go with you next Sunday."

"Oh, I am so glad you are going to church," breathed Ned. "Now we shall be like other people."

If you could have seen the expression on Mr. Nelson's face, you would have known that he was sorry he had not been going to church all of his life.—Storytime.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

(March 1, 1944)

The following is a report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina State Association of F. W. B.

Receipts

Balance on hand Feb. 1	$1,086.76
Receipts for Feb.	73.98
Total to account for	$1,160.74

Disbursements

Checks to Retired Ministers	$ 105.00
Check to Nat. Board	18.19
Expense for Feb.	1.22
Total paid out in Feb.	$ 124.41
Balance on hand March 1	$1,036.33

Itemized Receipts

Cape Fear Union Meeting	$40.00
Sts. Delight S. S.	3.73
Kings X Roads S. S.	1.25
3rd Western Union Meeting	20.00
Ayden S. S.	1.00
Grimsley's Church	3.00
Friendship Woman's Aux. (Western Association)	5.00

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Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord. Hos. 6: 3.

I need the influence of thy grace,
To speed me in my way;
Lest I should loiter in my race,
Or turn my feet astray.

No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. Luke 9: 62.

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REPORT OF ALBEMARLE LEAGUE UNION

The Albemarle League Union met with Shiloh Church on January 29, 1944. After the usual opening devotions were conducted by Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. Robert Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Association, was introduced by Brother Hales to the body.

The League began its regular business by the secretary calling the list of churches as follows:

Malachi's Chapel—

Adult league	$2.00
Intermediate league	.50
Junior league	.25
St. Paul, Elizabeth City—	
Senior league	.50
Intermediate league	.50
Junior league	.50
Hickory Chapel—	
Adult league	1.00
Intermediate league	1.00
Junior league No. 1	.50
Junior league No. 2	.50
Sound Side—	
W. A. Hales, Adult	.50
J. C. Griffin, Senior	.25
Rose Bowen, Intermediate	.25
Barbara Willey, Junior	.25
Free Union—	
St. Paul, Adult	.50
Ever Ready, Senior	.25
Clarence Bowen, Inter.	.25
Duffy Toler, Junior	.25
Total	$9.75

The president made some remarks on the program: "Training Youth for Tomorrow's World." Ruth Daughie spoke on "Deepening their Faith." Ruth Jennings sang a solo, "Some Day He'll Make It Plain." Robert Gradeless spoke on "A Steadfast Hope." Then Ruth Jennings sang, "The Evening Prayer." Rev. W. A. Hales spoke on "Teaching Them to Love Enemies as Well as Friends." Mrs. Ballard spoke on the subject, "We Hold the Torch to Light Their Way."

Silent prayer was held for the people on the home front, and for the boys in the armed forces by Rev. J. A. Evans. Shiloh Church furnished special music. Mr. Wiggs informed the convention that a definite date would be given at the next meeting for the date of encampment. The treasurer reported in the treasury $56.49, which report was accepted. The Digest Committee gave their report, and the W. A. Hales Adult league of Sound Side won the banner.

A motion was made and carried to send $15.00 to Aletha Etheridge to be applied on her education in the college at Nashville, Tennessee. A motion was made to re-elect the same officers. A vote of thanks was extended to the host church for the kind hospitality shown this convention.

The convention closed with song and prayer. It was agreed to meet next time with the New Free Will Baptist Church at Pungo.

Mrs. Alice Williughby, Pres.,
(Miss) Alice Webster, Secy.

I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. Mic. 7: 7.

When I am filled with sore distress
For some suprising sin,
I'll plead thy perfect righteousness,
And mention none but thine.

Men ought always to pray, and not to faint. Luke 18: 1.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

PLUMMER. Mrs. S. C. Plummer, age 73, died at her home in Glennville, November 30, 1943, after a long illness.

She was a faithful member of the Glennville Free Will Baptist Church for many years, and her absence is keenly felt.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. J. Kuhnle of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a brother, P. W. Yarborough of George West, Texas, a sister, Mrs. R. M. Dennison Scriven, Georgia, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral was preached by Rev. E. C. Morris in the Glennville Church. Burial was in the Ebenezer cemetery.

Ladies Auxiliary,
Mrs. E. C. Davidson, Pres.,
Mrs. J. A. Knight, Secy.

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IN MEMORIAM

This is written in loving memory of a very dear husband and son, Tom Moore, who was 31 years old. He died July 2, 1943.

Deep in our hearts thoughts linger still,
For a loved one silently laid to rest;
We loved him then, we love him still
And we miss him now and always will.

We often sit and meditatively think of you,
And of the way you died, could not say goodbye;
Oh, it's hard to keep on trying to be brave,
For none can cheer and comfort our cry.

In heaven we hope to meet you dear
When our days of life are fled;
Days of darkness still come over us
But we hope to meet you where farewell tears are never shed.

By his wife,
Mrs. Tom Moore and family

ANIMPORTANT REQUEST

"All clerks of every state and district association in the denomination are asked to send at least one copy of their 1943 minutes to the National Statistician, Rev. Clarence Bowen, Box 821, Wake Forest, N. C., as soon as possible. Your prompt action in this matter will be most graciously appreciated."

Clarence Bowen

A WOMAN'S WISDOM

Selections from Dorothy Dix's Rules for Happiness

MAKE UP your mind to be happy. Happiness is mostly a matter of self-hypnotism. You can think yourself happy, or you can think yourself miserable.

Nail on your face the smile that won't come off and after a bit you will find that it stays there naturally.

There isn't a single human being who hasn't plenty to cry over, and the trick is to make the laughs outweigh the tears.

Be yourself, and do the things that you enjoy doing if you want to be comfortable and happy.

Don't borrow trouble. You have to pay compound interest on that and it will bankrupt you in the end if you do.

There are none of us but who have lain awake at night, petrified with dread of some calamity that we feared might befall us and that we felt would shatter our lives if it should occur. Generally, it never happened, but if it did, it wasn't so bad after all and we survived it without serious injury.

Don't cherish enmities and grudges. Don't keep up old quarrels. Don't remember all the mean things people have done to you. Forget them. Hate is a deadly chemical that we distill in our own hearts and that poisons our own souls.

Don't hold post mortems. Don't spend your life brooding over the mistakes you have made, or the sorrows that have befallen you. What is done is done, and cannot be changed, but you have your whole future life in which to make good.

Do something for somebody less fortunate than yourself. Minister to other people's troubles. It will make you forget your own. Happiness is a coin that we keep only when we give it away.

Keep busy. That is a sovereign remedy for unhappiness. Hard work is a panacea for trouble.

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Still, Still with Thee

Still, still with thee, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird waketh, and the shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, I am with thee.

Alone with thee, amid the mystic shadows,
The solemn hush of nature newly born;
Alone with thee in breathless adoration,
In the calm dew and freshness of the morn.

So shall it be at last, in that bright morning,
When the soul waketh and life's shadows flee;
O, in that hour, fairer than daylight dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought—I am with thee.

—Harriet Beecher Stowe

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He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry: when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. Isa. 30: 19.

REPORT OF THE ROCK FISH UNION

The Union meeting of the Rock Fish Association held its regular session with Sandy Grove Church on Saturday, January 29, 1944. Rev. Steve English conducted the opening devotions. The house was declared in order and Rev. M. L. Baxley was elected moderator.

The first matter of business before the union was the reading of the last minutes which were approved. The next thing in order was some unfinished business which was brought before the body. At this time the various committies were appointed. Rev. W. H. Ivey brought the morning message. His subject was "Sowing Seed." He used as his scripture lesson Matthew 13: 24-31. Following the message we called off for lunch.

After the lunch hour was over, the union was called to order, and Rev. Frank Sanford conducted the opening devotions. Brothers C. W. Bennett and J. W. Sanford were recommended to be licensed to preach the gospel. They were found to be orthodox by the Ordaining Council, and were given license to preach the Gospel.

The list of the churches was then called and all were represented by letter or delegate, except one. The ordination papers of Rev. J. F. Roberts and his wife, Rev. Daisy Roberts, were received and accepted by the Ordaining Council. The right hand of fellowship was given to them.

An offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $4.40. The union gave $5.60, which made it ten dollars. By a vote the next union will be held at Highland Pines Church in Richmond County. It is between Rockingham and Hamlet, North Carolina. We wish to thank the people of Sandy Grove Church for their kind hospitality shown this union meeting. At this time it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Rev. M. L. Baxley, Moderator,

Rev. C .B. Hopkins, Clerk

EDITORIAL

MRS. WOOTEN PASSES—

Mrs. J. E. Wooten, wife of Editor J. E. Wooten, was called to her heavenly reward a few days ago. Mrs. Wooten had been ill for sometime with a serious kidney trouble. The physicians and surgeons, nurses and relatives and friends did all they could to cure her, but the condition grew worse and worse until the end came. She died in Kinston Memorial Hospital.

She leaves Brother Wooten, one son, Russell, age thirteen, and three stepsons and one stepdaughter. She and Brother Wooten had been married around fifteen years. One daughter, Minnie Carrol, age eight years old, preceded her to the grave four years ago. The local friends and relatives are in great sympathy with Brother Wooten and his family.

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N. C. STATE ASSOCIATION—

The North Carolina State Association will hold its annual session at Reedy Branch Church, in Pitt County, near the town of Winterville, during the second week of September, as has been the custom heretofore.

This church is one of the strong churches of the Free Will Baptist denomination in the State, and it has a large membership. The church building is large and can seat several hundred people. It has a spacious church lawn for the parking of cars and the spreading of long tables for bounteous picnic lunches for such occasions. It is situated in a progressive farming community, and the people are amply able to care for the association in a fine way.

The Reverend R. C. Wiggs of Ayden is pastor of the church, and he is doing a good work with those people. It was through his interests and the efforts of some of his church people that Reedy Branch has been chosen this time as the place for the convening of the coming State Association. He and his generous church people are looking forward, with a great deal of pleasure, to the coming of this great meeting in the month of September. They will make every effort possible to entertain the association in a fine way, and will show every courtesy possible to the delegates, ministers and visiting friends in attendance upon the association.

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NEW EDITOR OF THE "GEM"—

The Reverend C. B. Dees, the new editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri, is starting off in a good way with this religious magazine of the Free Will Baptist in the west. He succeeded the Reverend John B. Rollins, a few weeks ago, as editor of this splendid church magazine. Brother Rollins had been editor of this publication for several years, and proved himself to have been a good editor during the time he was actively engaged in that position.

We have a copy of the "Gem" on our desk, and it is representative of the work of a good editor. We are hoping for Brother Dees much success as editor of the Free Will Baptist Gem, and wish for him an ever increasing patronage on the part of the church people for the paper. May it grow in circulation and usefulness during the coming years, and prove to be a great value to the denomination for the cause of righteousness.

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LITERATURE FOR THE SECOND QUARTER—

The Sunday School and League literature for the Second Quarter is now ready, and orders are being filled as they arrive. This note is to call attention to all Sunday Schools and League organizations to not delay in mailing their orders for supplies, but to place orders now so that the shipments will arrive in ample time for use when the second quarter begins.

You are to remember that the mails are now crowded all over the country with heavy shipments, and therefore more time is likely to be required, in some cases, for some shipments to arrive at their destination. You should order, moreover, the quantity needed, and no more, so that other Sunday Schools and Leagues may be able to get theirs also. Remember, paper is getting scarce, and extra printings of new supplies, when we have sold out, may not be permissible just at this time. We want to fill every need, if at all possible, and have no waste, or "leftovers;" but, as long as we have supplies of literature, we shall endeavor to fill each order as per the request.

AN IMPORTANT REQUEST

"All clerks of every state and district association in the denomination are asked to send at least one copy of their 1943 minutes to the National Statistician, Rev. Clarence Bowen, Box 821, Wake Forest, N. C., as soon as possible. Your prompt action in this matter will be most graciously appreciated."

Clarence Bowen

REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

(Receipts for the month of Feb.)

Illinois	$ 315.00
Missouri	276.33
North Carolina	225.00
Oklahoma	156.18
Tennessee	131.50
Michigan	41.30
South Carolina	40.00
Texas	31.07
Alabama	22.40
National Woman's Auxiliary Convention	117.78
Total	$1,356.56

Winford Davis, Treasurer

The Reward of Faithfulness

By Elder Colonel Pendleton,
Nashville, Tennessee

Please read Revelation 2: 13, which we will use for a text. It reads, "I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth."

Yes, dear friends, in these days, it seems that there is nothing certain but death and destruction. Even the home ties seem no longer to hold together, for one day we see a home where all seem to be happy, and contented, and the next day father or mother have found some one they "Love" better (or should I say "lust" after better). But whatever is the cause, there is a broken home and the little ones left without some one to care for them. And we find that among all this there are many people who are asking this question: "Why does a wise and almighty God permit such things to continue?"

Many poor mortals are disheartened in these times of distress, when they see and hear how human life and property is being destroyed in this great war. Yet, if these people, who are beginning to doubt, would only "Search the scriptures" in which the great God has made known His plan for all mankind, they would learn that it teaches concerning all these things.

Let us read Matthew 24: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars:" In the midst of all this, He says to His people, (not to the wicked) see that "ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet." Then, in the following verses we read that there are to be famines, pestilences and earthquakes. The Lord Jesus says, "All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you; and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." He then goes on to say "And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." What! Can it be true? That many after sitting in heavenly places; and having been partakers of the heavenly manna, are going to forsake Him in the last days. No wonder our Lord asked, "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth"? Now, my Christian friends, are we going to disappoint our blessed Lord Jesus, or, are we going to be faithful to the end? And for the encouragement of all God's true, "Born again" saints, let us read, "Fear none of those things which tho ushalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." This over coming can only be done by faith. For what faith is, and what has been done through it, let us go to the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. Now, let us prayerfully study together the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. "Now," said the great and learned apostle Paul, "faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." We read that it was "by faith" that Abel offered a better sacrifice unto the LORD GOD than Cain did, and thus won from the Lord the record of being "Righteous" on the score of what he gave. He died, but by his faith he is speaking to us today. "By faith Noah" reverently constructed an ark to save his household. Thus, he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is by faith. This can also be applied to these days of apostasy (the calling away period spoken of by Paul in 2 Thess 2: 3). It reads, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God." If we believe that the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is near, and if we will work for the salvation of the lost, we too shall be heirs of righteousness that follows faith.

"By faith" Abraham obeyed the call of God to go forth to a place which he would receive as an inheritance, although he did not know where he was to go. It was by faith that he sojourned in the promised land, as in a strange country, living in tents, as did Isaac, Jacob and as also did all the old patriarchs who were heirs together with him of the same promises. They all were looking for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Now beloved, we who are "Born again" also have had this experience, and have been called from the world to receive this heavenly heritage. "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that

overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son" (Rev. 21: 1-7).

We must not stop or turn back, for we read in Luke 21: 28, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and life up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

It is well for us to notice that the eleventh chapter of Hebrews contains many accounts of God's true saints, and it also gives the great rewards they received for their faithfulness. Let us also notice that verses 33-40, give an account of many of those old faithful saints who suffered persecution, refusing to accept deliverance in order that they might obtain a better resurrection. And now, let us (that is the ones who are Born again) be like those "holy men of God"—look for a city.

A LETTER FROM IRAN

Dear Baptist Readers:

I have just received my second copy of the F. W. B. here in Iran, and would like to say that I have derived a great satisfaction from reading the many wonderful articles published. I am glad to learn of all the good work that is being done throughout the world by the many good people back there at home.

In behalf of my many comrades and myself, it makes us realize more than ever that God's world is only a small world, after all, and that we are really fighting for something great and worth while. It gives us courage and undefeatable faith to continue on with greater determination, as long as we know that our loved ones are back of us wholeheartedly, praying and making the sacrifices at the home front, through the power of God. Our hope is that we may win the "Victory" and everlasting "Freedom," that our good people and future generations may continue on worshipping Jesus Christ, our Lord, forever and ever.

Through the greatness and consideration of our Superior Officers, we have many fine Chapels throughout this land. This Sunday past, February 27th, was our Chapel Dedication Services. It looks now like a real church with steeple and all, where as before for a long while the services were held in the open fields, then in a couple of tents attached together, with a few boxes to sit on and many had to stand. After a while a building was turned over to us which was very crude: but through the good work and efforts of our many Chaplains, about nineteen of these buildings were changed into real Chapels. There was a large attendance at the Dedication Services this Sunday, as there has been all along, and we are more than expecting it to continue that way as long as we are here. There are other meetings and lectures through the week and we have a good choir. So we are all happy that we have a good church and a good Chaplain to teach us the word of God and the value of prayer.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the good people back there for all their prayers for the many boys and girls that are so far away from home, giving their lives for the great struggle. May God bless you all, are forever our prayers, for we know that some day you will receive that reward which you so highly deserve. Continue to pray for us all, is our only request and then ours will seem but a small "Offering."

It's through my Dear Mother that I am receiving my copies of the F. W. B., for which I am very thankful, as it will keep me well informed of the good work that you all are doing back there at home. I know that you all have heard of our little church "White Hill," in Beaufort County, N. C., and I know that a good many of you have attended the many enjoyable times held there as well as the abundance of good eats served there. If there is any reader who would like to write me personally, I assure you their letters will be greatly appreciated, and I will try and answer as many as I can.

Sincerely,

Curtis C. Caton.

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CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION NEWS FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Readers:

We are very proud and happy to announce to our Church as a whole, that The Church Finance Association, Incorporated, has had a very successful year thus far. In making this announcement, we wish to thank each and every individual who has been instrumental in bringing this success about.

We are now looking forward to our annual meeting; the exact date and place of which will be made known at a later date. Needless to say, we are very anxious to have a representative of every church and Convention, Union Meeting, Women's Auxiliary Societies, Sunday School and its respective classes, present at this annual meeting. Since it would be so gratifying to behold a 100 per cent representation, won't you plan from this minute on to bring about this realization? It will be a great day, and then too, many membership certificates will be delivered at that time. Furthermore, we feel that the report of the work for the year will be of much value and inspiration to every person concerned. As you no doubt know, the annual meeting has always been eagerly awaited and has continually met with unanimous approval, however, we perceive that due to this unprecedented success, an even greater get-to-gether will be in store.

In closing, we would like to mention that there are a few who have purchased a membership, but who lack a small payment to complete their certificate. Won't these few make a sincere endeavor to get this small balance to our Treasurer, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C., by April 15, 1944, so that they may be able to receive their Certificate along with the others?

Our goal — 100 per cent representation at the annual meeting!

Sincerely,

L. H. Wetherington,
Secretary.

A SERGEANT MEETS GOD

(Ed. Note: This is the testimony of Sergeant John Bartek, who was adrift with Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and six others. He tells how he came to believe in God.)

Why don't folks believe in God? I can't understand it! they seem to be afraid to believe in Him. Maybe it's because they've never met Him, and recognized His working. That used to be the way with me, but when I met God in that raft out there on the Pacific I promised Him I'd tell everyone.

My mother and father are both Christians—the kind that believe the Bible—believe in God—and trust Him. Before I joined the army I used to come home—Freeport, N. J. —after spending the day working in the mill. When I wouldn't take any stock in my father's reading the Bible to me he'd just say—"Johnnie, you must be born again!" Over and over again I heard that phrase—it didn't make any sense to me, then.

One day mom said to me, "Johnnie, I fear that some day God is going to bring you so completely at His mercy that you'll just have to believe in Him." I tried to forget that remark, but I couldn't.

It wasn't long after that, when I was in the army that I received word that my sister had died. My heart was heavy and I sat in the recreation room listening to the gospel over the radio. Another soldier came along and begged me to turn off that "stuff" and get some good "jive." I told him that I wanted to listen because I felt that some day I'd become a Christian, and I wanted to find out how. The other fellow laughed at me and flipped the dial to another program. I turned it back again, but he didn't understand and off went the program again—the last time for me because I got up and walked away—but I wasn't ready to meet God.

Everyone knows what happened in the next few days. That's when I really turned my thoughts to God—when I knew our plane was going to crack up. At that time I said, or prayed, I don't know what it was—"If you'll pull me through this I will always believe in God." I had a New Testament in my pocket that had been given me by my church at home. That Book gave us something. Every time we read it it seemed to give courage and faith to go on—it seemed to supply our needs.

All the time, while I was out there on the raft I could hear my father saying—"Johnnie, you must be born again," and my mother's words haunted me as I realized how true they might be—That God was going to make me believe in Him.

As soon as we were in the rafts and at the mercy of God we realized that we were not in any condition to expect help from Him. It wasn't long before we were spending many hours each day confessing our sins to one another and to God. I never realized what a sinner I was until I was thrown at the mercy of God. We didn't any of us know much about the Bible, and maybe we got all mixed up, but we found where it said, "if we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins," and "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." I couldn't see any reason why He should answer our prayers, we hadn't done anything for Him—but that Book the New Testament, kept telling us that He loved us and would take care of our needs. I still can't see why, but I guess that's just the way He works.

Yes, we prayed, and God answered. I'l say He answered, and there isn't one of us that would even hint that it "just happened." It couldn't have just happened—it was too real. We needed water. We prayed for water and we got water—all we needed. Then we asked for fish, and we got fish. And we got meat when we prayed—seagulls don't go around sitting on people's heads waiting to be caught. Then we made a mistake—we prayed for meat for the next day, afraid God wouldn't supply our need when the time came. What did we get? A shark that nearly made us sick and a hole in the bottom of our raft.

Why did we still doubt God? Well, why do you doubt Him? I don't know why we won't profit by experience. I know He was out there taking care of us, yet on the 21st day when those planes flew by we all cried like babies. It was then that I prayed again to God and said, "If you will send that one plane back for us I promise to always believe in You and to tell everyone else." That plane came back and the others flew on. It just happened? It did not. God sent that plane back.

Then I said with all my heart,—after thanking Him, "I believe in God. I've met Him."

I realized that He loved me and knew that the Testament was the Word of God. . . . His message to me. That's why I know now that Christ, His Son, died on the cross for me, in that way paying for all those sins I'd been confessing out on the raft . . and not for those only, but for more to come since then. When I sin now He gets after me . . . but when I come to Him sorrowing for those sins He is faithful and forgives me.

I can't explain it, but I know that my father was right when he said "You must be born again." I saw that in the New Testament, too. When God sent that plane back I gave in to Him and my life has been different. The pressure seems to be gone. I don't know what it is, but I know that I haven't anything to worry about. If God could see me through those experiences, I know He's not going to let me down now.

When we were out there on the raft, Captain Rickenbacker had perhaps several thousand dollars. We wanted a cup of water. Captain Rickenbacker couldn't buy it, and neither could I. We couldn't even buy a cup. We learned what really satisfies—and it isn't money. Since I got right with God I've been happier than at any time in my life.

I don't know much about the Bible. But I do know God, because I've met Him. I'm just finding out how to live. People ask me, if I am going to be a minister. I don't know. I'm spending all my spare time reading the Bible and am just beginning to understand it. When this war is over, I'll be ready to make a decision about that. I want to do what God wants me to do, and right now I believe that's to keep on fighting in this war.

What I can't understand, though, is why the fellows out there when they are face to face with danger cry

to God for help. But when He does help them they come back here and seem to forget Him and quit going to church. When I walk down the street Sunday on my way to church I see so many young people who don't seem to care about God. They'd rather spend their time in a movie or at a baseball game than in church. How can that be? Let them spend 21 days on a raft at sea and they'll really believe and appreciate the privilege we have of worshipping God. It must be they haven't met Him. I'd like to talk with some of them and tell them what I've found out, but I suppose they still wouldn't believe. But I promised God that no matter what happens, I'd still tell others what I know.

In the Carolina Watchman.

"LET'S PRAY"

Dear Readers:

I recently returned from the South West Pacific where I spent 17 months in the war zone. After seeing and hearing different experiences where prayer brought boys out of almost certain death, I feel that we all need to pray more, for the boys on the battle fronts, also the sick and wounded, and prisoners of war.

I am writing this message, hoping that it will get more people to praying as they have never prayed before. We have God's word which says, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you" (Jon. 15: 7). There are numbers of other promises where God says He will answer our prayers. Read James 5: 13-18. Let us get ourselves right with God and pray for my comrades, your boys, husbands and sweethearts.

I heard one testimony from a chaplain, who was in the landing on Kiska Island, tell how he went from one hole to another on the ship and prayed with the boys while they were on their way to Kiska. They prayed that if it be God's will that He would spare as many lives as possible in the landing, and the taking of this island from the Japanese. When they went ashore, they found that the Japs had retreated. I left the island. More than one time I heard the boys tell how they lay flat on the ground, praying while bombs were bursting all around them, and not knowing but that it would be the last of them. It is wonderful to have God so very near you in a time like that, to reach out and take you by the hand and comfort you when no man on earth could.

Our boys on all fronts are looking to God for help, and many of them are boys who have never been known to pray before. Yes, they are turning to God. Let us back them by getting ourselves right with God and pray. Preachers and Christian leaders, please pray in our services and beg others to pray. Mothers and fathers, go to God in prayer, and leave it in His hands. That is better than worrying about your boys on the battle fronts. When you write to them, let them know how you are praying for them. They will appreciate it. I am no hero, but I do know God is your best friend anywhere. He is ever where your son is and is ready to protect him, if we will put our trust in Him.

Let us pray for our sick and wounded. I have spent nine months as a patient in different hospitals overseas, and in the States. I wish every person could visit one of the General Hospitals, and see just what our boys have given for our country. I have mixed with boys from just about every front in the world, and I know what they went through and what others are going through in this great war. Let us pray harder. Let us pray for peace, if it be God's will, and it will be His will if we will turn to Him rather than to man. Friends, that is what it will take to get closer to God. Today people are turning to God as never before, and we are winning faster all the time. Let us get closer to God and pray more. He will give us peace and bring our loved ones back.

Just a little warning to my comrades on the home front: If you go over seas, be sure to take your Bible with you, and put your whole trust in our main leader, Jesus Christ. You will find that He is always ready to comfort you. If you go in battle, go armed with your Bible, and a prayer on your heart.

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BE YOURSELF

A young preacher, desirous of improving his style, wrote to Jacob Gruber for advice. He had contracted the habit of prolonging his words, especially when under excitement. The old gentleman sent the following reply, "Dear-ah! brother! when-ah! you-ah, go-ah, to-ah, preach-ah take-ah, car-ah, you-ah, do not-ah-say-ah-ah-ah! Yours, ah- Jacob-ah Bruber-ah."

Which leads us to say:
Don't be what you ain't;
  Jus' be what you is,
'Cause if you is not what you am,
  Den you am not what you is.
If you is jes' a little tadpole,
  Don't try to be a frog;
If you is jes' de tail,
  Don't try to wag de dog.
You can always pass de plate
  If you can't exhort an' preach,
Don't be what you ain't;
  Jus' be what you is.
'Cause de man that plays it square
  Am gwine to get his.
It ain't what you is has been,
  It's what you now am is.

—Anon.

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

We are inviting all of the former pastors of the Pleasant Grove F. W. B. Church, Asheville, Alabama, Route 1, to be with us on the Fourth Sunday in March, which will be the twenty-sixth, as we are planning to have a homecoming service on that day.

We are inviting anyone else to be with us on that day, and hope all will enjoy the occasion for the glory of God.

D. J. O'Donnell,
Ashville, Alabama,
Route 1.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Attributes of the Holy Spirit

"The attributes of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit; such as eternity, omnipresence, omnisicence, goodness, truth."—Free Will Baptist Treatise.

The writer of Hebrews says, in speaking of Jesus, "Who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God" (Heb. 9: 14). It was through and by the power of the Eternal Spirit that Jesus was able to offer Himself to God for our redemption.

"Whither shall I go for thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" (Psa. 139: 7). There is no way to get away from the presence of the Holy Spirit. Man may become so sinful that he does not recognize the fact; but, nevertheless, it is true, the Holy Spirit follows, and at any time the sinner will stop and listen he can hear the "still small voice" as He calls for a surrendered life to Jesus Christ.

"The works of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit: creation, inspiration, giving of life, and sanctification."

"The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life" (Job 33: 4).

"Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1: 21).

In First Peter 3: 18 it is asserted, "We are quickened by the Spirit."

Then, Paul says in First Corinthians, 6: 11, "But ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of God."

So, by these Scriptures we are informed that the works of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

"The same acts which in one part of the Bible are attributed to the Holy Spirit, are in other parts said to be performed by God."

"The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God."

"From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is in reality God, and one with the Father in all divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God—one with the Father. Then these three, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are on God.

"The truth of this doctrine is also proven from the fact that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are united in the authority by which believers are baptized, and the benedictions pronounced by the apostles, which are acts of the highest religious worship."—F. W. B. Treatise.

The Voice of the Lord—The Holy Ghost Speaks

Let us notice these scriptures, one in Isaiah, the other in Acts. "I heard the voice of the Lord. . . And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear . . . ye, indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not" (Isa. 6: 8, 9).

"And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto this people and say, hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive" (Acts 28: 25, 26).

We notice that Isaiah says "The Voice of the Lord" and that Luke, the writer of the Acts, says, "The Holy Ghost spake." So in these two instances we are taught that the Lord is the Holy Spirit.

From the scriptures we are informed that God is a "Triune God." That is there are three in the Godhead, namely, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This fact is set forth also in our Treatise which is based upon divine authority.

There are many scriptures that we could quote on the subject. You who are desirous of knowing can purchase a Treatise from either of our publishing houses and find what the Free Will Baptist have adopted in the National Association as "Faith and Practices."

Two Questions

North Carolina Free Will Baptist! Have you made that offering toward paying off the thirty day note which was given on the purchase price of the newly acquired farm and equipment at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, N. C.? If you have not done anything about it, WHY NOT?

Second, How much thought are you, my readers, (North Carolina folk) giving to the Five Point Program, that part which designates March and April as special months to make offerings to MISSIONS? The First and Second Sundays have passed away—that is, they are history. What did you do about the offering? Did you take one? Did you make one? Some preachers take offerings. But brother ministers, we too, should make offerings. The pastor should lead the congregation when it is possible in making offerings.

Years ago, I took the pastorate of a small congregation. It was hard to raise money in those days. And at this place it was almost impossible. The treasurer of the church was supposed to do the collecting of all money. One day, a young fellow, said, "Preacher, if you want to raise money for this church you will have to discharge the present treasurer and elect a new one." I kindly asked, "Why?" Then he said, "No one likes to pay money to a collector when the collector will not give a cent." I began to watch and I found that the boy was right. He really opened my eyes. Well, I decided that if a collector could not collect because he would not give, that the same thing might be true concerning the pastor. The boy's argument holds good. If you want to raise money in your church, you give a part of that which the church gives you back to the Lord, and others will join you in the giving.

The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. Psa. 100: 5.

The Lord is merciful and gracious slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. Psa. 103: 8.

JOTS AND DOTS

J. E. Ingalls

Where art thou? We find the Lord asking Adam, "where art thou?" (Genesis 3: 9). If we pay good attention to the reading of verse 9, we will find that the Lord only called to Adam to know where he was. Of course the Lord already knew that Adam and Eve both had transgressed His law, but I think he called Adam so as to give him a chance to come forth and own his guilt. But like a lot of people today, Adam tried to hide behind his wife and place the blame on her for his disloyalty to God.

In verse 13 we find Eve trying to put the blame on the Serpent. As I said above we have had, and still have lots of people who are always blaming the other fellow for things that they do wrong themselves. Now the thing I would like for us to consider is this. The Lord is wanting to know today "Where Art thou?" And the word thou in Genesis 3: 9, represented Adam and Eve, but the Word THOU today represents each individual. So, let us consider that, if we sleep too late on the Lord's day (Sunday) to get ready to go to church for preaching or Sunday School, the Lord through and by the Apostle Paul has commanded us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together for worship. When we are guilty of being absent without a legal excuse, then God is demanding of us, "Where art thou?" or where wast thou during the hour of worship? So, don't try to fool yourself, and the Lord too, by putting the blame on some one else. You might fool yourself, but you will never be able to fool the Lord.—Not even one time.

Of course the Lord wants us all to meet together for worship, but he expects all those who have professed faith in his Son Jesus to set the example, and when I look about, and see so many that have their names on some church record, being absent from worship, then it is not so hard to understand why the non-church member gets careless about being present for worship.

If any who happen to read this is guilty of being absent from preaching, prayer meeting or Sunday School without an excuse that God would put his approval upon, don't forget that the Lord is asking, "where art thou?" As Adam and Eve could not hide from God among the trees, neither behind their fig leaf aprons, just so will you be unable to hide behind a lot of excuses, such as "I felt too bad to go, or I wanted to go visiting." The Prophet Samuel told King Saul, "To obey is better than sacrifice." Take it from your humble scribe, to attend our religious services is better for the soul than so much visiting or late sleeping. My motto is: **attend service, then take a nap,** and a good visit, and you'll feel better all day.—Amen.

COMMUNION WITH GOD

My child, it is not necessary to know much about Me; it is sufficient to love much. Speak to Me as thou wouldst to a mother, if she drew thee near her.

Are there any of you whom thou wouldst pray to Me? Repeat to Me the names of thy friends (or of thine enemies—Pub.) by name; after each name add what thou wouldst have Me do for them. Ask much, ask much. I love generous souls who forget themselves for others.

Tell Me of the poor whom thou wouldst relieve, the sick whom thou hast seen suffer, the sinners thou wouldst have converted, those who are alienated from thee, whose affections thou wouldst regain.

Are there graces thou wouldst ask for thyself? Write if thou wilt, a long list of all thou desirest, of all the needs of thy soul, and come and read it to Me.

Tell Me simply how proud thou art, how sensitive, egotistical, mean, and indolent. Poor child, do not blush; there are many saints who had thy faults; they prayed to Me and, little by little, their faults were corrected.

Do not hesitate to ask Me for blessings for the body and mind; for health, memory, success. I can give all things, and I always give when blessings are needed to render souls more holy.

To-day what wilt thou have, My child? If thou knowest how I long to do thee good! Hast thou plans that occupy thee?

And for Me, hast thou no zealous thought for Me? Dost thou not wish to do a little good to the soul of thy friends who perhaps have forgotten **Me?**

Bring Me all thy failures, and I will show thee the cause of them. Hast thou not troubles? Who has caused thee pain? Tell Me all, and thou wilt forget; and I will bless thee.

Dost thou dread something fearful? Is there in thy heart a vain fear which is not reasonable, but which is tormenting? Trust thyself wholly to My care. I am here. I see everything. I will not leave thee.

Hast thou not joys to make known to Me? Why does thou not let Me share thy happiness? Tell Me what has happened since yesterday to cheer and console thee. An expected visit which did thee good; a fear suddenly dissipated; a success thou thoughtest thou shouldst not reach; a mark of affection, a letter, a gift which thou hast received? I have prepared it all for thee. Thou canst show thy gratitude and give Me thanks.

Art thou resolved no longer to expose thyself to this temptation? not to finish this book which excites thy imagination? no longer to give thy friendship to a person who is not Godly, and whose presence disturbs the peace of thy soul? Wilt thou go at once to do a kindness to the companion who has hurt thee?

Well, my child, go now; take up thy work; be silent, humble, submissive, kind; and come back to-morrow and bring Me a heart still more devout and loving. Tomorrow I shall have more blessing for thee.

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REPORT OF AUXILIARY

The Fourth Union District auxiliary convention convened with Owen's Chapel in Wilson County on the Fifth Sunday in January, 1944. The devotions were led by Rev. L. B. Manning, and the welcome address was by Ernest Baker. Mrs. C. W. Burrus made the response. Rev. W. L. Hart was to have delivered the convention sermon, but asked to be excused as he had just recovered from a case of pneumonia. Brother L. B. Manning preached in his stead. He used as his text, Psalm 142. After the message the committees were appointed as follows: Program, Mrs. Selby Webb, Mrs. J. R. Deal, and Rev. J. C. Varnell. The Banner Committee consisted of Rev. C. D. Hamilton, W. L. Hart and L. B. Manning. The Nominating Committee was composed of Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Mrs. C. W. Burress, and Mrs. Ernest Baker. We then had a song and an offering was taken for the Orphanage to the amount of $15.20. The convention was dismissed for lunch.

In the afternoon session Mrs. A. L. Summerlin, our president being called to visit her sick uncle, Rev. L. B. Manning acted in her stead. The ministers present were: J. C. Varnell, C. D. Hamilton, Marshall Joyner, W. L. Hart, L. B. Manning and Rev. E. L. Abrams. Then the roll was called, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and a discussion on our "Check Books." Several books were accepted. The following committees made their reports: The Banners went to Edgewood Ladies Aid, and the LaGrange Sunday School. We then appointed Mrs. C. D. Hamilton to represent our auxiliary convention at Rose Hill, Pitt County. The local church gave a program which was enjoyed by everyone present. The convention closed with song and prayer.

Mrs. A. L. Summerlin, President,
Mrs. C. D. Hamilton, Secretary

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AUXILIARY MEETS

The Zion Ladies Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist church, Early County, Georgia, met at Mrs. J. S. Anderson's at three o'clock. It was called to order by the president, Mrs. L. A. Norris, and the opening song was "Won't It Be Wonderful There?" Each member present gave a scripture verse from memory, which was followed by a chain of prayers by the entire group.

Then, we entered into the business of the meeting, and different ways of building up our treasury were discussed. Delegates for the State Convention were elected as follows: Mrs. J. B. Still, Sr., Mrs. W. T. Wiley, and Mrs. T. B. Mellette.

There were eleven old members present and two new members were added to the list. The dues amounted to $3.00. We took $1.20 from the treasury to send to the State Convention.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. E. A. Cannon on Monday after the Fourth Sunday in March. We closed with song and prayer.

Mrs. Dennis Johnson, Secretary

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PEOPLE'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY REPORT

The auxiliary of People's Chapel met on February 12, 1944, in the home of Mrs. W. J. Winstead. The meeting was opened with a song, and the Bible reading was taken from the third chapter of John. The Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison by all present. Bible questions were

asked by members of the society. The secretary called the roll, and the minutes of the last meeting were read.

There were fourteen members present and one visitor. The dues were $1.60, 177 chapters read in the Bible, 11 trays sent to the sick, 17 baskets and 6 garments given to the needy. Thirty sick visits were made to the sick.

The program was very interesting. It was decided that the next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Eddie Wells. As we had no other business, the meeting closed with song and prayer. The hostess served delicious refreshments.

Rachel Wells, Secretary

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TO FIRST VICE-PRESIDENTS

As First Vice-President of Women's Auxiliary of the Western Association, I am asking the First Vice-President of all local Auxiliaries to please send me your report at once. Let's try to make this report 100 percent this year.

The Western will convene at Micro Free Will Baptist Church in April, so hurry your report to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. D. E. Wilder,

First Vice-President,

Middlesex, N. C., R. 1.

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MOUNT ZION AUXILIARY

The auxiliary of Mount Zion Church, Nash County, North Carolina, met in the home of Mrs. D. B. Matthews for its monthly meeting, on February 25, 1944.

The meeting was opened by song and prayer, and the program used was from the Year Book of Programs. Those on the program were: Misses Stella Mae, Marjorie and Mary Matthews, and Sadie Mae Collie. The round-table discussion was led by Mrs. H. B. Matthews, Mrs. Tom Matthews, Mrs. Elzie Manning and Mrs. Frank Collie.

Fifteen members were present, we had one new member, and three visitors. There were 91 chapters read, three garments given to the needy, one floral design, twelve cards sent to boys in service, a special offering of 85 cents was taken for missions. The meeting closed with song and prayer.

Mrs. B. H. Matthews, President,

Mrs. Alvin Matthews, Secretary

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PROGRAM

The Auxiliary Convention of the Central North Carolina Conference will convene with Rose Hill Church, Pitt County, March 29, 1944.

Theme: Laborers Together with God.

Morning Session

9:30—Registration
—Devotions by Mrs. R. C. Wiggs
—Welcome Address by Rev. W. B. Nobles
—Response by Mrs. Calvin Wiggins
10:00—Reading of minutes and roll call of churches
—Recognition of visiting delegates and ministers
10:30—Reports of:
First Vice-President
Second Vice-President
Third Vice-President
11:15—Congregational singing and prayer
—Special music by the Glee Club of Chicod High School
11:30—Convention message by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
—Appointment of committees
—Noon Recess

Afternoon Session

1:10—Devotions led by Mrs. N. E. Harris
—Report of delegates to other conventions
1:30—Report of Fifth Vice-President
—Orphanage news by Rev. James A. Evans
2:00—Address: "Our Youth as Laborers with God," by Mrs. Brantley Speight
—Report of the Fourth Vice-President
—Report of the Sixth Vice-President
—Report of the Field Worker
3:00—Special music by Mrs. J. C. Moye
3:15—Business period
—Appointment of delegates to other conventions
—Report of committees
—Report of the treasurer
—Report of the nominating committee
—Installation of officers
—Adjournment

Mrs. Paul Thigpen, President,
Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Secretary

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PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Women's Auxiliary of the Fourth Union of the North Carolina Central Conference which will convene with Daniel's Chapel on the Fifth Sunday in April, 1944.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions led by Marshall Joyner
—Song and welcome address by Charlie Pittman
—Response by Mrs. Paul Thigpen
—Offering for the Orphanage
11:30—Sermon by Rev. W. L. Hart
—Appointment of committees
12:15—Lunch.

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions led by Vernon Sullivan
—Business period
—A program by Daniel's Chapel members
3:00—Closing services and benediction

Rev. J. C. Varnell,

Mrs. Selby Webb,

Mrs. Allen Deal,

Committee.

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. Rev. 21: 4, 5.

St. Claire Bible Class

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THE SACREDNESS OF LIFE

(Lesson for March 26)

Lesson: Gen. 1: 27, 28; Matt. 12: 11, 12; Romans 14: 19-21; 1 Cor. 6: 19, 20.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost"? (I Cor. 6: 19).

One of the noisiest short riots I ever saw occurred in Cairo some years ago, when an unwary and unwise European tourist entered a Moslem temple with shoes on his feet! The Mohammedans so reverate their places of worship they never go into one shod, and it is the inviolable rule that all visitors must conform to this custom. The fanatical adherents of Islam count it a worthy deed to slay any person who desecrates their sacred edifice, they reverence the very stones of such structures. So when this tourist ignored their idea of the sanctity of the house where prayer was made, it took two squads of police to rescue him.

One of the most melancholy sights I have ever seen is the mass of ruins which remain of the once-noble Temple of Karnak. Builded by the hands of devout men thousands of years ago, this great structure was one of the most imposing and magnificent buildings ever erected by human labor. It was dedicated to gods whose names were household words when Moses walked the earth, but for many centuries it has been the haunt of bats and owls. The melancholy beauty of its ruined state testifies to the piety that once caused it to rise as a monument of gods who perished when their worshipers died, and who are but a memory in the catalogue of idols now compiled by the scholars of archaeology.

One of the most restful and worshipful scenes I have ever visited is the chapel of St. Giles, in Edinburgh. The very rafters are redolent of worship: the walls have been hallowed by centuries of prayer, and one knows he has entered a temple of worship as soon as one steps into the quiet of the charming interior. There is an atmosphere that is conducive to prayer, one that quiets the heart and charms the every sense in such a temple as this.

Brutish indeed would be that man who lacked reverence and respect for a temple, or who could callously pollute a sanctuary. No normal person would even desire to worship in a filthy temple. If the house wherein we seek God's presence and fellowship is unclean, what charm has it for the one who feels the need of prayer?

Yet the only temple open to the Holy Spirit, the body of believing man, is constantly fouled by unspeakable practices and made unfit for His use and presence by habit and sin! Ordinarily fine folks, who would blush to admit a human guest into a disorderly or dirty room in their domicile, think nothing of providing a filthy temple for the use of the Spirit of God.

So I say that the saddest sight I have ever seen is a temple formed of flesh and blood, lying sodden and besotted in the stupor of a drunken condition. Of all the ills that plague mankind in our modern day, the curse of alcohol is by far the deadliest and the most foul.

—Selected

II. Home Work

1. Is every human body the creation of God? (Mal. 2: 10; Ps. 95: 6; 100: 3).

2. Of what is the human body made? (Gen. 2: 7; I Cor. 15: 47; Ps. 103: 14; Eccl. 12: 7).

3. What value did Jesus place upon a human soul? (Mk. 8: 36; Mat. 16: 26).

4. What is God's claim upon the body of every believer? (I Cor. 6: 15, 20).

5. How should we regard our bodies since we are Christians? (Rom. 12: 1; Phil. 1: 20).

6. Why should we be careful to keep our bodies clean in every way? (I Cor. 3: 16, 17).

7. Are any nourishing foods prohibited to the Christian? (I Tim. 4: 4, 5; I Cor. 8: 8).

8. Under what conditions should we refrain from certain food and drink? (I Cor. 8: 9, 13; Rom. 14: 15).

9. What principle should guide us in our eating and drinking? (Rom 14: 3, 5-7; I Cor. 10: 23, 28, 29).

10. What are some specific commands regarding wine? (Eph. 5: 18; I Tim. 3: 3; Tit. 1: 7; 2: 3).

11. In our **Advanced** Quarterly, we call attention to Topic III, **Paul's Rule Concerning Peace.** In the **Senior** Quarterly, note the comment on I Cor. 6: 19, 20. Pray for the editors and encourage them by using our own lesson helps.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Making Life Safe

There is a story of Dr. Chalmers. A lady came to him and said: "Doctor, I cannot bring my child to Christ. I've talked and talked, but it's of no use." The doctor thought she had not much skill, and said, "Now you be quiet and I will talk to her alone." When the doctor got the Scotch lassie alone, he said to her, "They are bothering you a great deal about this question; now suppose I just tell your mother you don't want to be talked to any more upon this subject for a year. How will that do?" Well, the Scotch lassie hesitated a little, and then said she "didn't think it would be safe to wait for a year, something might turn up. She might die before then." "Well, that's so," replied the doctor, "but suppose we say six months." She did not think even this would be safe. "That's so," was the doctor's reply; "well, let us say three months." After a little hesitation the girl finally said, "I don't think it would be safe to put it for three months—don't think it would be safe to put it off at all," and they went

down on their knees and found Christ.—From Moody's Child Stories.

Watching the Rescuers

Some time ago, in the east of London, they were digging a deep drain in Victoria Park. Some of the shoring gave way, and tons of earth fell down upon several men who were at work there. Of course there was a great deal of excitement; and standing by the brink, there was a man looking—I grant you, with real earnestness—on those who were attempting to dig out the earth. But a woman came up to him, put her hand on his shoulder, and said, "Bill, your brother is down there!" Oh, you should have seen the sudden change! Off went his coat and then he sprang into the trench and worked as if he had the strength of ten men. Amid the masses of the poor and the degraded and the lost, your brother is there! You may not fold your arms and say, "Am I my brother's keeper?"—The Sunday School Times.

Salesman or Clerk?

The difference between a salesman and a clerk is that the salesman finds customers while customers must find the clerk. In business for God are you a salesman or a clerk? Must sinners find you or do you find them? Does your church find men or must men find your church? One good salesman is worth a dozen clerks.—The Expositor.

SECOND UNION REPORT

The Second Union Meeting of the North Carolina Central Conference convened with St. Delight Church in Greene County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in January, 1944. Rev. Levi Humbles conducted the devotional exercises. The moderator, Rev. D. W. Alexander, made a few timely remarks concerning the good of the union. Then, the business of the union was entered into.

The following ministers were enrolled: D. W. Alexander, L. W. Humbles, R. H. Mason, W. B. Nobles, C. H. Denton, R. C. Wiggs, Albert Harris, L. R. Ennis, M. A. Woodard, J. C. Moye, J. R. Davidson, of Nashville, Tennessee. All visitors were invited to have seats with us in the union. A letter of appreciation was read from Sister R. F. Pittman.

The song services were conducted by Rev. Albert Harris, and special music was rendered by L. R. Ennis, C. H. Denton, J. R. Davidson, and Albert Harris. The union sermon was preached by Rev. J. R. Davidson. He used as his subject: "Our Debt to Grace." L. R. Ennis and J. R. Davidson led in a very impressive thanksgiving service for the Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee. An offering followed these talks, and the Bible School and the Orphanage received each the amount of $22.34. Rev. J. C. Moye made a statement concerning the Orphanage having bought additional property, and urged that each individual and organization do all they can for the Institution. We were dismissed at 12:30 for lunch.

The union re-assembled at 2:00 P. M., and the devotions were led by Elder Heber Joyner. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. B. Nobles. Rev. R. C. Wiggs made a nice talk on missions. N. O. Hodges and B. T. Dail were asked to serve on the Finance Committee in place of those who were absent. Brother W. B. Nobles made a few remarks on the subject of Faith.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

Total received for the Union	$ 76.65
For Disabled Ministers	24.50
Collection for the school	22.54
Collection for the Orphanage	22.54
Total	$146.23
To Unified Program	$ 19.16
To Orphanage	38.33
To the Clerk	5.00
For flowers for Rev. C. J. Harris	5.00
Total paid out	$137.07
Balance in the treasury	$9.16

A motion was made and carried to pay for a $25 dollar share in the Church Finance Association, Incorporated. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the splendid way in which they cared for the union.

There being no further business, we adjourned to meet with Piny Grove Church, Pitt County, in April, 1944. Elder M. A. Woodard dismissed the congregation in a word of prayer.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, Moderator,
E. C. Hines, Clerk

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Boys and Girls Corner

WHEN JOHN HAD TO DECIDE

"Mother," said John Roberts one Friday morning as he started off to school, "I've never asked Billy Dobson out here to spend a Saturday, and he wants to come so bad. May I ask him?"

"What sort of boy is he?" asked the mother.

"Well, he seems to be a good-hearted chap," answered John a little nervously, remembering some of the things he did not like about Billy; "but he looks kind of neglected, and I know he wants to come the worst kind."

John's mother smiled. She knew he was to be trusted, so she said, "Certainly, dear, bring him out if his mother is willing."

"His mother is dead," said John, choking over the words as he thought of their meaning.

And then John's mother stooped and kissed his hair as she said:

"Be sure and bring Billy with you tonight, if they will let him come."

That was how Billy came to be at Oak Ridge, for that was the name of John's home. Friday night John's father played games with them, and then his mother read to them from the Bible. When she went up to show Billy his room she had made everything ready for him as carefully as if he had been her own boy.

Saturday morning the boys were raking the leaves in the yard when they broke the rake, and John's mother said they could go to the store and get another one.

John telephoned to the store, and the man told them that the rake would cost thirty-five cents; but his mother did not have the change, so she gave him a dollar to get the rake.

When they got to the store the man found that he had made a mistake and the price of the rake was twenty-five cents instead of thirty-five cents.

"What are you going to do with that other ten cents?" Billy asked eagerly, and John replied shortly:

"Take it home. What did you think?"

"I wouldn't," said Billy; "indeed I wouldn't. Your mother thinks the rake costs thirty-five cents, and she wouldn't care, and besides, she won't ask anything about it."

For answer John laughed good-naturedly in order to keep from saying anything rude to Billy and then turned to go home.

"Aw, come on, I want some candy," said Billy, beginning to whine.

But John kept on his way.

Then Billy tried a new game. He went up to the storekeeper and said: "Give me ten cents' worth of stick candy."

The storekeeper gave it to him, and when Billy got the bag he stuck a piece of the candy into his mouth at once and said,

"John's got the money to pay for it."

John looked up and heard what Billy had said and saw what he had done. He knew that if he asked his mother for ten cents she would gladly give it to him, and he also know that she would not ask about it, anyway; but John was honorable to the very core of his being. He knew that Billy was his guest and that he was partly responsible for Billy's doing on that account, and he did not want the storekeeper to take the candy back and so lose what Billy had eaten. Just for a minute he did not know what was right to do, and then he remembered that, no matter how kind his mother might be about the matter, the money he carried was not his own, so he said to the merchant:

"I am sorry that Billy ordered the candy, Mr. White, for I have no money of my own with me; but if you are willing to charge it to me, I will pay you out of my next week's allowance."

"Certainly, John," said the merchant; "I am very glad to do it for you."

Billy was listening and thinking all of this time, and when they were safely outside the store, he said:

"John, I'm ashamed of myself, and I'll bring you that money to school on Monday." And he did.

Billy wanted to be trustworthy as John was, and that is one way that a friend can help a friend.—Boys and Girls.

"The good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the Word, keep it, and bring forth fruit" (Luke 8: 15).

Billy's heart was not honest, but John sowed good seed into his heart because he bore good fruit. The Lord Jesus gives us new hearts when we believe on His Name. Then we can live honest lives and help others.

OBITUARIES

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PRESCOTT. Elder M. C. Prescott, the subject of this sketch, was born August 31, 1872, the son of John and Delila Bennett Prescott, in the community of old White Hill Church in Beaufort County, N. C. His early opportunities for education were very meagre but he used what was offered to the best advantage. However, the moral and religious influences of the community were high and these contributed much to the development of the life and character which he so nobly exemplified throughout his ministerial labors.

On December 26, 1894, he was married to Miss Minnie Rowe. To this union were born four children, all of whom together with their mother, survive the deceased. The children are Elbert M. and McVernon Prescott and Mrs. Marie Holton of Route 1, New Bern, and Colie E. Prescott of Hartsville, S. C.

Brother Mack, as he was familiarly known to his wide circle of friends, united with the church about the year 1900 and at once became very interested and active in its affairs.

The first seventeen years of his married life were devoted to farming and merchandising in which he was quite successful. About 1911 he felt called to the work of the ministry and on November the 25th of that year he was granted license by his

church. The following year he was ordained to the full work of the ministry.

The same year, keenly feeling the need for greater preparation and training for the duties and responsibilities of the work ahead, he disposed of his farming and mercantile interests and entered the Free Will Baptist Theological Seminary at Ayden, N. C. He completed the full four year course given by that institution, graduating in the Spring of 1916.

Long before completing this training, he became active in pastoral work which he followed until called to his reward. He served many of the churches in several of the counties in Eastern North Carolina.

Brother Prescott was deeply interested in all the enterprises of his church and gave each institution his loyal and unstinted support. He was a great friend of the Seminary and became very active, taking a leading part, in the effort to establish and maintain Eureka College. He was among the first to advocate the building of our Orphanage and was a member of the Board of Directors of that institution for a number of years. He was a devoted friend of the Free Will Baptist Press and for some years served as the President of that institution.

Brother Prescott lived a devoted and consecrated christian life. He fought a good fight and on toward the close of life, he often expressed himself as being ready for the time of his departure to be with his Lord. He was faithful to the end which came peacefully and suddenly on April 1, 1943.

Written by a friend,

C. K. Dunn, Sr.

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CORBETT. Mrs. Bessie Corbett quietly and peacefully departed this life on March 15, 1943. She had been in ill health for quite a while, but was cheerful until she passed away.

Mother bore her suffering patiently and welcomed each visitor with a smile. She lived a life of usefulness, love and kindness in her home, and towards her friends and neighbors. She gave a part of her service to our orphan home at Middlesex, North Carolina. While there she made friends who never forgot her. Mother impressed everyone with her religious convictions, with her thankfulness and with her faith in God unto the last.

Mother was a charter member of Friendship Church, Johnston County. She was a faithful attendant when her health would permit. She was seventy-six years old when she passed away.

Mother was the widow of the late Giddie Corbett of Middlesex, Route 1, Johnston County. Her funeral was preached at Friendship Church, on Tuesday, March 16, at 3:30 P. M., by the Rev. George Griffin of Zebulon, and Rev. M. E. Tyson of Stantonsburg. She was laid to rest in the church cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers. She leaves behind five children to carry on where she left off.

Mother, you are gone but not forgotten,
Nor shall you ever be;
As long as life and memory last,
We shall always remember you.

—By her daughter,

Betty C. Thompson

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MORRIS. Our heavenly Father, in His great wisdom and mercy, saw fit to call our darling baby, Judith Lee, to her home in glory. Little Judy was only two months and seven days old, but how we loved her, and the parting seemed almost more than we could bear.

She died in Tayloe's Hospital, Washington, North Carolina, on February 25, 1944, with "flu" and pneumonia. She leaves to mourn her loss Mother, Father, two Grandmothers, one Grandfather, and several aunts, nephews and cousins.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. Marshall Joyner, and her little body was laid to rest in our family cemetery under a mound of beautiful flowers to await the coming of Jesus.

In God's garden free from pain,
Where grows the sweetest flowers;
We know we shall meet again
That fair sweet blossom of ours.

No stain was on her little heart,
Sin had not entered there;
And she sleeps sweetly on
Her pale white brow so fair.

She has gone from this cold earth,
Having been too beautiful to stay;
Here amidst the sorrows of this life,
So God's angels came and took our darling away.

—Written by her mother,

Mrs. Clen Morris,

Vanceboro, N. C.

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IN MEMORIAM

This is written in memory of our husband and father, Mr. Claud H. Worthington, who departed from this life after a few days of illness. He died on March 10, 1943.

On March 10, one year ago today,
A light of life went out from home;
The vacant place no other can fill
But his spirit dwells in God's throne.

Oh, how we do miss him, no tongue can tell,
Since the day he was conveyed away;
He went to take his rest beneath the hill,
And be with Jesus forever and alway.

Rest on, dear Dad, your trials are o'er,
Ours are continuing as we still mourn;
But the heavenly Father will lead us on
Until He sees fit to call us home.

Let us hope that we shall meet some day,
When our labors shall not be in vain;
May we follow Jesus each day as we live
And be prepared to see your smiling face again.

—Written by his daughter,
Mrs. W. H. Briley

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IN MEMORIAM

This is written in memory of my Mother, Mrs. G. C. Vause, who left us on March 13, 1943, and went to be with God.

Mother dear, it's been just a year,
Since you quietly slipped away;
To make your home in a mansion,
A land where it's always day.

I know you are, Oh so happy,
With the saints who've gone before;
Praising God and singing
Around his throne forevermore.

But, Oh, dear Mother, we miss you,
There's a vacancy everywhere we go;
At home, at church, in each meeting place
We always wish for you so.

It seems like ages since we saw your smile,
And heard your voice so dear;
There's always an aching in our hearts,
And eyes often dimmed by tears.

As time speeds on, we'll miss you still,
But Oh, what a glorious thought;
That we'll see you again in heaven fair
By the love that Christ has brought.

So we'll live, love and work and pray,
As you always taught us to;
And some sweet day on the golden shore,
We'll be again, dear Mother, with you.

—Written by her daughter,

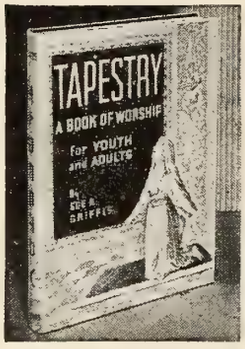
Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. Mal. 3: 7.

Jesus, we come at thy command,
With faith and hope and humble zeal
Resign our spirits to thy hand,
To mould and guide us at thy will.

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. **Acts 5: 31.**

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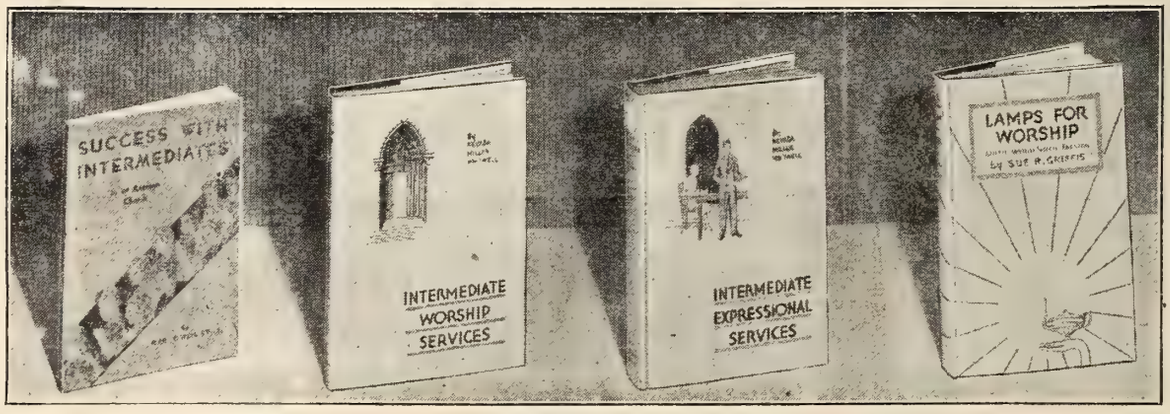
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Weep, and you weep alone,
For the brave old earth must borrow its mirth—
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Sing and the hills will answer,
Sigh, it is lost on the air;
The echoes rebound to joyful sound
And shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you,
Grieve, and they turn and go;
They want full measure of your pleasure,
But they do not want your woe.
Be glad, and your friends are many
Be sad, and you lose them all;
There are none to decline your nectared wine,
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded,
Fast, and the world goes by.
Forget and forgive—it helps you to live,
But no man can help you to die;
There's room in the halls of pleasure
For a long and lordly train,
But, one by one, we must all march on
Through the narrow aisle of pain.

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God will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life. Rom. 2: 6, 7.

JOTS AND DOTS

J. E. Ingalls

Here is something that has recently come to my mind. Some time during the summer of 1896, Rev. W. T. Pollard, now deceased, came in our section and organized Piny Grove Church, Beaufort County. There is only one charter member now living that still holds membership with us. One other charter member still lives, but has departed from the faith.

As our quarterly conference convenes on June 24 and 25, why not make it a home coming day, and invite all the members to try and be present or write the church a letter. Of course, we would want all the former pastors, that could possibly come and be with us. Rev. L. E. Ballard of Elizabeth City is our present pastor, and when he can't come, he sends Mrs. L. E. Ballard. I am not saying this because I think she will read it, but when it comes to doing real preaching, she has the goods. We had two young girls to confess faith in Christ at the evening service on February 27th, under her preaching. And they desired to take membership with us. Pray for our little church to continue to grow and render greater service for the Master.—Amen.

PROGRAM

This is the program for the Fourth Union to be held with Daniel's Chapel, Wilson County, N. C., April 29, 1944.

10:30—Devotional by Ernest Baker
10:45—Reading minutes of last union

Business

11:30—Sermon by Rev. C. D. Hamilton
12:30—Lunch
1:30—Reassemble and devotion by Vernon Sumerlin
1:45—List of churches
2:15—Report of standing boards and committees
2:45—Business and adjournment

L. B. Manning,
Mrs. Charlie Reasons,
Barney Kirby,
Committee

EDITORIAL

Emphasis is being placed upon the Sunday School Convention which is to be held with the Goldsboro Church, North Carolina, on April 21, 1944. Those in charge of the convention are desirous of having a splendid session this year. Some steps are expected to be taken to further the "Assembly Ground Fund" so that, as soon as the war conditions will permit, work may be begun toward erecting buildings for this purpose.

Both the Leagues and the Sunday Schools of the State are interested in building an adequate Assembly Grounds for the purpose of holding conventions, summer camps, and auxiliary meetings each year. Much good can be derived, it is believed by many of the church people and the ministry, from this endeavor which is being fostered largely by the Sunday Schools and the Leagues in the State. The Assembly Grounds will be, when proper buildings are erected, and all conveniences are made adequate for the different groups that will assemble there, of much value to the greater work of the church as a whole in the State. Now is a good time to raise and lay aside a large fund for this purpose.

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The Concert Class of the Middlesex Orphanage has begun to make visits this spring to the different churches in eastern North Carolina. The short report in this week's issue of the Baptist paper shows a good start for the beginning visits among the churches. It is expected, as was the case last year, that the offerings, taken at each church where the Class will give its concert, will be large. Almost everyone is vitally interested in the orphan home, and thereby will be willing to make a substantial offering when the children make their visit at their church, and present their program.

As the Home is now increasing its activities, its needs are increasing likewise, and therefore the different churches over the State shall be expected to give more and more as time passes. More buildings will have to be erected in the future to enable the Institution to care for more needy children, and to give them a better chance in life. Many needy ones are now waiting to be received in some home where they can have the proper attention and care which they are at the present time debarred of enjoying. The more the churches do for this most worthy cause, the more will God bless them, and greater joy will come to the hearts of every cheerful giver. God has declared in His Word that it is the duty of His people to look after the needy and helpless little children, and give them a chance in life to become worthy citizens.

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We wish to call attention to the request of the National Statistician, Rev. Clarence Bowen, Wake Forest, North Carolina, concerning the church minutes. He is very desirous of receiving a copy of each church minute printed for the year 1943, so that he may be able to compile an up-to-date statistical table for his annual report for the National Association which convenes in July, 1944.

The securing copies of these minutes is vitally necessary if the denomination is to expect Brother Bowen to be able to compile a good statistical report for this coming association. In many instances proper concern has not been given to this important matter by a goodly number of church people of the Free Will Baptist denomination. Every church minute should contain, as far as is possible, accurate statistical tables, showing the present status of the churches, for it is only in this way that the National Statistician can be able to compile an adequate report of the present status of the Free Will Baptist denomination in the United States. The laity and the ministry should become more interested in this important matter, and begin to work toward, each year, the securing more adequate statistics so that the various church minutes throughout the denomination will be up-to-date in every respect.

Every local church in the entire denomination should make to its State Body, each year, a complete statistical report of its membership, wealth, achievements, its contributions to the denominational causes, etc., so that when the State Minute is printed, the National Statistician can take copies of the various State Minutes, and compile a good statistical report for the National Body. Other denominations make it their business to keep up with their church business for the glory of God.

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Some are hungering for some warm news directly from the Cuban Mission Field. It has been quite a while since the Baptist has been able to print any direct news coming from the Willeys and their helpers. Silence, possibly, is good news, and means that the laborers down in that land are now too busy to write us what is going on among the native workers in that mission field.

Let us hope that, when the news begins to come in from the untiring labors of Brother Willey and his helpers, it will be interesting reading, and that we shall be glad to learn of the progress being made in the work. A few paragraphs, however, of the achievements accomplished will make good reading for many of the Baptist subscribers here in the home land.

AN IMPORTANT REQUEST

"All clerks of every state and district association in the denomination are asked to send at least one copy of their 1943 minutes to the National Statistician, Rev. Clarence Bowen, Box 821, Wake Forest, N. C., as soon as possible. Your prompt action in this matter will be most graciously appreciated."

Clarence Bowen

An Army Chaplain's Missionary Opportunities

Chester H. Pelt, Chaplain, U. S. A.
419 Base Hq. and AB. Sqd.
Army Air Field,
Dyersburg, Tenn.

In response to a request, I will attempt to deal with this subject from the following viewpoints: "With the Home Base;" "With a Unit Overseas;" "With Civilians."

"Mission Work" is a very broad term according to the experience of missionaries. It involves the preaching of the Gospel, education, social adjustment, etc.

"With the Home Base." The Chaplain has his regular preaching hours each week—in the Chapel, hospital, guardhouse, and in day-rooms of separate units when necessary. At these appointments, he is allowed to preach his convictions or the teachings of his denomination. However, there may be times when only one Chaplain is assigned to a Base. In that case, he is responsible for the religious welfare of all personnel of the Base, Protestant, Catholics, and Jewish. He must provide a civilian Priest and Rabbi, if he is a Protestant, to conduct the services of their respective faiths. If he is a Catholic or Jewish Chaplain, he must likewise provide a civilian for the other two faiths. There may be times when he will have to conduct services for all these faiths in one group. At such a time, he must be carefull not to offend. He must keep in mind that he is the representative of God and that the service men will judge the sincerity of his religious profession by his attitude toward the unpleasant and his conduct before them.

The Chaplain makes regular pastoral contacts with the men of his unit. These contacts may be in the hospital, the unit headquarters, at their place of work, and by participating with them in athletics. Periodically he eats with them in their mess halls, visits the dayrooms, and takes part in their social activities. In all these contacts he is a religious example, and in some of them he will have opportunities to witness for God in a more personal manner with those over whom he has greatest influence.

"With a Unit Overseas." The statements on this topic will have to be confined to that which is taught in Chaplain's School and Chaplain reports from the combat zones. In most of these zones, there are no Chapels like those we have in the States. They are usually a makeshift of what can be constructed out of native material, or they may be out in the open with only a field organ for music, and shell boxes stacked up for a pulpit. A Lieutenant tells the story of a group of men who cleaned out a barn in which to hold services.



Chaplain Pelt

It is reported that the Chaplains of the Air Forces check with the men going out on combat missions. The purpose of the check-up is to see that the crew has sufficient supplies of food and testaments, or he may hold a brief religious service for them. He also ministers to them when they return.

Added to the ministry to the sick, which is the duty of Chaplains everywhere, he ministers to the wounded and dying. It is here that he has his greatest opportunity of reflecting the spirit of God. The former pastor of a local Church near the Base where this article is being written was recently killed in action while engaged in an act of mercy to wounded and dying men on a battle front. He is reported to have been shot by a sniper. Another Chaplain was hit and killed by shrapnel while conducting a religious service. Chaplains have been known to creep and crawl at night through infiltrated terrain and snipers, to bring comfort and the message of God's love to men who are facing death and dying.

Reports like these give us the assurance that there are men even in this age who are willing to sacrifice their lives for the proclamation of the Gospel. This should encourage those who may think that the day is passed when men will "hazard their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." These noble acts are common in all war zones by Chaplains—Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish alike.

The reader must not think this to be a complete report of the activities of Chaplains overseas. There is much more that cannot be told because of the listening enemy, but let us pray for those and their work who are prisoners of war and who are laboring under the constant threat of the enemy.

"With Civilians." The Chaplain is expected to contact the pastor of the local community where he is stationed in the interest of the military personnel and their families who may attend civilian churches. He will accept invitations to preach in local churches whenever possible and to engage in other religious activities of the community. The purpose of these civilian activities is to maintain friendly relations with the civilian religious program so that the greatest possible ministry to military personnel may be accomplished. It has been possible, in some places,

to receive valuable help on the bases from religious groups in local churches, such as choirs, young people's groups, and Bible classes. The service men appreciate these tokens of interest manifested in them.

The Chaplain overseas has many opportunities of ministering to the natives where he may be stationed. Besides the ministry of the Gospel to them, with the aid of medics and supplies, much has been done for their physical welfare. The natives have even given the use of their church building and other buildings for the purpose of holding services. They have helped to construct places of worship. All this they are doing in appreciation of what the Chaplain and his men are doing for them.

It is believed that this spirit of cooperation shown by the natives, the tokens of mercy rendered to them, and the social adjustments with him accomplished by the Chaplain and other military personnel will go a long way toward winning those people for God by missionaries after the war.

I trust that this article will give you an idea of what the Chaplain is doing in the Army in a missionary way, and what he hopes will be accomplished by his efforts. Please understand that the work of a Chaplain is classified primarily as "pastoral" rather than evangelistic or missionary.

SOUTH NORFOLK HOLDS FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The South Norfolk Church held its first regular quarterly meeting yesterday, March 6, with a fine attendance. A large part of the membership was present to answer the roll call. There have been several call meetings of the officers before, but this is the first regular quarterly meeting since the church was organized.

The moderator, after addressing the business assembly, presented to the church a deed for their lots, and asked that a rising vote of thanks be given the Building Fund Committee for their fine work.

Among other reports, our church treasurer, Bro. Wilton H. Dail, reported that the church had a sufficient balance on hand to carry on its expenses in an effective manner, and that the Building Fund to date had reached the grand total of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS; of this amount $729.10 was paid out for our lots and for legal fees, which leaves the Building Fund with approximately $271.00 on hand to date.

The Building Fund Committee was asked to provide, if possible, the necessary funds to begin our building by mid-summer, and a committee was appointed to devise plans for the construction of our church building. These plans will be inspected by the church and a selection chosen from them to lead in the construction.

Beside our regular church business, the Sunday school made a very fine report, showing among other things that the school has on hand a substantial sum of money to carry on very effectively. The school is well organized and it is carrying on a very fine work. Thanks to its superintendent, Bro. Robert M. Gradeless.

That is not all, our Ladies Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mrs. J. D. Meeks, is progressing nicely. Their report was encouraging.

Our League did not report this time as it has just been organized a short time.

May I say in conclusion, that the spirit was grand, and not one word of opposition in the entire meeting. THAT'S THE WAY TO DO THINGS.

It shall be my endeavor to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, for as David said, "How good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity." And we all know that nothing is more disgusting than to see disunity among those that wear the name of our blessed Lord.

We covet the prayers of all Christians that we may be the kind of Christians that will be pleasing in the sight of our Lord.

I am yours in his name,
H. Edgar Harden, Pastor.

A SEPARATED CHURCH

I want to say that unless we take a definite stand as a church for the bright light of God's word in our pulpits, we will never reach the young people. The ministry must take a stand against sin and the things of the world. There are too many Christians who are living too much like the world. The word of God tells us to lay aside every weight, and the sin that does so easily beset us.

May God grant that we as a church shall rise like Samson, and shake ourselves with such power that others will feel our Christian influence. . Listen, preachers, the Associated Press tells us of the wayward girls of New York City. It tells us how the officers are making midnight calls to 5:00 A. M., searching dance halls, theaters, bus stations, railroad stations to round up missing juvenile girls. The official report gives the number of missing girls from thirteen to twenty years of age in 1943 as a great increase over the year 1942.

Many people let their boys and girls go to the dance halls until late at night, and then they wonder what is the matter with our churches. If I were to be your pastor, and take sides with the liquor traffic, I would consider that you had no pastor at all. God is calling out a separate people now, and we as a church should be a people who are separated from the crooked ways of the world. The condition for membership in the church is the New Birth in Christ Jesus, and all regenerated people are members of the church. The equipment for membership is the baptism of the Holy Spirit for purity and for power. Christ declared unto his disciples, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."

It is required of us that we endeavor to keep the fellowship of the Spirit in the bonds of peace." The church, while here in the world, is to be distinctly separated from the ways of the world. Every individual who becomes a member of the church is to set his affections on things above, and not on the things on the earth.

Rev. G. T. Dell

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

More About the Holy Spirit

I have been writing on the subject of the Holy Spirit as set forth in the F. W. B. Treatise, in some former issues of the Baptist, and I desire to continue the subject for this issue. While the exact words of the Treatise have not been used in all the writings (only those parts accredited to the Treatise) the other being comments by us on the subject. The idea will continue.

A Divine Person

As our Treatise states, "The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God." That is, He is a Divine Person, forming a part of the Godhead bodily.

We know well that Jesus Christ would not have applied a personal pronoun to an **"influence"** or even a spirit, except that Spirit be a person. Therefore, we will notice some of the words of Jesus. "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter" . . . ; "Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you" (John 14: 16, 17).

Notice that in the 16th verse Jesus calls the Holy Spirit by the name of "Comforter." This is a proper name. The Greek, "Parakletes" means "one to go with you" or "one called alongside to help," and is translated "Advocat" in First John 2: 1.

But Jesus says, in this assurance of our Comforter, "He," "Whom," and "Him." These pronouns state plainly that the Holy Spirit is a person.

Paul says in his message to the Ephesian brethren, "Grieve not the holy spirit of God." This is another sign that the Holy Spirit is a person. There is no possible way to grieve an "influence." Only a person could grieve in the sense as spoken of here. The apostle says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers" (Ephe. 4: 29). He then says in the 30th verse, "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God." In this instance, the Holy Spirit is grieved because of the sin committed by a believer in Christ. Only a holy person would grieve over another person's sin.

"The revelation concerning Him is progressive,"—Scofield. Note, Dr. Scofield has stated, "His revelation is progressive." There is not much said about the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, except as He dealt in specific cases. During the "olden days," He came upon whom He would for any specific purpose or work, as in the case of Samson, in which it is said, "And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times" (Judges 13: 25). And again "And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him (Samson) and he rent him (a lion) as he would have rent a kid and he had nothing in his hand" (Judges 14: 6).

While Christ was here on earth among men, He said, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him" (Luke 11: 13). This is the teaching of Christ while on earth.

As we have already shown, by quoting scripture in the 14th chapter of the Gospel according to John, and many others which God has given that can be relied upon, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to all believers. "And behold, I send the promise of the Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24: 49). This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come," . . . "they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2: 1-4).

When Jesus Christ arose from the grave, and when He met with them on the first Lord's day evening, showing them His hands and side, He said unto them with outstretched hands, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost" (See John 20: 19-23). However, according to Luke, He instructed them to wait for the promise.

From the day of Pentecost, as long as the Gospel was preached among the Jews only, the Spirit was imparted to them that believed by the laying on of hands. "Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost" (Acts 8: 17). But when the Gospel came to the Gentiles, which time was, the conversion of the household of Cornelius, the Holy Ghost fell on them while the message of Salvation was being delivered by the apostle Peter. They were not asking, if so, it is not stated; they were listening to the Gospel, and "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word" (Acts 10: 44). And then Peter, when questioned for his act of going into the house of a Gentile, said, "And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 11: 15, 16). So, this teaches that the Holy Ghost, Who came upon the Gentiles at this time, perfected the promise of the Lord, according to the memory of Peter, namely, "THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST." "For the promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2: 39). From this event, the conversion of the household of Cornelius, the only requirements that we have been able to find for the receiving of, and the baptism of, the Holy Ghost, is true faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour of the truly repentant sinner. When we believe on the Lord Jesus, we have the assurance of His word for the blessing. "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word" (John 17: 20).

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body," . . . "so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" (I Cor. 12: 12, 13). All true believers are BAPTIZED into the BODY OF CHRIST

(not by water) but by the HOLY GHOST.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday, which comes this year on the second Sunday in April, is a good time to make a good offering to the LORD for MISSIONS. Our money will carry the RESURRECTION MESSAGE OF OUR LORD. We will have more to say about the RESURRECTION later.

"IF YE BE RISEN WITH CHRIST"

By Mrs. Vera Elliott,
Trinity F. W. B. Church,
Nashville, Tennessee

"If ye be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Colossians 3: 1).

As Easter draws near, more and more are our thoughts drawn to our Jesus, and what a sweet thought it is as we think of the way He must have suffered on the cross. We have much horror of the thought concerning the agony which He bore while hanging there between the two thieves. But He conquered death and arose from the grave, and that is why our hearts are made glad, for one of these days you and I will give up this old cross of earthly burdens, and our troubles and sorrows will be over. We will conquer death, and arise as Jesus did, if we will only do as this verse above commands.

Just what does it mean to be risen with Christ? To me it means that we must give ourselves completely to Christ, and all we possess. We must be baptized with the Holy Spirit, as well as with water, and it is then that we will seek the things which are above. But it is not always easy to seek the things above when everywhere we turn there is war, disappointments, persecutions and discouragements. There are false accusations on every hand today. These are days of great testings, but we must be strong in the faith to let none of these things hinder us from doing our Christian duty. We must continue to do the work of our Master.

Do you and I give up easily when we try to accomplish something that makes this life more enjoyable? No, we are not to do this by any means. Neither must we give up over little things that come in our pathway. The call of the Master is too great for us to surrender our willingness to do good for the things that tend to tear us down. We are supposed to turn a deaf ear to anything that would hinder us from doing our whole duty to God.

To me here are some of the things which we do when we seek the things above: visiting the sick, living for others, doing kind acts, being a one hundred percent church member, by giving more than a tenth, and by attending every service, whenever it shall be possible for us to do so. But some seem to be satisfied to let just a faithful few go to the League and to the Sunday School. Think what a blessing we miss when we stay away from these services! Think what we miss by staying away from prayer meetings on Wednesday evenings! On the other hand, think what a wonderful thing it is to pause long enough to think of what God has in store for the ones who put their whole trust in Jesus, and not in man. At the end of this earthly journey, Christ sitteth on the right hand of God, preparing the mansions for the children of the King. Then all temptations and unpleasant things will be left behind. We are not to give up, but to press on toward the mark for the prize as it is in Christ Jesus. We are to put our trust in God, and shun the evil things of this world. God knows our hearts and He knows who are his faithful ones.

Well, we are still very happy in Trinity Church, and we are looking forward to great things being accomplished. We are giving, one Sunday each month, the offering in our Sunday School to different things. We divide it among foreign missions, Christian education, orphanage, and it is wonderful to see how our members respond. Each second Sunday is the day, and each of us go prepared. The happy thing about it is, it is given cheerfully. You know that God says He loves the cheerful giver. Brother Blackwelder, our pastor, deserves much credit for converting his members to tithing, and by teaching us to have faith in God. He preaches faith to us so very much that we cannot but believe in trusting God for every good thing which we enjoy.

We are proud of our league, and the leaders are making it so interesting that the attendance is increasing all the time. We had sixty-five, counting the visitors a few Sunday nights ago. When the winter is over, I believe our attendance will be even better. We feel very lonesome since Mrs. Blackwelder is in Florida, visiting her mother who is very ill. Will you continue to pray for our church? We feel sure that many have been praying for us, for God has been so very good to us in our work.

WILL OF LATE GEORGE P. BEST

According to the will of the late George P. Best, Pikeville, North Carolina, Route 1, which has been filed for probate in Wayne County, the Free Will Baptist denomination is to receive a large share of the estate.

A large farm, consisting of 162.5 acres, located near Pikeville, was left for the use of the denomination for a Disabled Minister's Home, with the exception of a small division which was left for the widow during her lifetime.

The bulk of his money was left for the Orphanage, for the sole purpose of helping to build and furnish an auditorium. The will specified that the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Orphanage was to serve as the executor, and that he shall serve for not more than $200.00, nor less than $100.00 compensation.

Thos. E. Beaman,
Goldsboro, N. C.

If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. John 14: 23.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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Sound Side Church

AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle District will convene with the Free Will Baptist Church at Sound Side, Tyrrell County, Thursday, April 6, 1944.

Our church is located on Highway U. S. 64, 6 miles East of Columbia.

Any delegates coming by bus will be met at the Bus station in Columbia, if they will notify the writer.

We are looking forward to seeing delegates from each Auxiliary in our district, and will be glad to have visitors attend also.

(Miss) Almeda Armstrong,
Columbia, N. C.

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SOUTH NORFOLK AUXILIARY REPORT

The Ladies Auxiliary of the South Norfolk Church held its regular monthly meeting March 9th, at the home of Mrs. C. T. White.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. H. E. Harden, who read the Scripture reading. Mrs. C. T. White led us in a word of prayer. The Auxiliary song, "Jesus Calls Us," was sung at this time.

Since our Auxiliary is so young; it was decided that we enter a program of manual study.

At this meeting we began this program with a round table discussion of chapters one and two.

There were 6 members present.

Dues paid amounted to $2.75.

Donations received, $1.20.

There were 245 chapters read in the Bible by the members.

There were 30 visits made to the sick and four cards sent and one funeral design. There were several garments, dresses, etc., given to the needy.

Delicious refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed by all.

Mrs. R. M. Gradeless,
Secretary.

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DAILEY'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY

The Ladies Aid of Dailey's Chapel met at the church on March 4th. Mrs. Katie Newborn conducted the devotional and had charge of the program. Mrs. Annie Lee Herring read "Stewardship of the Gospel." Mrs. Sadie Grady, "Evangelism on the Mission Fields." Mrs. Irma Rouse, "Evangelism at the Center of Free Will Baptist Life." Mrs. Ella Rouse, "Can God Trust Us." Ten were present at this meeting.

Twenty seven visits had been made to the sick since last meeting, 14 trays had been sent, 4 pounds of butter had been given, and 81 chapters of the Bible read.

We sent Mrs. Laura Herring (a sick member) a basket of fruit, W. G. Rouse at State Sanatorium, $2.00, and gave $5.00 on church song books.

I want all auxiliary workers to pray that our work may be a success for the cause of Christ.

Yours for the Glory of God,
Mrs. Sadie Grady, Secy.

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PROGRAM

The Auxiliary Convention of Western District to meet with Micro Woman's Auxiliary, April 5, 1944.

Theme: Steadfast in the Work of the Lord.

Song: "How Firm a Foundation."

Scripture: 1 Cor. 15: 58.

9:45—Registration

10:10—Opening Devotional, Mrs. J. S. Rich

10:25—Address of Welcome, Mrs. Carl E. Gaddy

—Response, Mrs. Welton Watson

10:30—Visiting Ministers and Delegates recognized

10:40—Reading of Minutes

10:55—Appointment of Committees and Announcements

11:00—Reports of Vice-Presidents and Field Worker

11:30—Orphanage News and Offering

11:50—Congregational Song

11:55—Message, Calvary, A Challenge for Steadfast Christian Women, Mrs. L. E. Ballard

12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Song and Prayer

1:20—National Convention Hilights, Mrs. C. J. Griffin

1:40—Business Session: Reports of delegates visiting other Conventions; Appointment of delegates to various Conventions; Reports of Committees

2:00—Prayer for our Service Men

2:10—Memorial Service, Mrs. Marvin Atkinson

2:30—Adjournment

I'VE TURNED MY BACK ON SATAN

I've turned my back on Satan,
And all he has to give;
I'm trusting now in Jesus,
For Him I'm to live.

This world has nought to offer
But bitterness and strife;
The Saviour gives His pardon,
Joy and eternal life.

Sometimes old Satan hinders,
Blocking the path I trod;
He tries to turn me backward,
But I praise the Lamb of God.

I gave my heart to Jesus,
And He moved in to stay;
He fills my life completely
With praises day by day.

I'm living now for Jesus,
The Lamb for sinners slain;
Blest Saviour and Redeemer,
Oh, praise His Holy Name.

Mrs. Venie M. Carney,
East Durham, N. C.

"THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE"

By Henry St. George Tucker,
President, Federal Council of the
Churches of Christ in America

In these critical days of war abroad and group conflicts at home, we have come to realize how close to the surface is the spirit of mob violence. Our democracy is in the balance. Doubt is cast on the sincerity of Christians. We confess, individually and corporately, our failure to appreciate and understand all peoples as members of a common brotherhood. Where Jesus succeeded with ease and naturalness in such things, too often we have been awkward and insincere. Meanwhile, persons of differing languages, customs and complexions in our midst are suffering from unjust discriminations and unfair practices.

Being sorry, however, is not enough. We want to do something to make amends and straighten the way for the future. Sharing with others the annual Race Relations Message of the Federal Council of Churches will help. Seeing to it that group leaders know about the excellent programs and material prepared by the Department of Race Relations will help. Working through intelligent and alert community race relations committees will help. But better race relations will come primarily from better personal relations. It is a question of man-to-man personal contact, first-hand experience, learning by working together.

By friendly, personal understanding of people in differing groups, we can solve the great American race problems. With mutual understanding and good will there is promise of steadfast united loyalties and cooperation toward ultimate solutions.

NEWS FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS

On March 5th, as was anticipated, The First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, enjoyed a wonderful day. We were blessed with having Sister Lizzie McAdams to bring the message in both the morning and evening services.

We had in the meeting Mrs. Florence West of 7406 Ilex Street in Houston, who presented the church with a lot to be used as a church site, with the privilege of selling the site and using the proceeds for a more centrally located site, if the Lord should lead in this action.

We have been praying for quite some time for a site for the Lord's work, and this is a manifestation of how he answers prayer to the honor and glory due His Holy name. We do not think it will be very long before we are able to have a building to be dedicated to the work of our Master. Your prayers concerning this accomplishment is humbly and diligently sought by our people here in the city. Continue steadfastly in prayer to this end.

May the Lord bless the work throughout the land that is being done by his followers.

Rev. H. Ray Berry,
2102 North Main Street,
Houston, Texas

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSO.

We wish to inform all of those interested in the welfare and future of the Church Finance Association, Inc., that several requests from farseeing ministers have recently been brought to our attention. These have all been of the same tenor; namely, that every effort should be concentrated on the building up of a surplus of $100,000.00 in the fund. For, after this war period has terminated, we will want to **improve, build** and **repair** our Free Will Baptist Churches in North Carolina; and if we start from this minute on to achieve this amount of money, it can then be directed into these channels. This may only be accomplished by the combined efforts of each and every member doing his individual part.

The Annual Meeting this year will assemble in Smithfield at the Free Will Baptist Church on April 24th, at 11:00 A. M., Eastern War Time. A hearty welcome and splendid entertainment by the local folks await you! Prepare to come and enjoy this grand fellowship, and in so doing represent your membership whether it be a Church, Union Meeting or any other Convention. Now, won't you keep this date in mind, so that we can bring about the realization of OUR GOAL—100% REPRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Sincerely,
L. H. Wetherington,
Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

If it isn't too late, please amend Bro. M. L. Johnson's article about our Camp Fund. The 1943 session voted to call this "Assembly Ground Fund." The 1943 session also voted to continue the regular 10c per Sunday or $5.20 per year for all Sunday Schools, while those with average attendance of 75 or more should contribute $10.00 per year.—R. T. Sasser.

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CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Faustina Shearon, Manager

Date	Church	County
Sun., Mar. 19, 11:00 a. m.	Pleasant Hill	Pitt
Sun., Mar. 19, 7:30 p. m.	Elm Grove	Pitt
Fri., Mar. 24, 7:30 p. m.	Friendship	Johnston
Sun., Mar. 26, 11:00 a. m.	Hickory Grove	Pitt
Sun., Mar. 26, 7:30 p. m.	Dilda's Grove	Pitt
Fri., Mar. 31, 7:30 p. m.	Everett's Chapel	Johnston
Sun., April 2, 11:00 a. m.	Gum Swamp	Pitt
Sun., April 2, 7:30 p. m.	Owen's Chapel	Wilson
Fri., April 7, 7:30 a. m.	Rock Springs	Nash
Sun., April 9, 11:00 a. m.	Edgewood	Edgecombe
Sun., April 9, 7:30 p. m.	Aspin Grove	Wilson
Fri., April 14, 7:30 p. m.	Saint's Delight	Franklin
Sun., April 16, 11:00 a. m.	Parker's Chapel	Pitt
Sun., April 16, 7:30 p. m.	Marlboro	Pitt
Fri., April 21, 7:30 p. m.	Edgemont	Durham
Sun., April 23, 11:00 a. m.	Hugo	Lenoir
Sun., April 23, 7:30 p. m.	Daniel's Chapel	Wilson
Fri., April 28, 7:30 p. m.	Hansley's Chapel	Durham

CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS

First Week

March 10, 1944—
People's Chapel ---------- $117.16
March 12, 1944—
Bethany ---------- 27.00
March 12, 1944—
Sweet Gum Grove ---------- 102.88

Total ---------- $247.04

Faustina Shearon,
Manager.

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crowded I could scarcely get in, and with the assistance of Roy and Dick, 22 men accepted Christ that night while others sought me out during the day. I know someone was praying for us for nothing like this had ever happened before, so KEEP PRAYING!

At the last service we held before that awful day of battle, I was particularly led to give the officers and men of the assault-waves the following verses from Psalm 108. "Who will bring me into the strong city? Wilt not thou, O God . . . and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts? Give us help from trouble; for VAIN IS THE HELP OF MAN. THROUGH GOD WE SHALL DO VALIANTLY; for He it is that shall tread down our enemies."

Both the executive officers and company commanders of the first two waves were Christians, the two former officers had accepted Christ as their Saviour aboard ship. Some of these men will be decorated in the near future for their valient work. Roy Thaxton told me after the battle that it was miraculous—the spirit of the Marines—even when everything seemed to be against them, victory hung by a thread, and when the order to go forward was given, these men lost all sense of self and went forward with a spirit heretofore not seen. None other but the living God could have done these things.

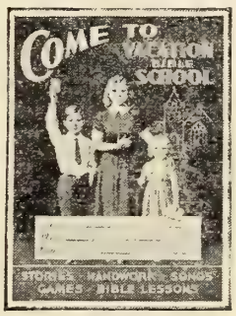
Mike Boettcher told me of how one of the Christian men of the front was leading men to Christ in foxholes. I wish I could write all the personal testimonies of the men but it is impossible here. As for myself, the landing craft I was riding in was hit and sunk in a few minutes, but no one was hit or drowned. While kneeling in the bottom of another craft and seeing our rear gunner crumple at his gun and hearing bullets rake our craft, one's helplessness is so childlike, and fear gripped my heart. It was then that the words from the second verse of "Jesus Lover of My Soul" quieted my troubled mind; "Cover thou my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing." This song will always be dear to me for I know now some of its meaning put there by its godly author, Charles Wesley.

All the Christian men of our regiment have faced death, and many have given their lives that our loved ones at home might hear and witness to our sinful nation of the glorious Gospel. Our battle-scarred regiment seeks no honors, no laurels other than to return to our homeland which has repented of its wickedness and cast aside its desperate selfishness of rapacious groups, and has come to the knowledge of the grace of God that flows forth from the Cross of Calvary.

We ask you to continue to carry us and the work of the Kingdom to the Throne of Grace.

Victory through Christ,
NORMAN J. DARLING,
Chaplain, U. S. N. R.
—In Christian Victory.

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SAUL BECOMES A NEW MAN

(Lesson for April 2)

Lesson: Acts 9: 1-9, 13-19a. Read Acts 9: 1-19; 22: 6-16; 2 : 12-20.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature" (II Cor. 5: 17).

"The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people, that **this man was born there"** (Ps. 87: 6.

"Thus far did I come laden with my sin;
Nor could aught ease the grief that I was in,
Till I came hither; what a place is this!
Must here be the beginning of my bliss?
Must here the burden fall from off my back?
Must here the strings that bound it to me crack?"

—Bunyan.

"An old seaman when asked, 'Where did you find Christ?' answered in a moment, 'Latitude 25, longitude 54. I was sitting on deck reading one of Spurgeon's sermons, and a light shone into my soul. I took Christ as my Saviour, and then I thought to myself, "I will take my bearings, so that I may know the very spot in the wide ocean where I met with the Lord Jesus.' "

—Selected.

A humble servant girl arose and went down the aisle to the front during one of Charles Haddon Spurgeon's great sermons. "I have been converted," she said simply. Some days later, one of the deacons sent for her. "How do you know," he asked, his eyes searching her face, "that you are converted?" The little servant girl looked up at him shyly. "I am quite sure," she replied, "because now I **sweep under the rugs!** I used to be careless when I did the sweeping." Under the rugs! Not lightly over the top or around the edges, but **under** the rugs. Christ's love had so filled her heart that she was expressing it in the best way she knew. She was not a great singer with a golden voice who could hold vast audiences spellbound with her music. She could paint no pictures, nor write a piece of literature. But she could **sweep under the rugs!** She was only a poor servant girl, with toil-hardened hands, who had worked in other people's kitchens, but in her poverty how really rich she was! For Christ had become so close to her, so very near, that she felt He wanted her to do the **very best she could**—that He cared how she swept the rugs.

—The Friend

II The Heart of the Lesson

1. When you go to Damascus, you will want to find the street called Straight. You will be interested in the little church which marks the place where the house of Judas was. It is not hard for me to imagine that occasionally a group of Christians who have an enthusiasm for the great Apostle Paul, go to a place "near Damascus" and read the 9th and 22nd and 26th chapters of the Book of Acts. For after all the conversion of this man is one of the most remarkable events in the history of the world.

2. The Lord gave a special revelation of Himself to the fiery persecutor. Moses was brought to awe and wonder by the "burning bush," and the Lord has His own methods of meeting defiant and rebellious souls. Isaiah and Daniel had visions when special work had to be done, and when special equipment had to be received. It was so in the case of Saul of Tarsus. The spiritual welfare of the world was involved. It was a turning point in the Divine plan for the redemption of the world. Was it not fitting that something of the eternal glory should burst upon the affairs of men at such a time? The light, "above the brightness of the sun," must have been objective, as Saul was blinded for a time.

3. Hitherto, Saul had despised the Nazarene, and had determined to crush out the heretical sect of His followers, and now the light has shone, and the Voice has spoken, and all the former opposition of the fierce fighter for the old Mosaic economy melts into submission and sorrow in having fought against light and truth.

4. Bless God, that with our God there is "forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5: 31; Ps. 130: 4). Bless God that in Christ "we have redemption through His Blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Eph. 1: 7). Bless God that our God not only forgives—He forgets our guilty past: "I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jer. 31: 34). Bless God that our God not only forgives our sins—He justifies us freely by His grace (Acts 13: 38, 39). "Hallelujah, what a Saviour!" These glorious truths are enough to burst our hearts with joy!

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Neglected the Lord's Business

A business man on his way to prayer meeting saw a stranger looking wistfully into the open window of the church, and, moved by a strong impulse, he invited him to go in with him. The stranger consented, and it was the beginning of a Christian life for him and his family. He afterward said to the friend who invited him to prayer meeting: "Do you know that I have lived in this city seven years before I met you, and no one had ever asked me to go to church? I had not been here three days before the groceryman and the dairyman and the politicians had hunted me up, yet in all these seven years you were the first man that had ever expressed an interest in my soul."

Beginning with Themselves

Mr. Dodge said that one day he was talking with a devout Quaker about the indifference of the church and Christians toward the world of sinners. They both agreed that indolence, unbelief, and worldliness were three great causes of this indif-

ference, and that the Holy Spirit could not work in churches or hearts where these things existed. "I believe," said Mr. Dodge, "that pentecostal blessings come through pentecostal praying. There is a demand that Christians awake to agonizing prayer." The Quaker replied, "Friend Dodge, suppose thee and I make the beginning."—Record of Christian Work.

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LEND A HELPING HAND

There's a little church way up the road,
Starting up a rough hill with so heavy a load;
And wondering, while starting, about folks back home
If they are going to let it go all alone.

Or will you give a hand that is fair,
And say by the help of the Lord, I will pilot you there;
Now if it is true, please open up your heart,
And let's give the little church a big start.

The membership is small, but willing are they,
And all you can do is help and to pray;
So, let's open our pockets, and get out a bill
That in so doing it will be easier still.

And it is provided in the Bible we're told,
That your reward will be greater than silver or gold;
Now we all know the Lord is sitting on high
And wondering if we are going to let the church die.

Now, Brothers and Sisters, this rough hill you know
May be all covered with ice and snow;
So, give us a hand before it shall be too late
That we may be there when they open the gate.

Then, we'll all see the Lord as He gives us a smile,
Knowing we have labored so many a mile;
Now, let's all stop and think of the boys over the sea,
Is it all for them, or is it for you and me.

So, if they are fighting to let us still go
Let's then prepare them a home white as snow;
Then when they get back from way over there
To a land that is lovely and always so fair.

They will be so proud when they come back and see
What great things were accomplished by you and me;
So, let's all pull together and all do our best
And when they get home they surely can rest.

Now, may the Lord bless you is our prayer for today,
And please remember our church when you kneel down to pray;
For if it's His will, and we still carry on
We hope that someday we will all have a home.

Wilton H. Dail,
309 Graydon Avenue,
Norfolk 7, Virginia

SADNESS

(Dedicated to my brother,
Clifford Strunk)
By Ethel Blankenship

I often wonder as I go
This dreary way of life
About the troubles and the woe
That fills each day with strife.

My heart is ever tempted sore
By tricks I meet each day,
It seems there is no pleasant lore
In which to hide away.

In dreams at night I always find
The place I'd love to be
Where everyone is oh so kind
And troubles always flee.

Away, away, oh happy dream,
This life is filled with dread,
I drift away, or so it seems,
To where all strife is dead.

But yet, I know somewhere afar,
There is a happy land,
Where everyone is in the care,
Of Christ's sweet Holy hand.

There, when this life is safely o'er
I'll rest from all my care,
And there I'll find that pleasant lore,
In heaven that place so fair.

Oh, cease from care, my weary heart,
Brace up, and e'er be brave,
For here you have a vital part,
In life before the grave.

The heart is sade in myriad pain,
That here we must endure,
But there we'll never pine again
For things that now allure.

Oh! yes, I'll try to cease and be,
A brave true soul while here,
And when I reach there may I see,
My precious brother dear.

Oh! bitter woe, oh love-sick soul
Cease pining, look above,
When you have reached fair heaven's goal,
You'll find your precious love.
"God grant it."

—Sel.

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

We are inviting all of the former pastors of the Pleasant Grove F. W. B. Church, Asheville, Alabama, Route 1, to be with us on the Fourth Sunday in March, which will be the twenty-sixth, as we are planning to have a homecoming service on that day.

We are inviting anyone else to be with us on that day, and hope all will enjoy the occasion for the glory of God.

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Boys and Girls Corner

LITTLE ROSES

(Written especially for the children)

We are little roses,
Blooming sweet and fair;
In the Master's garden
In His tender care.

We are little roses,
Our fragrance fills the air;
That we may bloom for Jesus
Is our daily prayer.

We are little roses,
For us Jesus cares;
In His blessed kingdom
All is bright and fair.

We are little roses,
We bloom for all to see;
Even in His garden
We'll bloom eternally.

Jesus will protect us,
For us He cares;
Shares all our sorrows
He answers our prayers.

The children are God's roses,
In His Garden so very fair;
If they will obey Him,
They'll bloom forever there.

Yes, Jesus loves the children,
For He said, "Come unto me";
He will always bless them
Keep them happy and free.

Some day they will meet Him
In the lovely land above;
Some day they'll praise Him
Where all is peace and love.

—Mattie Mae Beacham

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AN HONEST DECISION

Elizabeth Price

It was Friday afternoon and Lester brought his weekly report from school. Mother looked sorry when she read it, and Lester stood by, red and uncomfortable, for it was not the sort of report that makes a boy proud, and his mother happy. It said, "Deportment unsatisfactory," while as for the lessons, there was not a single "Excellent," only "Fair," or at most, "Good."

Mother did not say anything, because she had said on other Friday afternoons all she had to say on the same subject. She only sat looking at the report a long time, while Lester wriggled and twisted.

At last she spoke, very quietly: "It must be stopped, Lester. For more than a month your conduct has been 'Unsatisfactory.' I have reasoned with you and given you chances to do better, and you have abused them. I shall try you once more, and then unless your next report is a very good one—as good as you used to have—my little boy must be punished.

Lester stopped wriggling. That last word awed him. "How?" he asked, swallowing over a lump in his throat.

"You will have to stay away from the sleighing party one week from to-morrow."

Lester sat down, feeling as if he had suddenly grown too weak to stand.

Mother had folded the report and laid it aside. She picked up her sewing again and said, "It all depends on you, Lester."

Lester walked away slowly. Not much danger of his forgetting—no, indeed! There should be an "Excellent" over against every item in next Friday's report. He would show what he could do, for once. But miss that sleigh ride—never!

He thought of nothing else all afternoon, remembered it twelve times on Saturday, six times on Sunday, twice on Monday, once on Tuesday, and next thing he knew it was Friday again, and teacher was handing out reports. His heart came into his mouth as he looked at his. "Conduct unsatisfactory." "Lessons fair." Not an "Excellent"—not even a "Very Good." And he had meant—oh, what had he not meant to accomplish this week! But Mother could not—could not keep him away from Westchester! She never could break his heart like that! His feet fairly flew over the ground; this suspense must be ended.

Mother was sewing, as she nearly always was, but she dropped her work and the hand trembled that she held out for the report. Maybe she felt the suspense, too. She read the few words, and her eyes filled with tears, and Lester knew what that meant. "It isn't fair!" he burst out. "Teacher didn't mark me fair; I have been good! I don't deserve to stay at home! I didn't do wrong!"

"Wait, Lester—wait, dear," Mother's voice was very gentle. "If you tell me on your honor that this report is unfair, if you really think you deserve to go to Westchester, you may go. You remember what I said a week ago; you know the conditions. I leave it to you to decide."

"Then I'll go, all right," said Lester, positively. "I haven't done a thing that ought to keep me away."

"Very well, dear." The busy needle was at work again.

Lester tore outdoors to play noisily with Sport and make himself believe he was having a fine time, while Mother folded away the poor little report and waited.

She did not wait in vain. It was bedtime. "I can't go, Mother. It wouldn't be honest, and I am honest, if I do act mischievous in school. I did deserve it—teacher was fair. I've whispered and played instead of studying, but I don't think I'll ever forget again. I'm going to be the best boy in the whole world after this." And Mother held him close and said, "I knew my boy could be trusted to tell the truth, and he has not disappointed me."

The party rode away the next morning without Lester. He tried to be brave and cheerful, but the ordeal was a hard one, and Lester never forgot it, for it did him much good, in spite of the hardness—or perhaps because of it.

In the evening, when the pleasure-seekers had returned, the little figure crept again to Mother's room. "It's been pretty hard," said a queer,

choky voice, "but I'm glad."—Christian Advocate.

"Have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly" (Heb. 13: 18). Although punished for his disobedience, Lester has learned a very valuable lesson that he will not hurriedly forget. God requires that we be honest, with our parents, with Him, and with our own hearts. Above all, let us be honest in the sight of God.

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MURPHEY. On December 11th, 1943, the soul of Mrs. Fannie Graves Murphey answered the summons from above, and quietly laid down the things of this life to take up a new life. She was born August 17th, 1887.

For many years Mrs. Murphey had been a member of Grimsley Free Will Baptist Church in Greene County, N. C. Her faith in Christ and her loyalty to her friends, her family and her church were responsible for the position she occupied in the hearts of those who knew her, for she was regarded as a Christian indeed. Her joyful disposition and her beautiful Christian character were factors in her life that influenced many to believe in and seek the nobler things in life. Although she accomplished a great deal in many ways, she was hindered to some extent for the reason that she was a partial invalid for many years before her death and suffered a great deal, but with admirable patience. However she faithfully attended her church when she was physically able.

She is survived by two sons and five daughters, all of whom bear the marks of careful parental training. The companionship that existed between her and her children was inspirational to others. She will not be soon forgotten for she lived for a purpose, that of helping others to see the worthwhile things of life, and of serving her Saviour.

—By a friend,

Mrs. M. A. Woodard

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

We, the Woman's Auxiliary of Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, wish to use this method of expressing our sincere sympathy to the Rev. J. E. Wooten and family in the passing of our much esteemed sister, Mrs. J. E. Wooten.

Conscious that we have suffered an irreparable loss in her going, we do hereby humbly submit the following resolutions of respect:

1. Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove our beloved sister and co-worker, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well;

2. We sincerely invoke God's richest blessings to rest with the family and that His comforting presence may ever encircle their home; and

3. We recommend that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and one to the Free Will Baptist paper and one to be kept on record of our Local Auxiliary.

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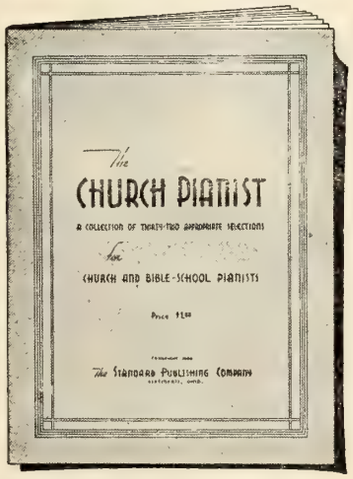
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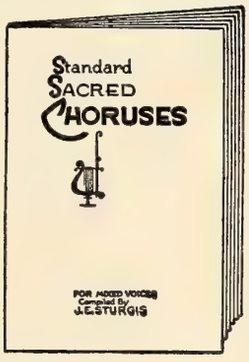
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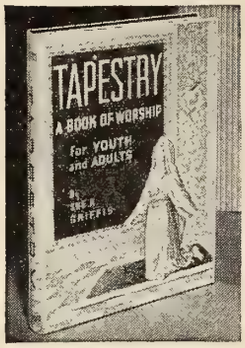


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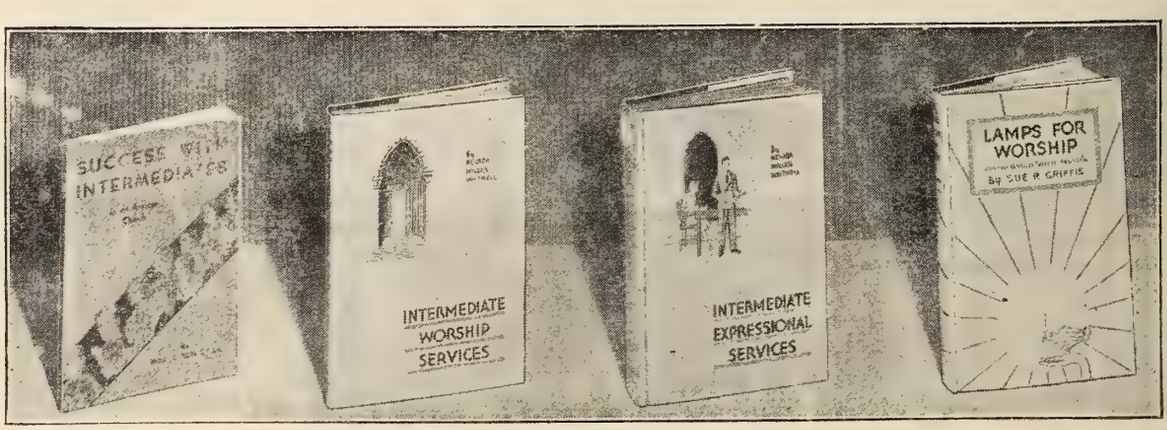
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Like a bread without the spreadin',
  Like a puddin' without sauce,
Like a mattress without beddin',
  Like a cart without a hoss,
Like a door without a latch-string,
  Like a fence without a stile,
Like a dry an' barren creek bed—
  Is the face without a smile.

Like a house without a dooryard,
  Like a yard without a flower,
Like a clock without a main spring,
  That will never tell the hour;
A thing that sort o' makes yo' feel
  A hunger all the while—
Oh, the saddest sight that ever was
  Is a face without a smile!

The face of man was built for smiles,
  An' thereby he is blest
Above the critters of the field,
  The birds an' all the rest;
He's just a little lower
  Than the angels in the skies,
An' the reason is that he can smile;
  Therein his glory lies!

So smile an' don't forgit to smile,
  An' smile, an' smile ag'in;
'Twill help loosen up the cords o' care
  An' ease the weights o' sin;
'Twill help you all along the way,
  An' cheer you mile by mile;
An' so, whatever is your lot,
  Jes' smile, an' smile, an' smile.

—Anon.

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Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. Matt. 11: 29.

HEAR WHAT THESE MEN HAVE SAID ABOUT WHISKEY

General William Booth said:—"Nine-tenths of our poverty, squalor, vice and crime spring from this poisonous tap root. Society, by its habits, customs, and laws, has greased the slope down which these poor creatures slide to perdition."

Bishop Cyrus D. Foss said: "As a Christian minister I oppose drink because it opposes me. The work I try to do, it undoes. It is an obstacle to the spread of the Gospel; nay, it is an enemy which assails the Gospel, and whose complete success would drive the Gospel from the earth."

Andrew Carnegie said:—"I am not a temperance lecturer in disguise, but a man who knows and tells you what observation has proved to him; and I say to you that you are more likely to fail in your career from acquiring the habit of drinking liquor than from any of the other temptations likely to assail you. You may yield to almost any other temptation and reform, but from the insane thirst for liquor escape is almost impossible. I have known of but few exceptions to this rule."

President William McKinley, when in his young manhood he fought the liquor traffic, said: "By legalizing this traffic we agree to share with the liquor-seller the responsibilities and evils of his business. Every man who votes for license becomes of necessity a partner to the liquor traffic and all its consequences."

Theodore Roosevelt said: — "The friends of the saloonkeepers denounce their opponents for not treating the saloon business like any other. The best answer to this is that the actions of the saloonkeepers themselves conclusively prove this to be the case. It tends to produce criminality in the population at large and lawbreaking among the saloonkeepers themselves. When the liquor men are allowed to do as they wish, they are sure to debauch, not only the body social, but the body politic, also."

Neal Dow said:—"The liquor traffic exists in this country only by the

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EDITORIAL

Elder E. T. Phillips enjoyed a quiet and peaceful birthday, Sunday, March 26, 1944. He was eighty-seven years old. Many of his friends remembered him with many birthday cards, and other tokens of love and respect. We had the opportunity of paying him and Mrs. Phillips a short visit Sunday and enjoying a short conversation with them. Both were feeling reasonably well and seemed to be very jovial. We talked over things interesting and of pleasant concern. It is always a pleasure to drop in to see them for a few moments, and to have a short talk with them.

—ooOoo—

The Narth Carolina Sunday School Convention, which is to meet with the Goldsboro Church, April 21, 1944, is expected to be one of vital concern this year. There are some vital things to be discussed for the good of the Sunday Schools and the Young People's Leagues in the State. Due to this fact, a strong representation from all of the Sunday Schools is requested to be present. Many of the League officials are expected to be present for these discussions, and to have a part in the important matters that will be considered.

It is requested that each Sunday School should send delegates to this convention with the view of taking a vital part in the work of the convention. In view of this fact, the superintendents and other officers of the Sunday Schools are asked to act upon this matter in time so that no Sunday School will neglect to represent in the convention.

—ooOoo—

The Business Management of the Press desires to express "Thanks" to the Sunday Schools and the Leagues for sending in this early their orders for the literature for the new quarter. By their having done this, it has helped the force here at the Press to pack and make the shipments daily without too much rush for time. It means likewise that the orders are being received early for the new quarter. As long as our supplies last, we shall be glad to fill every incoming order so that each Sunday School and League may have their literature in time for use, beginning with April the second.

—ooOoo—

The Anna Phillips Educational Loan Fund, for the State of North Carolina, is receiving new attention by many of the churches throughout the State. Quite a number of churches have received posters, and have placed them on the walls for each member to see, and to make contributions to the same.

The poster contains space sufficient for a large number of stickers, and when filled, the amount of money raised will be twenty dollars. This money then goes to the Treasurer of that fund, who is bonded for the safe keeping of the money. Worthy students are allowed to borrow from this fund money to go to college, or to secure higher education in some professional school. In the past many students have been able to secure a college education because of having been able to get help from it. Otherwise they could not have continued their education to completion, nor have been able to secure promising positions in life.

The Women's Auxiliary of the State of North Carolina is urging this year each church to do its part for Christian education within the bounds of the State by securing a poster for the Anna Phillips Educational Loan Fund, and then selling enough of the stickers to complete the poster with the twenty dollars for the fund. Thousands of dollars can be used each year by worthy students to secure higher training for life work.

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There has been called a "Bible Conference" at the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, for April 5 through 9, 1944. Among the prominent speakers of the conference are Rev. George Dunbar, Chuckey, Tenn., Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro, N. C., Rev. Winford Davis, Monett, Mo. A "Daily Schedule" has been well prepared for the occasion, and the Bible College is looking forward to having quite a large number of visiting friends to attend the conference, who live within the bounds of the city. Ministers and other interested Christian workers of the denomination in the various states are expected to attend this Bible conference, and receive valuable instruction.

An invitation has gone out through proper bulletins, inviting the people to attend, if at all possible, to hear the lectures and speeches delivered during the Conference Week. It is expected to be a splendid occasion.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Just a Reminder

My Dear Reader, have you made that OFFERING TO THE LORD for Missions, yet? Half of the time (the month of March) is now gone. April remains as the allotted time for the special offerings to be used for MISSIONS.

Offerings Unto God

Our OFFERINGS should be made on the FIRST DAY of the week—The Lord's Day. That offering must be as the "Lord hath prospered" us. (I Cor. 10: 2). That is, if we have made a gain of $10.00 dollars through the past week, one dollar of that belongs to the Lord. Every Christian owes this amount to the Lord. It must be OFFERED as a worship OFFERING in order to get us even in our STEWARDSHIP. Then, if we give any thing, it must be above the one tenth of our income. We cannot claim, justly, that "We have given" so and so, until we have paid our just dues—THE TITHE—unto the LORD as a WORSHIP OFFERING. It will

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The Man without a Soul

Laura C. Evans

In the early part of the winter of 1913 a young man by the name of Henry Spencer was arrested in Chicago for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat, a Chicago dancing teacher. This man was believed to be the vilest, most daring and profane man that had ever been in a court room. The newspapers called him "the man without a soul." So ungovernable was he, that, when he was placed in the county jail at Wheaton, Illinois, it was necessary to have several guards watching him. The police were particularly proud of so great a capture. The deeds and daring and desperation of this man formed the news of the day.

During the progress of this man's trial in the court house at Wheaton, some of my relatives and friends, who attended the sessions were greatly impressed with the utter depravity and desperation of this noted prisoner. They frequently spoke to me about him until I began to think of the awful condition this man was in, and wondered if there would be any use in telling such a one of God's love. The thought came to me: "What an awful condition this man must have lived in order to get the name, 'the man without a soul.' What a terribly hopeless life that title represented, and how great must be his need of God and salvation."

My husband and son were in the court room on the last day of the trial, when Spencer was sentenced to be hanged on December 19, 1913. As we sat around the supper table that night, my oldest boy, who had been with his father at the trial, said to me, "Mamma, I believe that something could be done for that man." I said, "Why do you think so, my son?" He replied, "I saw him smile when he was called so many vile names, and that smile showed me that the man had a heart. I wish you would go and speak to him." I then told my husband again that I felt I must go and speak to Spencer. "Very well," he said, "I believe the Lord has called you. I would go in His name and speak to Spencer about Christ."

On December 10th I went to the jail. On my arrival the sheriff went to Spencer's cell and said to him: "There is a lady here from Wheaton who wants to speak to you. Will you treat her right and not abuse her?" Spencer replied, "All right, send her up."

The sheriff then took me upstairs and introduced me to Spencer. I took a chair and sat down outside his cell. I wish I could describe to you what I saw—a man beaten, driven, haunted by the devil. If ever there was a man who looked as if he needed God's love, it was this poor, condemned man.

I began by saying, "You may wonder why I came to see you. I came because I had to come. I am a mother of three boys and when I think of all the love I bestowed upon them and the care and guidance they received, and then read in the newspapers that you have never known what it was to have a mother's love or a father's care, I felt that you had been denied the greatest blessing that any one can be denied, and that is a mother's love and care. I came because I know that for you to get the name 'a man without a soul' must have meant a hopeless and desperate life. I came because I knew that your heart must be bleeding, torn, hungry and broken. Is not this so?" Spencer replied, "Yes, it is."

I then continued, "You have missed a mother's love, but I have come to tell you about a love that far exceeds a mother's love and if you will listen to what I have to tell you, and accept what I am going to offer you, you can be the happiest man in Wheaton, even though you are in jail and have but nine days to live." Spencer was interested. He gave his attention to the message while I told him the way to salvation, asking the Holy Spirit every moment to guide me that I would not make one mistake. I did not have to tell him he was a sinner; he knew that already. I told him about the prodigal son and the thief on the cross and how Christ saved that thief. Spencer made the remark that he had never heard of any one having a kind word for a thief.

After fully explaining to him the way of life, and feeling that I had made the plan of salvation as plain as I could, I told him that I was going to ask him to do the hardest thing a man could be asked to do. I said, "You have always loved to do hard things, so I am told. You have been a staunch soldier for the devil. You have been fearless in his service. Now I am going to ask you to do this —to give your heart, with all its ambitions, its sins, its hatred and wilfulness, over to God, and ask Him to take you as you are, and to cleanse you from all your sin. I want you to promise that from now on you will live for Him and serve Him as fearlessly as you have the devil. Will you do that, Spencer?" He answered, "I will," I then said, "Shall we pray?" He said, "Yes."

We knelt down, he in his cell, and I on the outside. I offered a prayer to God, and after that I asked him to follow me in simple prayer, which he did. After the prayer was finished, he said, "While you were saying that prayer, all I could say to God was 'God, help a crook like me, as You helped the thief on the cross." I felt forty pounds lighter after I had offered that prayer.'

I then said, "Now Spencer, you are a child of God, and I am going to show you by what authority I dare say this to you." I took from my muff a New Testament and asked him if he would like to see in print just what I had been telling him. He said very eagerly, "Oh, yes, I would. Have you got it? Can you show it to me?" I said, "Yes," and opening my Testament, read John 1: 12, I John 1: 9 and John 3: 16. After I had read John 3: 16, he said, "Oh, I have seen that passage on a 'sign' some place. Let me read it for myself."

I then handed him the Testament and he read it, I told him to make the promise of the verse his own.

Before leaving him, I said to him, "I am going to give you this Testament. I want you to read the Gospel of John, especially." I said, "May I come again to speak to you?," He said, "Yes, please do, come tomorrow; come about the same hour."

I went to jail the next day rather anxious to know how I would find Spencer. But as I came up to his cell he greeted me with these words: "Good morning, I am twenty-four hours old." I said, "What do you mean?" He said, "I read in the third chapter of John about the new birth, about Nicodemus coming to Christ. I was born again yesterday morning. Until then I had been dead; now I am alive, and am twenty-four hours old." I said, "You surely are, Spencer, thank God for it."

Then he said, "Oh, Mrs. Evans, I have tried so hard to memorize John 3: 16, and at last I have got it." And with the joy of a little child, he handed me the Testament for fear that I would not know whether he quoted it right or not, and said, "Here is the Testament. You see if I am repeating it right." He quoted John 3: 16 hesitatingly, but joyously and correctly.

It was really wonderful to note from day to day, the marvelous growth in grace this man made and his literally devouring passion for the study of the Bible.

Spencer had given up smoking because he did not think it consistent with his Christian life.

On December 18, 1913, Henry Spencer was granted a reprieve until January 16, 1914. Another stay was granted until July 1, 1914. It was really amazing to hear him talk about his departure the day preceding December 19th—the day set for his execution, also between those days and January 16, 1914, the day set a second time for his hanging. Strange to say he seemed keenly disappointed when he was informed of these reprieves. His lot in the world had been so hard and his life so void of happiness that this world seemed to hold nothing worth while for him; whereas the new found faith that had become his during the past few weeks had brought such peace to him that but one thought possessed him, and that was to leave this world and enter into the future life of blessedness, which he believed he would do. Never once did he show any interest at all in the efforts of his attorneys to secure a new trial or reprieve him.

Spencer was never so happy as when he was near the date of his hanging. If there was ever the slightest shadow of disappointment on his face it was when he got his reprieves. When I used to ask him, "Do you really mean to say that you are anxious to go and leave this world?" He would say, "Yes, Yes, Mother, this life is nothing to me. It has meant nothing but sin and shame. I never had a friend nor any one to take an interest in me or say a kind word to me until you came to this prison to talk to me.

I have seen people make preparations to go on a pleasure trip. I have seen the joy of anticipation on the part of those going to visit their own homestead. But I have never seen a joy such as this man had in the anticipation of leaving this world. As he would look over the things that he would wear on the scaffold, he would smooth them out and look at them as a bride would look at her outfit.

When they were putting up the scaffold and the sound of the hammer would be so loud that we could scarcely hear ourselves read and pray, he would say at my remark about the awfulness of the sound: "Why, mother, do not worry. They never did a greater thing for me than putting up that scaffold. It will only be for a moment. Think what this means to me to be able to leave this world that has meant nothing but sin and shame and hard fighting, to be with God. You ought to be thankful all your life that you made the biggest crook that ever lived, love Jesus."

The last night of Spencer's life on earth, the night when condemned prisoners are permitted to have practically whatever they wish, and which they generally spend in playing cards, Spencer's only request was that Dr. and Mrs. Evans and their son Louis stay with him part of the night, spending the time in the singing of hymns, the reading of the Bible and prayer.

This request was granted. While this service was going on, the court yard was filled with hundreds of people trying to get a glimpse of the man who was to hang in the morning. Clear and happy, the voice of the condemned prisoner could be heard throughout the whole court yard singing. We left Spencer at midnight to go home and get rest. He, too, said he was going to sleep as sound as a child. The guard who was with him that night told me that Spencer slept as peaceful as a babe.

At five o'clock in the morning he was awakened by a chorus of young ladies from the churches in the neighborhood, who had come to sing hymns for him. He immediately arose and joined in the singing. He was very happy. Dr. Evans and myself went down to the jail at 7:30 that morning. Spencer had asked to be given communion and to have his last words with us. The quiet scene upstairs during the hour of communion, and talking of the things belonging to that other and larger life, will never be forgotten by the writer. To sit and speak to a man who is in the prime of his life, healthy and strong, and with the apparent prospect of many years of life—to speak to him of those things, knowing that in an hour or two he would realize them, is an experience which cannot very well be put on paper. I said, "You seem so wonderfully happy and so strange this morning." He replied, "That is because I am so near to God. You may have to live years, battling and struggling down here, and it could not be expected but what I would seem indifferent."

At nine o'clock I left my husband, after Spencer had given me the little things that were in his cell, he himself tying and wrapping them up as quietly and serenely as if he were always to stay here. He tried to thank me for what I had done for him, and his last words to me were,

"God bless you, mother." My husband remained, as he was to go with Spencer to the scaffold. The last glimpse I got of this man whom the world called **"the man without a soul"** will remain as the vision of one who, though he had been a great sinner, had found a great Savior and was rejoicing in a great and blessed hope.

The execution of Henry Spencer can be best described by my husband, who went with the condemned man to the scaffold.

"I was alone with Spencer from nine o'clock on the morning of his execution until his death at 10:22. Mrs. Evans and I had spent an hour or so with him, encouraging him in his faith and hope in God. At nine o'clock she left the jail, and I was alone with the condemned man. He narrated to me the story of his life from its beginning until that hour. Among other things he said, 'It is true, Doctor, that I have been a crook, a thief, and a bad man. I have hated everybody until December the 10th last, when I found Christ as my Saviour. Now I am going into the presence of my King and my judge, but I cay say to God that my hands have not been stained with the blood of any one. I am not a murderer, and the only time I ever saw Mrs. Rexroat, for whose murder I am to be hanged, was the one hour I danced with her that night. Who killed her, I do not know, but I am satisfied to die, because I am ready. It may be that the man who really murdered her is not prepared to meet his God. I am sure that God has forgiven all my sins and that I shall see the King. I am innocent of this crime."

"The sheriff then came to the cell to read the death warrant to Spencer. It was really wonderful to see the calmness of the prisoner as contrasted with the nervous condition of the sheriff, and also to see how Spencer tried to comfort and encourage the sheriff by telling him he must not feel badly; that he was only doing his duty; that that was the happiest hour of his life. Spencer was then led out of the cell, his hands tied behind him, accompanied by the sheriff, two deputies and myself. As we came to the foot of the scaffold, Spencer ran ahead of me and bounded up the stairway two steps at a time and took his place on the trap door. Those who witnessed the execution will never forget the scene nor will they ever forget the look on the face of the condemned man and the expression of confidence, hope and joy, which was born of faith in Christ.

"He told me that he wanted to quote some of his favorite Psalms and also to give his testimony on the scaffold before he died. To this the sheriff consented. So when everything was quiet, Spencer began to quote some of his favorite Psalms—the twenty-third and two others. He said:

'My friends, I am glad to have this opportunity to tell you that I have found peace and joy at last. I have found a mother in Mrs. Evans, who brought into my miserable life a trust in God, which is in my heart now. She showed me the way of salvation, even through the trap of the scaffold. The seven months and twenty-one days that are ending now have been the happiest ones in my life, and that alone, whether guilty or not, is worth going to the gollows for. I have found peace, joy and happiness in believing in Jesus Christ.'

"Spencer then made a declaration of his influence. He said, 'You are doubtless interested to know whether I am innocent or guilty of this crime for which I am being hanged. My friends, I am innocent of the crime for which I am being hanged.' He said, 'I am ready now, sheriff.'

"His arms and legs were then pinioned, the white shroud was put over his body; his glasses were taken off and given to me; the rope was adjusted around his neck; the cap placed over his head; and in the midst of prayer, his body shot to its death.

"The impressions made upon those who witnessed the execution is beyond pen to describe. Men who were skeptical and unbelieving with reference to this man's convictions, had their unbelief changed to faith. They had never expected to see such confidence and hope in the face of death. Some of the people, I am told, left the enclosure, after the confession, before the hanging took place. Many went away saying that they had never seen the power of God so manifest as they had seen it that day."

The body of Spencer was placed in a casket, on which were placed two simple bouquets of flowers, one from Dr. and Mrs. Evans, and the other from Judge McKinzie Cleland of Chicago. A brief service was held at the cemetery. One or two hymns were sung, prayer offered, and some remarks made by Judge Cleland.

Thus ends the story of the wonderful conversion of a great sinner. And there are thousands like him in and out of prison who could be saved and made useful citizens if only they had a real chance in life to make good, and if in their sin and desperation some Christian man or woman would take to them the Gospel of the loving and powerful Son of God, who came into the world to save such "Chief of Sinners." Are we His followers? "As the Father hath sent me, so have I sent you." He said, "I was in prison and ye came unto me." "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least (and shall we say, most unworthy) of these, ye did it unto me."—Word and Work.

—Selected

DRUNK CASES COSTING LOS ANGELES MILLIONS!

(The Los Angeles Daily Journal of January 25th, 1944, had an article on "Drunk Cases Costing Los Angeles Millions," which article shows how unprofitable the liquor traffic is to that city, and the same in all the large cities of our Country. Here is that article from the Los Angeles Journal.)

"In the first four fiscal years after repeal, the City of Los Angeles received $1,171,578 from the state as its share of liquor taxes, while in the same period it spent $8,833,922 in handling drunk arrests.

"That was the assertion yesterday of Municipal Judge Arthur Guerin.

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not suffice to just pay the tenth as a cold formal business proposition; but it must be done cheerfully, (2 Cor. 9: 7), out of a heart filled with worship and devotions to God.

Why Not Now?

Why not make such an OFFERING NOW to be used for MISSIONS? Just the TITHE of one week's receipts of Free Will Baptist in North Carolina, according to the FIVE-POINT PROGRAM would be sufficient to meet every obligation at the present for both Home and Foreign missions. Why not try it for this time being?

It might be that we neglected the offering in FEBRUARY for the Orphanage at Middlesex, as requested by the Superintendent. If we neglected that offering, the tithe of one week might be sent in and this pay off the debt on the new farm just purchased. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of host, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3: 7-10).

Christians throughout the world have robbed God, therefore, we are CURSED with this awful war. If, every professed CHRISTIAN in the world would turn to God as we are instructed to do in God's Word, the powers of Satan would crumble before the mighty army of Almighty God.

God says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7: 14).

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts" (Malachi 3: 11, 12).

God says, as quoted above, "All nations shall call you blessed." Because we have robbed God many nations (the Axes) call us "enemies." If one half of the money that we are using now to kill men, had been used to help men to better living, there would have been no war today.

Christ said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16: 15, 16).

We have robbed God in the carrying of the Gospel to all the world. Oh, yes, we have sent out a few missionaries, but our people sent missionaries to Japan and China, but backed our nation to send millions of tons of scrap iron to Japan to kill the poor Chinese. We are reaping what we sowed. Yes, we are REAPING WHAT WE HAVE SOWN. Yes, we have ROBBED GOD.

WHY NOT NOW? Return unto the Lord, seek His face, repent of our sins, pay up our past tithes, as far as possible, and begin RIGHT NOW to TITHE and make OFFERINGS unto God. It is not too late to REPENT. We will not only save our face; but save our LIFE—body, soul and spirit—by returning unto the Lord.

The Eastern Auxiliary of N. C.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Eastern North Carolina Conference, convened it's Spring session with the church at Sandy Plain, Duplin County, the 23rd (Thursday of last week). The reports showed a steady increase in the activities of the various auxiliaries. A greater interest is being manifested from time to time. It is with pleasure that this writer has noticed the reported increase in the number of tithers for the past few years. "Tithers" is a sign of good STEWARDSHIP. These women are reading books on STEWARDSHIP. They are making talks in the conventions and local meetings on STEWARDSHIP. More and more the reports show the results.

This convention was well provided for by the local church. It seemed to be a great pleasure to the people of Sandy Plain to be host to the visitors. The whole session was full of inspiration and everybody seemed to be happy.

The Atonement

We planned last week, and mentioned the fact, to write about the ATONEMENT, but the Holy Spirit led our mind to the things that we have written above, but at a later date, by the leadership of the Holy Spirit we expect to tell what Free Will Baptist believe about the ATONEMENT. We believe every word that the Bible says—just like it is written.

Announcement

Week before Easter Sunday our church at Bridgeton is scheduled to observe the "Week of Prayer" as set forth by the Women's Auxiliary Convention of the United States. Along with this "Week of Prayer" we are to bring messages on "Christ's Last Week," including the Resurrection which will close on the Resurrection Day—The Lord's Day—The Christian Sabbath. Also, we are scheduled to broadcast from the studies of the Coastal Broadcasting Co., Station WHIT, New Bern, N. C., at 10:15 each morning during this week, beginning April the 3rd.

We are soliciting the prayers of all of God's people for this special occasion. Pray that the Holy Spirit will have complete control in these special efforts, that we may be used for the salvation of the lost, and the edification of the believer. If living near enough, turn on at 10:15 and worship with us as the message goes over the air.

He that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. Rev. 22: 11.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Executive Committee of the State Auxiliary Convention met at the Free Will Baptist church, Ayden, N. C., Wednesday, March 15th, at 10:30 A. M.

In the absence of the President and 1st Vice-President, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 2nd Vice-President, presided over the meeting.

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, former Secretary, was asked to take the minutes of the proceedings, in the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. Oliver Smith, who could not attend.

Mrs. Griffin stated the purpose of the meeting, which was to arrange the program for the next Convention, which will meet with Stony Creek Church on Thursday, May 25, at 10:00 A. M., also to formulate plans and recommendations to present to the Convention.

The Theme selected for the Convention was Stedfastness in the "Go Ye."

Mrs. L. E. Ballard, the Field Secretary, was selected to bring the Convention message.

Mrs. Griffin explained her plan for raising the sum of $500.00 from the Districts, for the purpose of furnishing and equipping the library at the Bible School in Nashville, Tenn., and that she placed these plans before each District Convention last fall. She stated that the full amount had not been raised, but she was hopeful that each district would raise their quota between now and the State Auxiliary Convention.

Mrs. Griffin brought before the Committee the need of each Vice-President setting a goal in their respective departments, which resulted in a very interesting discussion, each one agreeing that it was a wise plan, and one that would work, providing each Vice-President accepted the responsibility of putting it into effect. Mrs. Griffin stated that she was going to ask for the sum of Five Hundred Dollars during the next Convention year—$300.00 to be used for the Bible School, and $200.00 to promote Assembly Grounds for our Young People. Also she is asking that one Anna Phillips Poster be placed in each church, and that it be filled during the year. Also that a Vacation Bible School be held in each church, where possible.

The plan of work for each Vice-President, was outlined, and by the next session of the Convention, it is hoped that these plans will be adopted and put into effect. They are in keeping with our "Plan of work Program," as listed in our Year Book, and we believe will make the Departmental work of our Auxiliary more interesting and bring about better results.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, 5th Vice-President, was very enthusiastic relative to the Orphanage work, and manifested her desire for a more definite plan to present to the Auxiliaries. She outlined these plans during the meeting, and it is thought that our women will respond gladly, when they are launched.

Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, 3rd Vice-President, who is in charge of the Missionary effort in the Auxiliary, also gave some definite plans she has worked out, that she believes will bring about more effective results. There was some discussion about the work of the Vice-Presidents who were not present, and recommendations were made regarding their work for another year.

The Vice-Presidents in session, agreed to present their plan of work, at the May Auxiliary Convention, and be prepared to launch out into a wider field of service, immediately afterward. Of course these plans will be handed down to the District Vice-Presidents, who are, or will be, responsible for getting them to the local societies.

The meeting throughout, was considered very profitable, and it was with a keen sense of gratitude to our heavenly Father, that His influence and leadership was felt during the day.

A rising vote of appreciation was tendered Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Wiggs, and to the church, for the gracious hospitality and co-operation given the Committee on the occasion.

Alice E. Lupton,
Acting Secretary

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OAK GROVE AID

The Ladies Aid Society of White Oak Grove Church held its regular monthly meeting on March 4, at the home of Mrs. Seth Dawson. Mrs. Robert Herring presided over the meeting in the absence of our president, Mrs. Nannie Brown. The Bible reading was by Mrs. Seth Dawson and prayer was by all. We had reading and lesson discussion followed by a program of poems and readings prepared by Mrs. Vernon Herring.

We then had our business session. There were 10 members present and 5 absent; $1.80 dues collected, 20 sick visits made, 3 trays taken to the sick, 27 gallons of milk distributed, and 27 chapters read in Bible.

The next Aid will meet with Mrs. H. T. Heath, April 1, 1944. Benediction was given by Mrs. Robt. Herring. After the benediction, the hostess served refreshments.

Mrs. L. S. Howell, Secy.

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SIDNEY LADIES AID

The Aid Society of our church met on March 16, 1944. It was called to order with song and prayer, all repeating together the Lord's Prayer. We had two short talks given by members of the society; namely, Mrs. M. L. Cayton spoke on "Stewardship of the Gospel," and Mrs. Katie Roper spoke on "Evangelism at the Center of F. W. B. Life."

The president read the scripture lesson from the 26th chapter of the Book of The Acts, which was followed by a series of prayers. There were 13 members present, and 2 visitors. There were 277 chapters read in the Bible. We had four daily

Bible readers for the month. We sent one dollar to the State Treasury for the Jehoiada Chest Fund, and one dollar was sent for the Penny-a-Day Fund. We gave $5.00 for the Red Cross drive.

Our meeting closed with song and prayer.

Mrs. Jordan Clayton,
Secretary

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LEE'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY REPORT

The auxiliary of Lee's Chapel met in the home of Mrs. Palmer Sills on March 17, 1944, for an all day meeting. It was called to order by the president, Mrs. Lurie Tart. The scripture reading was by Mrs. Janie Wagstaff, and special services were held for the new officers.

Mrs. James West made a talk on missions, after which all assembled in the dining room and enjoyed a good dinner together. For the afternoon session, Mrs. J. A. Smith gave the Bible reading with many helpful thoughts. A discussion of the lesson for March was enjoyed by all present. The sick of the community were remembered by special prayer. There were fourteen members present for the meeting and all seemed to have had a good time together. All received a great spiritual blessing for having attended the meeting.

The delegates for the convention were appointed as follows: Mrs. James West and Mrs. Palmer Sills. The convention convenes with Oak Grove Church on April 12, 1944. We sincerely urge every member of the community to be present at our next meeting which will meet with Mrs. J. A. Smith.

Mrs. James E. West, Secretary

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DEEP RUN AID REPORT

Our Aid society held their regular monthly meeting at the church in March. It was opened with song and prayer. Mrs. Whitford Hill was in charge of the devotion. The lesson was taken from the Year Book of Programs. The scripture lesson was from Acts 26: 19-23. Then the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with eleven members answering to their names by repeating verses of scripture.

The dues collected amounted to $4.20. The treasurer reported $12.33 on hand. It was decided at our last meeting for each member to bring the worth of one hen to the March meeting, to be used to clothe our orphan girl at the Orphanage. We were asked to send this year $25 for this purpose. This clothing fund was turned over to the Fifth Vice-President of our society.

We take one dollar each month from the treasury to send to the Orphanage to be used as a general fund. Mrs. Rayford Blizzard is our delegate to attend the auxiliary convention, which is to be held at Sandy Plain Church on March 23rd. At this time there were received $2.31 for the Chest Fund.

Activities for the Month

Chapters read in the Bible	297
Quarts of milk given to the needy	200
Pounds of butter given to needy	6
Trays taken to the sick	8
Sick visits made	44
Cards sent to the sick	2
Flowers taken to the sick	2

There being no further business, the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Whitford Hill. Mrs. Elton Harper and Mrs. E. C. Taylor served refreshments.

Mrs. Roy Hill, President,
Mrs. Ruthie Hardison, Secretary

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SHILOH AID REPORT

Our Aid held its regular monthly meeting on Friday night, March 10th, at the home of Mrs. H. R. Osborne. It was opened by singing "Tell It to Jesus Alone," and the Lord's Prayer by Society. The roll was called with fourteen members present. The minutes of the last meeting were read, the 18th and 19th chapters of Acts were read.

Activities for the Month

Dues	$ 3.00
Free Will Offering	1.64
Birthday dues	1.86
Serving dues	1.50
For Flavoring sold	11.50
Bible Chapters read by Society	283
Sick visits made	35
Trays taken to sick	4
Flowers given	1

The meeting closed by the singing of "The Uncloudy Day," and prayer by Leona Wallace. We are to meet next month with Mrs. Ralph Osborne.

Six Months Report

No. members enrolled 35. Average attendance about 14.

Bible Chapters read	1807
Sick visits made	217
Trays to sick	18
Flowers	3

Disbursements

To Orphanage	$ 17.00
One Quilt—value	5.00
On Church repair	180.00
Flowers for church	1.50
Spread for Church	3.30
To South Norfolk Church	5.00
To Convention	2.50
For Flavoring	6.25
Total	$220.55

Balance in Treasury

Regular treasury	$ 6.82
Birthday treasury	3.46
Building fund	9.47
Total	$19.75

Mrs. Mattie G. Boyd, President
Mrs. Jarvis H. Waters, Secretary

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PROGRAM

Program for Cape Fear Ladies Auxiliary Convention which will convene with Oak Grove April 12, 1944.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions, Mrs. Carl Warren
10:15—Welcome, Mrs. Annie McPhail
10:20—Response, Mrs. Herman Johnson
10:25—President's Remarks
10:30—Business
11:15—Song service

11:30—Message, Speaker to be supplied
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Devotions, Mrs. Nora Smith
1:30—Session of Prayer for Peace, conducted by Mrs. W. H. Lancaster
2:00—Reports of Vice-Presidents
2:45—Business
3:30—Adjournment

Mrs. M. E. Godwin,
President,
Mrs. Herman Johnson,
Secretary

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PROGRAM

Program of the Pee Dee Auxiliary convention to be held with the Church of Bladenboro, N. C., April 1, 1944.

10:00—Devotions, Mrs. Katy McPherson
—Greetings, Mrs. Mary Bell Pait
—Response, Mrs. Tom Ward
—Reading of minutes and roll call of Churches
—Recognition of visiting delegates and ministers
11:00—Report of first vice-president
—Second vice-president
—Third vice-president
—Special Music
11:30—Convention Message by Rev. Walter Carter
—Remarks by the president and appointmen of committees
12:15—Lunch

1:15—Devotions by Mrs. Georgia Bryant
—Remarks from visiting delegates
1:30—Reports of fourth, fifth and sixth vice-presidents
2:15—Special music
2:30—Business period
—Report of Treasurer
—Report of Committees
—Installation of Officers
—Adjournment

Mrs. H. C. Adcox, President
Mrs. George Suggs, Secretary

PROGRAM

The following is the program of the Women's Auxiliary Convention which will convene with Ina F. W. B. Church on April 21, 1944, at nine-thirty A. M.

Morning Session

9:30—Devotions conducted by Opal McClerren
—Welcome by local president, Mrs. Ray Settle
—Response by Emma Moore, District President
—Prayer requests and season of prayers
—Business period
—Reading of minutes
—Treasurer's report
—Report of District Presidents
11:00—Sermon by the National President, Sister Eunice Edwards
12:00—Basket dinner

Afternoon Session

1:15—Congregational singing and prayer
—Selection of next place of meeting
—Appointment of delegates to National Convention
—Offering for the Unified Program
—Presentation of award to auxiliary securing the greatest number of subscriptions to the F. W. B. paper
—Stewardship program by the Pleasant View Auxiliary
—Song, "I Gave My Life for Thee"
—Talk: "We as a Nation Have Forgot God," by Mrs. Pearl Perriman
—Talk: "Seek Ye First the Kingdom," by Mrs. Olive Street
—Song by Mrs. Lavina Stormant
—Talk: "As Thy Servant Was Busy Here and There" by Mrs. Rachel Douthit
—Talk: "Where Are the Reapers," by Mrs. Ola Sanders
—Talk: "Christian Stewardship As I See It," by Mrs. Mattie Campbell
—Song by Mrs. Ola Sanders
—Talk: "The Principle of Christian Stewardship," by Lavina Stormant
3:30—Song, "Take up Thy Cross"

Mrs. C. J. Ketteman,
Macedonia, Ill.

DRUNK CASES COSTING LOS ANGELES MILLIONS!

(Continued from page 6)

He advocated a program of treatment of habitual drunks and homosexuals as social, rather than penal offenders.

70 Per Cent of All Arrests Are for Drunkenness!

"Seventy per cent of all arrests made by Los Angeles police are for drunkenness, Judge Guerin declared, while 40 per cent of the total energies of the department is expended in handling drunk cases and each drunk case costs the city $40.

"Judge Guerin deplored the shelving of the Spadra Institute for inebriates, created by the 1939 legislature, for which a building was constructed, but never used. It was to have been a 250-bed institution. In 1941, Dr. Aaron Rosanoff asked the state legislature for an appropriation for 500 beds. Legislator Seth Millington asked Rosanoff if a permanent cure for drunkenness ever had been effected, Judge Guerin said, and the doctor, truthful to a fault, replied no. The legislators rejected the appropriation.

$25,000,000 Possible Cost for Drunkenness!

"As a result, the Lincoln Heights Jail has continued to be the city's private institute for habitual drunks, Judge Guerin charged. In presiding over the court serving the jail, he said he discovered the place, the capacity of which is 600, was housing 936 persons, the greater part of whom were habitual drunks—not penal cases, but social cases.

"It is not beyond the realms of possibility that it has cost the city $25,000,000 to handle drunk cases from

the time of repeal on September 6, 1933, down to the present time, Judge Guerin declared.

"The grist at Lincoln Heights, he also revealed, includes 1800 'old chronic drunks' who are arrested on an average of 10 times a year each, for a total cost of $720,000 a year to the city. Among this group of 1800, some have been arrested as high as 250 times, each time on the same charge.

"Judge Guerin advocated steps to permanently establish the Spadra inebriate institution so that habitual drunkards can be treated as a social problem."

That is the way that repeal of Prohibition is balancing the budget in Los Angeles. The defenders of the liquor traffic told us before Repeal that the enormous amount of license money we would receive from the liquor traffic by repeal of Prohibition would balance the local, State and National budgets and reduce taxes.

But it never did before Prohibition came and it never has and never will since Prohibition Remember Judge Guerin's statement that for four years only, while Los Angeles received $1,171,588 revenue from liquor licenses, it cost that city $8,833,922 to take care of the drunks caused by those saloons. That is one reason why taxes were so high, even in peace times.—The Civic Bulletin.

"THE BEST OF ALL IS, GOD IS WITH US"

The little old man gathering up his feet in that old-fashioned bedstead was the same who had raised all England for Christ. To him had been given the heathen for his inheritance. He had been sent out into the world under the strain and stress of being son to Samuel and Susanna Wesley, and he had been well-nigh deafened by rams' horns of dissent and trumpets of orthodoxy. Calvin and Arminius had contended for his soul, and he had trembled under threats of what went forward in the Mind of God. But in a life packed with emotional crises he had come to believe that nothing profane lurked at the heart of the universe. Burning and shining there at the center, the essence of God partook of the warmth and the salvation of human love. So he was ending his long life very simply, and as a child comes home from school: "The best of all is, God is with us."

As John Wesley was whirled away into that world of light it was appropriate that the friends at his bedside should hear the rush of a chariot of fire. Instantly they dropped onto their knees and prayed passionately that the mantle of their Elijah might flutter down to them. Then they went out and told of his death and sent his message all round England in a glorious challenge of hope, "The best of all is, God is with us." They buried him in his own back garden, which was also just as it should be for this man of the many gardens. Only Charles Wesley and his father were fit to lie in consecrated ground. They buried John Wesley secretly, for fear of the great crowd of mourners, and that is perhaps why, to this day, some of his disciples refuse to believe that he ever died. Their number dwindles, but to some, still, he walks the City Road or darts in and out of Bristol's New Room. Sometimes they have watched him among the packing-cases in an old yard in Aldersgate Street, sometimes under Paul's dome. Sometimes they have seen a little figure sprinting round the playground at the Charter House or have watched a young man at work in his rooms at Lincoln College. Perhaps it is to Oxford that he will return, like that other Scholar Gipsy who waited for the spark from heaven to fall, for after all his wanderings, it was only Oxford he wished to have written on his coffin. But for John Wesley there remained no need to tarry longer, for he had learned the secret which that other sought. In the midst of his own wild brotherhood he had brought down fire from heaven, even to a world of half-believers in but casual creeds. So if his ghost still walks that warm green, muffed Cumnor hills or stays to watch the line of festal light in Christ's Church Hall, it is in no spirit of quest, but rather in the ecstasy of love's satisfaction.

"But what—I dream. Two hundred years are flown
Since first the story ran through Oxford halls."

—"Son to Susanna."

OFFICE OF THE BASE CHAPLAIN
Army Air Base
Dyersburg, Tennessee

21 March, 1944

Rev. R. B. Spencer, Editor
Free Will Baptist Press
Ayden, N. C.

Dear Brother Spencer,

I have just finished reading through the March 15th issue of "The Free Will Baptist" which I received yesterday.

I am writing to express my appreciation for the paper and the comfort and information I get from it. I find myself in the Army so far removed from the work and friends of my civilian practice. I must say that I get rather lonely at times. The "Baptist" keeps me informed of the Educational, Missions, Orphanage, Church Finance Association and other programs in which I am greatly interested.

It was gratifying to note the increase in subscriptions resulting from your recent "subscription drive." I am thankful for the progress being made by our people, the Free Will Baptist, everywhere.

May God's blessings be with you and the other members of the Press staff.

Yours truly,

Chester H. Pelt,
Chaplain, USA.

The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. I Thess. 5: 23, 24.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER DEATH

(Lesson for April 2)

Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15: 41-58. Read Mk. 16: 1-8; 1 Cor. 15.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15: 57).

A score of years before our Golden Text was first written, it would have been impossible for the words to have been inscribed on paper or spoken in any educated or civilized circle of society. They would have sounded so fantastic and preposterous, any man uttering these sentiments would have been classified as a madman.

Not until Jesus died and rose could any person make a calm, bold, contemptuous analysis of the power of death, and disdain all its dread authority in these words: "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"! And only in Christian circles can those sentiments be sounded to-day.

The Buddhist cannot say this: to him death is a powerful and implacable foe. He has no hope of a resurrection—no certainty of a bright awakening from a brief sleep which only marks his passing from one body to a better and finer form. For him there is only the bleak prospect of countless reincarnations, each one atoning for the sins and errors of the former until after weary ages he finally finds himself blotted out into a state of eternal forgetfulness. The heathen who worship after any satanic and idolatrous cult can never share the calm assurance with which every Christian can echo this text: **we alone have a risen Saviour who has prevailed as the Conqueror of death!**

A grief-stricken father handed the key of his little girl's casket to the keeper of the cemetery. The minister, noticing the father's helpless despair and sorrow, said, "You think the key to your little child's casket is in the hand of the keeper of the cemetery. Let me tell you, the key to your little girl's grave hangs at the girdle of the Son of God—Jesus, and He will come some morning and use it." Then the light broke through the man's tears, and he saw the glory of the resurrection. Yes, Jesus will come, and call forth the bodies of His dear ones, and "all that are in the graves shall * * come forth" (John 5: 28, 29).

—Selected

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The resurrection of the dead is guaranteed by the Word of God.

2. The resurrection body will be the opposite of the natural body in practically every respect.

3. The resurrection of the dead will not be experienced by believers who live when Christ comes.

4. The resurrection of the dead will occur very suddenly.

5. The resurrection of the dead is inseparably linked with the Second Coming of Christ.

6. The resurrection will be the great victory of the believer over death and the grave.

7. The resurrection body will be fit for life in Heavenly spheres.

8. Our resurrection from the dead will be just as real as was Christ's.

9. The hope of the resurrection and the life to come should be the greatest incentive to Christian service.

10. Because Christ arose from the dead we can believe that all of these other things are true.

11. All these truths are fully developed in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies and their use should prove a wonderful blessing to all who study them. Our lesson helps get better all the time and none of our Sunday Schools can have a good reason for not using them.

III. Home Work

1. Where do we find Old Testament promises of the resurrection of Christ? (Ps. 16: 8-10; 49: 15).

2. How many human witnesses saw Christ after His resurrection? (I Cor. 15: 5-8; Acts 13: 31).

3. How did Paul preach Christ's resurrection on the basis of the Old Testament? (Acts 13: 33-37).

4. What great doctrine of salvation did Paul base on Christ's resurrection? (Acts 13: 37-39; I Cor. 15: 14-19; Rom. 4: 25).

5. What was Paul's own great desire in relation to the resurrection? (Phil. 3: 10, 11).

6. What false teachings about the resurrection arose even in Paul's own day? (II Tim. 2: 18; I Cor. 15: 12).

7. Will all the dead be raised? (John 5: 28, 29; Rev. 20: 12, 13).

8. When shall the believers in Christ be raised from the dead? (I Cor. 15: 23; I Thes. 4: 16).

9. When shall all others rise from the dead? (Rev. 20: 4, 5).

10. What will become of believers who have not died when Christ comes? (I Cor. 15: 51; I Thes. 4: 17).

11. Read I Corinthians 15 through prayerfully several times. Are there any verses that are not clear to you? Then make an earnest effort to get the correct understanding of such verses. What verses of this chapter are frequently used as texts for funeral discourses?

CARTERET COUNTY UNION

The Carteret County Union of Free Will Baptist Churches convened with Welcome Home Church, Bettie N. C., 5th Saturday in January 1944. Brother Leslie Styron opened the morning session with congregational singing. The various committees were appointed, devotional, finance, temperance and Sunday School.

The following ministers were present: W. E. Anderson, L. L. Willis and J. R. Forrest. Rev. L. L. Willis preached the introductory sermon on "Repentance," using for a text St. Mark 1: 1-8.

At noon a bountiful dinner was served on the church grounds.

The afternoon session was opened by the Moderator, Rev. W. E. Anderson. A short testimony meeting followed, several witnessing for the Lord.

A special collection was taken for the Orphanage, amounting to $18.40.

After the minutes were read and approved the list of churches was called. Ten responded leaving three not represented. The total collections were $76.78.

Interesting reports were given on "Temperance" and "Sunday School."

A rising vote of thanks was given the good people of Welcome Home Church for the fine way they entertained the Union.

We closed with praise and prayer to meet 5th Saturday in April, 1944, at St. John's Chapel Church, Stacy, N. C.

Rev. W. E. Anderson,
Moderator,
Mrs. Weldon Fulcher,
Secretary.

BROTHERHOOD AND THE RED CROSS

Of all the organizations in the world today which have done an outstanding job in every phase of the alleviation of human suffering, doubtless the Red Cross deserves the most praise. Among their other activities, within the past two years, we have become better acquainted, through their appeal for assistance, with the importance and necessity of making blood plasma available to war casualties.

In every community of the country, this Red Cross appeal for blood has had enthusiastic response. From every community of the country, men and women are contributing to the huge pipe line of life that begins in every town in America and stretches out to every one of our battle stations throughout the world. And from this pipe line comes a powerful flood—it is the blood of our nation—the anonymous blood of America saving the lives of her sons.

Many of us have never stopped to think that the fundamental unity of our country is so aptly illustrated in the simple act of giving blood for those in a critical or dangerous condition. We do not realize perhaps—but it is about time that we did that the names, big or little, on this pipe line illustrate best of all, why our country and our way of living must triumph over the aggressor.

Does it make any difference whether the name be O'Brien, Jones, Goldberg or Syboda? Does it matter whether this blood comes from Protestant, Catholic or Jew? Does it matter whether the donors are Democrat or Republican — rich or poor—clergymen or laymen? Irrespective of political beliefs, irrespective of their country of origin or the church which they attend—all who give blood—give it willingly to the cause of Humanity for which our Savior suffered and for which we are fighting again today.

If we realize this—if we appreciate the fact that saving the lives of our men at battle stations throughout the world is blood which comes from all of us—we begin to realize and appreciate the fundamental meaning embodied in our Constitution which tersely sets forth the principles of our Government—the Equality of mankind.

So as this time of the year, let us contribute generously to the Red Cross—appreciating not only its importance in the world in which we are now living—but more especially the fact that through its blood donor service—it is not only saving lives, but knitting together more closely that democratic brotherhood which we call America.

—Rev. William C. Kernan

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(Second Week-End)

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Boys and Girls Corner

THE CHILDREN'S PRAISE SONG

Every springtime the boys and girls of Jesus' country went to Jerusalem to the Passover feast at the temple. When Jesus was a little boy, He and His mother and Joseph used to go up to the city for this celebration.

After Jesus grew up, there came a springtime when He set out to walk to Jerusalem, just as He had done every year when He was a boy. His disciples were with Him and all around were many other people.

One Sunday morning they were almost to the city. Across the valley, on a high hill, they could see the towers of Jerusalem and the temple shining in the sunlight.

Jesus sent two of His disciples to a little town near by to bring Him a colt so He could ride the rest of the way. Soon the disciples came back, leading the colt to where Jesus and His companions were waiting. Then the men made a saddle of their bright colored coats and Jesus began to ride into the city.

How the crowd cheered, and clapped their hands and cried out for joy! Jesus, the One they loved and who was so wonderfully good to them, was riding on a colt like a king.

Quickly some of the people took off their coats and spread them on the ground before Him. Others cut green branches from the palm-trees and made a leafy path for Jesus to ride over. They did all they could to show how they loved Him.

Every one was singing, every one was praising Him. Some ran before Him waving the broad palm-branches and all joined in the happy song: "Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

The children were singing too. Their eyes sparkled and their cheeks glowed rosy red. They waved high in the air the green branches. Down one hill and up the other, the children led Jesus, the King, into the city of Jerusalem. Even into the temple the children followed Him. All together they continued to sing: "Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

OBITUARIES

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IN MEMORIAM

This is written in loving memory of my dear Mother, Mrs. Elzie Clay Johnson.

The Prince of Peace, in gathering precious jewels for His mansion, came on Friday, January 28, 1944, and claimed the spirit of our beloved Mother, Mrs. Elzie Clay Johnson.

At an early age she was joined in matrimony to Sidney O. Johnson, who long since has gone to his reward. Mother was a true and faithful member of the Damascus Free Will Baptist Church for forty years. She lived a beautiful consecrated Christian life, and wielded an influence for good.

Although Mother's health had been failing for the last year, her death came as a great shock to the loved ones. She contracted the "flu" the first of January, which affected her heart. All was done for her that the family, friends, physicians and nurses could do, but all to no avail. God said, "Come up higher." She leaves to mourn their loss one daughter, two sons and three grandchildren, besides a host of relatives and friends.

She was the fondest of mothers, and tenderly sought the comfort of her devoted children. Few women possessed more of human kindness, or ministered more largely to the afflicted and the suffering than she did.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. L. Hollis, and assisted by Rev. J. M. Hass. The Reverend Bryan Jadge had charge of the song service. After a very impressive service, her body was tenderly borne out to the Damascus Cemetery, and laid to rest beneath a canopy of fragrant and beautiful flowers, which were typical of the fragrant and beautiful flower which had been plucked to adorn the courts of God's eternal heaven.

Our hearts are sad and broken,
We're bowed in grief and woe;
Sometimes we even question
Why our very own must go.

Alone unto our Father's will,
One thought hath reconciled;
That He whose love exceedeth ours
Has taken Home His child.

Sleep on, dear Mother,
And take thy rest;
We miss you most
Who loved you best.

—Written by a heart-broken daughter,

Mrs. Covert McKee

HEAR WHAT THESE MEN HAVE SAID ABOUT WHISKEY

(Continued from page 2)

sufferance of the Christian churches. They are masters of the situation so far as the abolition of the traffic is concerned. When they say 'Go,' and vote 'Go', it will go. The saloon would destroy the church, if it could; the church could destroy the saloon if it would."

Sam Jones said:—"I've seen a man and a dog go into a saloon, and in an hour the man would get beastly drunk and stagger out like a hog, while the dog would come out and walk away like a gentleman."

Frank E. Gannett said: — "I got first-hand knowledge of the workings of booze, and I never saw it work any good. I saw liquor make a lot of good men bad; but I never saw it make a bad man any better. After watching booze ruin men, I made up my mind that if I ever got a chance I would fight it."

Phillips Brooks said:"If we would sweep intemperance out of our country, there would be hardly poverty enough left to give healthy exercise to our charitable impulses."

William Lloyd Garrison said:—"I will be as harsh as truth, and as uncompromising as justice. On this subject I do not wish to think or speak or write with moderation. No! No! Tell a man whose house is on fire to give a moderate alarm; tell him to moderately rescue his wife from the hands of a ravisher; tell the mother to gradually extricate her babe from the fire into which it has fallen; but urge me not to use moderation in a cause like the present. I am in earnest—I will not equivocate—I will not excuse—I will not retreat a single inch and I will be heard."

General Douglas MacArthur said:—"By profession I am a soldier and take pride in that fact; but I am prouder, infinitely prouder, to be a father. A soldier destroys in order to build. A father builds never to destroy. It is my hope that my son, when I am gone, will remember me, not from the battlefield but in the home, repeating with him our simple daily prayer, 'Our Father which art in heaven',"

A Great Dry Military General

Gen. Bernard Law Montgomery, commander of the British Eighth Army, has had more tactical success than any other general opposing German armies in the western theatre of war. He never moves until he has ample material and his plans are made, and when he moves he is successful. An article in the Scottish Temperance Reformer of May 31, 1943, by Rev. A. Jeans Courtney says "General Montgomery is a teetotaller. He never absents himself from church services, I am informed by the Rev. A. T. A. Naylor, senior chaplain to the forces, and he always reads the lesson." The Rev. Mr. Naylor quotes the general as saying, "I read my Bible every day." — The Civic Bulletin.

PROGRAM

The annual session of the Sunday School Convention of the Martin association will be held with Highway Church, near Brinson, Georgia, in Decatur County, May 21, 1944.

Everybody is invited and asked to bring well filled basket.

Morning Session

10:00—Song and prayer service
—Devotion by Mrs. Effie Kimbrel
—Welcome address by L. D. Scott
—Response by O. F. Everson
—Enrollment of Sunday Schools with their delegates
11:30—Midday message by Rev. H. L. Catrett
12:30—Lunch Hour

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotion by Rev. D. Floyd and programs by the various Sunday Schools
—New business
—Miscellaneous business
—Election of officers
—Time and place for next session
—Adjournment

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THEME: "Victory Through Christ"

TEXT: "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5: 4)

HYMN: "Faith is the Victory"

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Rev. J. Albert Harris, Music Director

9:00—Registration (Convention Officer's Conference)
9:30—Opening Assembly, Congregational Singing, Invocation
9:50—Welcome Address: E. E. Best, Goldsboro, N. C.
—Response: Presiding Officer
10:00—Introductory Business Session: Selection of Temporary Committees, etc.
10:35—Institute-Forum: "Problems of Your Sunday School—Planning to Overcome Them"—Conducted by Rev. J. A. Evans. (Come prepared to discuss problems of your Sunday School and tell how you have overcome them—"Tell to teach, listen to learn.")
11:25—Hymn: "Faith Is the Victory"
11:30—Convention Message: "Victory through Christ," Rev. J. C. Griffin
12:00—Lunch and Social Recreation

1:00—Congregational Singing and Devotions
1:15—Special Music
1:25—Round Table Discussion: "How May We Reach the Standard of Efficiency in our Sunday School?" Open discussion on "The Standard of Efficiency" and "The Three Year Program of Progress," conducted by Rev. R. P. Harris and Rev. L. E. Ballard
2:10—Final Business Session: Reports of Temporary Committees, Motions, Resolutions, Election of Officers, etc.
3:10—Hymn: "Lead on O King Eternal"
3:15—Prayer and Meditation
3:20—Adjournment

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NOT GROWING OLD

"Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day."—II Cor. 4: 16.

They say that I am growing old.
I've heard them tell it times untold,
In language plain and bold—
But I am not growing old.

This frail old shell in which I dwell
Is growing old, I know full well—
But I am not the shell.

What if my hair is turning grey?
Grey hairs are honorable, they say.
What if my eyesight's growing dim?
I still can see to follow Him
Who sacrificed His life for me
Upon the Cross of Calvary.

What should I care if time's old plow
Has left his furrows on my brow?
Another house, not made with hands,
Awaits me in the Glory Land.
What though I falter in my walk?
What though my tongue refuse to talk?
I still can tread the Narrow Way,
I still can watch, and praise and pray.

My hearing may not be as keen
As in the past it may have been,
Still I can hear my Saviour say
In whispers soft, "This is the way."

The outward man, do what I can
To lengthen out this life's short span,
Shall perish, and return to dust,
As everything in nature must.

The inward man, the Scriptures say,
Is growing stronger every day.
Then how can I be growing old
When safe within my Saviour's fold?

E're long my soul shall fly away,
And leave this tenement of clay,
This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise
To seize the "everlasting prize."—
I'll meet you on the Streets of Gold,
And prove that I'm not growing old.

John E. Roberts

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. Isa. 1: 18.

From Him who washed you in his blood,
Ye saints, your loudest songs prepare;
He sought you wandering far from God,
And now preserves you by his care.

Now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are nigh by the blood of Christ. Eph. 2: 13.

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On Easter Morning

What tidings of reverent gladness are voiced by the bells that ring
A summons to men to gather to-day in the courts of the King!
"He is risen!" O glorious message! "He lives, who once was dead!"
And hearts that were heavy with sorrow hear and are comforted.

We come to our dear Lord's altar. What brightness greets us there!
The gloom of the winter has vanished, and beauty is everywhere.
From the censer-cups of the lilies rise scents of myrrh and balm,
And the soul, like a lark, soars upward, winged with the Easter psalm.

O beautiful, beautiful lilies, what truth you typify:
You seemed to die in the autumn, and yet you did not die.
And on this Easter morning while joyful voices sing
You repeat to all the lesson of the miracle of spring.

"Alleluia," the choir is chanting with joyous, jubilant voice.
"The Lord is risen, is risen! Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice!"
From the tomb in which men laid Him the stone is rolled away,
And lo! the Christ they sing of is here in our midst to-day.

—Eben E. Rexford

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By J. C. Griffin

The Resurrection of Christ

The fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ is set fort in undeniable evidence. Beginning with Mary Magdalene, the first witness, others saw Christ, on various occasions, until Paul declares that more than five hundred saw the LIVING SON OF GOD after His resurrection.

The apostle Paul preached the RESURRECTION along with the story of the CROSS everywhere. In preaching to the Corinthians, Paul said, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (I Cor. 15: 1-4).

Let us notice: (1). Christ Died; (2). He Was Buried; (3). Christ Arose from the Dead.

1. Those who are Christians believe that Jesus Christ actually died. I know that there are people who say that they are Christians, and yet they do not believe that Jesus Christ actually died for us. But Paul preached the Christ who actually died. In preaching this doctrine, he said, "By which also ye are saved." So, to be saved, one must believe that Jesus Christ actually died on the cross for our sins. No salvation without the death of Christ.

2. He Was Buried. The fact that the friends of Jesus took his body to the place of burial is evidence that they thought him to be dead. They had the evidence that He was dead so they buried His body. Also, the soldier who pierced His side said, "He is dead already."

3. Christ Arose from the Dead.

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EDITORIAL

EASTER GREETINGS—

The Editorial Staff and the Business Management of the Press wish to extend joyous Easter Greetings to the many Baptist readers and patrons of the institution. We are hoping for the ministers and the churches throughout the country a splendid Easter season. May the great heavenly Father send many blessings upon all the Christian services on Easter Sunday throughout the land. Let there be great rejoicing in the hearts of all who assemble at the sacred places of worship for the glory of God. May the many prayers, offered, ascend to the throne of grace and be expressive of thanksgiving for the manifold blessings which God has given since the passing of last Easter season.

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THE RISEN LORD—

The risen Lord is the hope of the world. The resurrection is the proof of life beyond the grave, and death is only the passing point from life here to the life beyond. Victory over the weaknesses and troubles of this life is won through the crucified and risen Lord, by those who live for Him in this life and pass on to the eternal reward in the regions above. The Easter season is the time in which hearts are brought to realize the significance of the resurrection of our Lord, and the duty of all people to offer up unto God their joy and thanksgiving for the great blessings of life.

This sacred occasion should always draw people together for solemn worship, praise and thanksgiving unto the risen Lord because it was He who made the supreme sacrifice on the cross for their sins. The sweet fellowship and communion together of God's children at the services on this Easter Sunday should bring great joy and satisfaction to the hearts of all of God's people. Thoughts of the risen Master, coming afresh to the minds of those who enter into the Easter services this season, should renew within them new determinations and aspirations to go forth in the work of the Lord with a greater zeal to accomplish more for the salvation of lost souls than ever before.

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SPECIAL PRAYER SERVICES—

The "Pre-Easter Services," which are being conducted in many of the churches both in the rural and the city districts each year, mean much for the cause of Christ. Many people are brought to realize, by the many prayers offered up to God for the cause of righteousness, that Easter is the season to be celebrated in holy remembrance of Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

It is a splendid occasion in which many are brought together to offer unto God special prayers for the men and women in the Armed forces of our country. It is a time in which all churches should beseech God at the throne of grace for mercy, pardone and the salvation of lost souls. Easter offers a great opportunity for ministers and the church people everywhere to turn unto the Lord in special prayers for the war to cease. Prayers for peace and a new world-order, during the Easter season by the servants of the Lord, will do much to bring about better world-conditions. God has promised to answer the prayers of His people, if they will turn unto Him in humble faith and trust, and follow His guidance. Nothing greater could be done, possibly, during this Easter season than for the people of God to hold special prayer services in all the churches over the land for the cessation of war, and the ushering in of world-peace. More hearts would be made glad by the nation going to God in special prayer for these great causes than by anything else that might be done.

NATURE EXPRESSIVE OF EASTER JOY—

The God of nature is expressive of Easter joy, as well as of new life for new existence. The flowers about the lawns burst forth with fragrance and beautiful colors, expressive of new life, new hope and new joy. The birds go forth to build new nests with joy in their songs, and prepare for the new life in their coming offspring. The fruit trees bedeck the vineyards and gardens with their beautiful display of blossoms of many colors, expressive of new life and new fruitage to come during the summer months. All nature about us, from the tiniest insect or plant to the greatest beast or tree of earth, takes on new changes, new life and new growth. It is expressive of the resurrection of new vigor, new ambition and new life to come in the world of nature upon earth.

Man, the highest of God's creation and endowed with the spirit of hope and aspiration, looks toward that new life in the beyond, beyond this earthly existence. He sees in all nature about him God's plan of the resurrection each year. He knows that all life is a process of unfolding, developing and propagating for the ongoing of the things in nature, and according to the great plan of the Creator. From them he gets a lesson of true significance of the God of nature, and what the plant and the animal kingdoms hold for the world—the resurrection in nature.

For him the supreme joy is the resurrection of his new life in Christ Jesus. His greatest aspirations, therefore, consist in making the best of this life in every way possible, and in reaping the eternal joys of heaven beyond. His soul then will dwell in the midst of the eternal glories of God's heavenly home.

Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Rev. 1: 5, 6.

After the Darkness Comes the Dawn

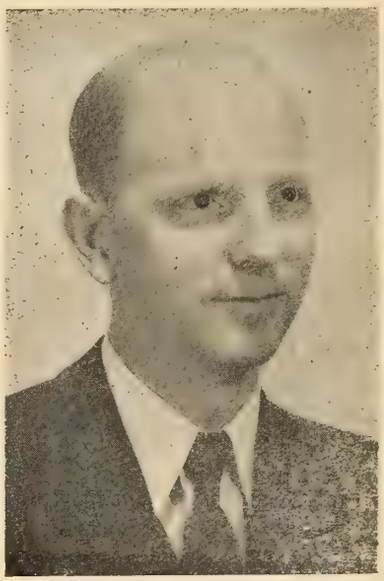
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Phil. 3: 10, "That I might know Him, and the Power of His Resurrection."

There have been times when doors have been shut but if opened would reveal much power and light. At the time the grave stone had closed the grave that contained the body of our Christ deep darkness was over the face of the disciples. There is no light of gladness, no smile of hope on their faces. Jesus lies in the tomb. Their hopes lie buried with Him. "We trusted," they are saying, "that it had been He who should have redeemed Israel." In Galilee beside the Lake, we saw His Power and His glory. On Golgotha we heard His bitter cry and saw His dying agony. Then Joseph of Arimathea took His body and we laid it in the tomb—Jesus is dead.

Thanks be to God! the gospel story does not end with the death of Christ. It does not close with His triumphant cry, "It is finished." Nor does the apostolic message. Christ's death was followed by His resurrection. Jesus was of "the seed of David according to the flesh," but was declared to be the "Son of God with Power by the Resurrection from the dead." He died for our sins and was buried and "hath been raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." Such is Paul's concise statement. He bases his belief in the resurrection of Jesus; First, on the prophecies and promises that He would rise; and, then, on the appearance of the living Redeemer because He did rise. He enumerates His appearances in order down to his vision on the Damascus road and draws his conclusion, "If Christ hath not been **raised** your faith is vain, ye are yet in your sins. They also that have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable."

One of the most remarkable things about the story of the resurrection as given in the gospels is that the accounts of the eye witnesses emphasize the doubts of the Lord's followers. They were doubters and wanted to have more than heresay evidence. The women "said nothing to any one for they were afraid" (Mark 16: 8). When Mary Magdalene told them of her experience with a living Christ, "they disbelieved" (Mark 16: 11). When they saw Him on the mountain in Galilee some worshipped Him," "but some doubted" (Matt. 28: 17). The apostle Thomas kept his doubts for a whole week and then he was convinced.



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After Christ's ascension and the great day of pentecost none of the disciples lived in doubt. (Please read Acts 1: 3, 1 Cor. 15: 6, Acts 10: 40, II Cor. 13: 4).

He is alive for evermore. Death can have no more dominion over Him for He hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light in the Gospel. This is the power of the new life in Christ. He is in every believer. He is the hope of glory and the secret of victory over sin, and the saved are crucified with Christ, dead and buried with Him, but now alive in Him and for Him.

The resurrection morning sheds new light—the light of eternity on all things. Everything and every man is different because of this living hope, this manifestation of God's power and God's Victory at the empty tomb. Old things have passed away, all is new in the new light of the Resurrection morning. But the unbelief of the apostles was not as great as the after belief of the resurrection. They speak much of it.

The human heart hungers for two things, redemption from sin and life eternal. Comparative history of religions show this to be true. Christ is the fulfillment of both these hungers. Immortality is wanted because life is incomplete here. Our love grows stronger even though the body becomes weaker. There is a drawing toward that eternal home. Homes have been broken because of this war. Plans are incomplete. It will take heaven to complete things. Things look dark, but the dawn is coming. Do not doubt, for to doubt is not just to doubt, but to doubt God and His work. Do not try to judge God because He does not stop this awful conflict—even though He slays us and ours yet will we trust Him, "for we know that our Redeemer liveth." He is not dead. He neither slumbers or sleeps. You, who stand by an open grave of your brother, hear the gospel Jesus preached of the Resurrection, "I am the Resurrection and the life, Whosoever believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die, Believest thou this?" (Jon. 11: 25-26). The Lord Jesus Christ shall change these vile bodies and fashion them like unto his glorious body, getting us pilgrims and strangers, "a city that hath foundations whose builder and maker is God." The darkness will go away and the dawning of a new day will appear. So may we preach His death and Resurrection until He comes to receive His own to Himself.

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance. Matt. 3: 8.

Proofs of the Resurrection

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". . . He shewed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs . . . ."—Acts 1: 3.

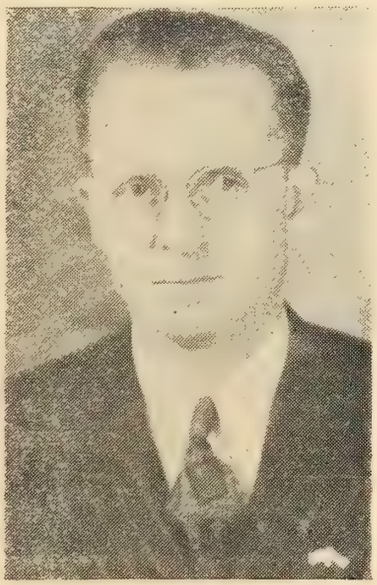
There are many proofs, in the realms of both the natural and the spiritual, which establish the fact of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. Space will not permit the consideration here of but a small portion of them.

First, **Silence on the Part of the Roman Government**

There is such a thing as silence speaking louder than words. Yea, even in thunder tones. Such was true as we notice the silence of the Romans after the Christ arose from the dead. They hushed. They said nor did no more. As much as to say if a man can't be kept down after he is killed then why try any farther. History records that a Roman Centurion went to Pilates wife, after Jesus arose from the dead, with these words: "That man Jesus is alive again in the world and neither Roman nor Jew can stop His truth." How true were the words of this soldier. Rome, the world empire of that day, sealed the sepulchre and set a watch, but their strong armed guards fell as dead men at the appearance of resurrection power. The silence of that greatest of all political powers from that day until now is an outstanding proof of the fact that Jesus lives.

Second, **He Was Seen of Men**

Jesus appeared to His disciples, showed them His hands and His feet, and the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. One of them doubted, which is a characteristic of so many today, but when Jesus had him reach forth his hand and place it in the wound of His precious side, Thomas was made to cry out, "My Lord and my God" (Jon. 20: 28). These men recorded their post resurrection experiences with Jesus and then dared to back up their recordings with sufferings even to cold martyrdom. Each one of the twelve died a martyr's death except John, and he suffered worse than martyrdom at the hand of cruel persecutors, then finally died a natural death. There is but one explanation for the relentless sufferings of these great men of faith and this explanation is expressed clearly in John 20: 25 in these words, "We have seen the Lord." Oh if we but had a greater vision of this Christ today we would rejoice to suffer for Him, whereas, it is many times we find ourselves shrinking from it. Yes, we have the testimony of men, men of integrity, honest men, men who attested their testimony by their labors of love, and by their sufferings. Their recordings have stood the anvil blows of the atheists through the centuries, and their testimony rings as clear, if not clearer, today than ever before.



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Third, **The Proof of Psychology**

It is not at all in keeping with the laws of psychology for one to abruptly change from a state of hatred toward a person to a state of love and devotion toward the same person. From a psychological standpoint one must have a period of time, and usually a lengthy period of time, to make such a change. The spiritual nature and mind of man is so constructed that he ordinarily does not make such a change abruptly or immediately. He must be persuaded and influenced. Outside pressure must be brought to bear upon him, etc. Yet in the case of Saul of Tarsus, who became Paul the apostle, we have just such an abrupt change of mind and heart from a state of bitter hatred to that of the most ardent devotion and love toward the Christ. There is but one explanation, the power of a LIVING Christ. The laws of psychology were completely outlawed by the glorious ecstasy and power of the living Christ. Not only was this true in the life of Paul, but we have seen it exemplified in the lives of others many times even in our day. Yes, consideration of the laws of psychology when found confronted with the power of the spirit is an outstanding proof that Jesus LIVES.

Fourth, **The Most Concrete of All Proofs, the Spirit that Bears Witness within**

Though the world's strongest political power was compelled to silently acknowledge defeat in its grappling with the God man; though religious bigotry on the part of the Jews was compelled to suffer equal defeat; though His life is proven as we see it demonstrated in others as we go along; though the resurrection is revivified every spring as we see the vegetable and plant kingdom come forth from its dormant stage to take on new life; though even the insignificant butterfly bespeaks this matchless truth as it comes forth from the cocoon to wing its way in resplendant beauty; though we have a million and more God given facts which evidence the truth of the resurrection; and though it is recorded in the very inspired word of God, yet the greatest proof of them all is the fact that **He lives in your heart and mine.** Nothing in the form of writings either sacred or secular, nor does any other evidence, build a faith in the living Christ as does the personal experience we have with him. Quoting from 2nd Cor. 5th Chapter, we are moved by these words, "For we know that if this earthly house of our tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God an house not

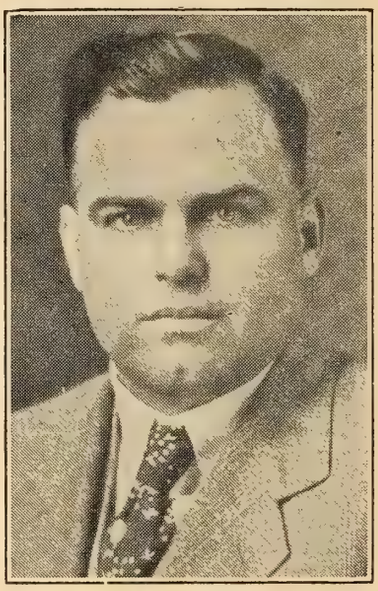
made with hands eternal and in the heavens." The 5th verse says, "He that hath wrought us, or created us, for this selfsame thing (or habitation) is God, who hath also given unto us the earnest of the spirit." How does the Christian know so much? It is by, and because of, the spirit which dwells within. Certainly for the Christian, evidences do not have to be sighted to prove to him that Jesus lives, but for the unbelieving world they must needs be shown many things. They are so prone to say it is a thing incredible that God should raise the dead. Oh that we might know Him and the power of His resurrection! (Phil. 3: 10). We have a striking thought on this verse of scripture as we find it translated into the Eskimo language. Of course translators meet up with some knotty problems as they strive to translate the scriptures into the various languages. We are told that the Eskimo language has no equivalent to our word power. So in translating Phil. 3: 10, they use the word dynamite instead. Now to read it that way, "that we may know Him and the DYNAMITE of His resurrection." Truly the resurrection of Jesus Christ was nothing short of a dynamic experience. Matthew says there was a great earthquake, and that an angel, whose countenance was like lightening, came from God out of heaven and rolled back the stone, and that for fear of him the keepers did shake and became as dead men. Yes, it was an invincible expression of the dynamic power of God in the resurrection of His Son. And so is our experience with him dynamic. The Christian's experience is real. It is a coming to life from the dead. How marvelous that this redeemer will condescend to come into our tabernacle of clay and live, and that He will reassure us day by day. In the days of the Levitical priesthood when the high priest would go into the holiest of holies to make atonement for the sins of himself and for the people, the congregation would stand outside and tremble for fear their highpriest would fall dead as he went into the very presence of the shikinah glory. But he had little bells on his garments and so long as they could hear the ringing of the little bells they knew their high priest was yet alive. So it is with us. Our high priest has gone into the holiest of holies in the heavens and is seated at the right hand of the Father making intercession for us, and every time we realize the tingling of the Holy Spirit in our hearts, it is just another assurance that our high priest still lives.

It is not enough to preach Jesus and Him crucified. We must preach Him alive again. Paul says, "NOW IS Christ risen from the dead" (1 Cor. 15: 20). The principal message in the days of the early church was that of the resurrection. Paul was considered "a setter forth of strange gods because he preached unto them Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17: 18). The resurrection is the crowning work of our great redemptive plan. In the language of the harvester it would be the "cap sheaf." In the language of the astronomer it would be the "zenith." In the language of the musician it would be "the fine." In the language of the child of God it is **our joy and hope and our highly anticipated coronation experience.**

Results of Resurrection of Jesus Christ

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John 11: 25, 26, "Jesus saith unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And



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whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?"

In practically every approach made to a declaration of the provisions in redemption's plan, we major on the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ which He made on the cross. This is as it should be, but we weaken the appeal if we fail to include the preaching of the resurrection of the same Christ. It was the preaching of the resurrection that created resentment and enraged the enemies of our Saviour rather than the crucifixion, for the crucifixion would have been their delight had it not been for the resurrection. Had the heralds of the cross only announced the fact that Jesus had been crucified, with no reference to the fact that He lives again, it would have gratified their selfish desires. In His proclamation of truth it was not His prophecy of His death that so displeased the organized enemy strongholds, but the greater associated truth, "In three days I will raise it again."

So, the resurrection bears a very fixed relationship to Christian experiences, and to the proclamation of Christ as Saviour to others, as revealed in First Corinthians 15: 12-19, "Now if Christ be preached that He rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen. And if Christ be not risen, then is your preaching vain, and your faith is vain. Yea,

and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that He raised up Christ: Whom He raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is Christ not raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." Hence we view the results of the resurrection of Jesus Christ as it relates to Him and to all humanity.

As To Christ Himself

Through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, He is declared to be the Son of God with omnipotence at His disposal. Paul says in Romans 1: 4, "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, BY THE RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD." True it is that there never was a time in which He was anything less than the Son of God, but His having become man to die for our sins, and having become the victor through the resurrection substantiates the fact before the eyes of all intelligence. Further, He is declared to have been ordained of God as Judge of all mankind on the grounds of the resurrection. Saint Luke says in Acts 10: 39-42, "And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; Whom they slew and hanged on a tree. Him God raised up the third day, and shewed Him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is He which was ordained of God to be the Judge of the quick and dead." Yes, His resurrection from the dead qualifies Him as Judge of "the quick and the dead." All of His claims to superiority and authority, He based on His resurrection.

"Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But He answered and said unto them, an evil and adulterous generation seeketh a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Ninevah shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here" (Matt. 12: 38-42).

His ministry of advocacy during the Church age is a fruit of the resurrection. Saint John says in I John 2: 1, 2, "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propituation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

His right to world-rulership in a kingdom of peace is based on the resurrection. First Timothy 6: 13-16: "I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, Who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession; that thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in His times He will show, Who is the only potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; Who no man hath seen, nor can see: To Whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen." We thus see that all that He is and all that he means, for time and eternity, depend on the reality of His resurrection.

As To The Believer

The believer is assured of his acceptance with God as a fruit of the resurrection, for it is the ground of our acceptance, as Paul so declares in Romans 4: 25: "Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification." It is just as true that His intercessory ministry for us was procured through His resurrection, as is shown in Romans 8: 35: "Who is He that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen again, Who is even at the right hand of God, Who also maketh intercession for us." Power is a popularly discussed topic among us, but to what extent have we come to realize the fact that His resurrection-life as a living reality in us is our guarantee of experiencing this power? Listen to Paul's words in Philippians 3: 10: "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable to His death." May our desire be represented herein, as death to the world is essential to the realization of this power made accessible through resurrection-life. Paul says in Ephesians 1: 19-22, "And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He wrought in Christ Jesus, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places. Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, which is the body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all." Power over the greatest of man's foes, death has been of paramount concern to the human family since the first pair fell, and the true believer is assured of this power for eternal victory through the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. In John 14: 19, we read, "Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye shall see me: because I live, ye shall live also." Paul says in II Corinthians 4: 14, "Knowing that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you." Yet, the hope of the entire church, the body of Christ, is that of being clothed in His resurrection-life.

Let us note carefully the follow-

ing scriptures: Acts 1: 11; Philippians 3: 20, 21; First Thessalonians 4: 14-18: ". . . Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven." "For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself." "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (precede) them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." What comfort to the children of God who exercise faith in such promises! Our Lord, though crucified, was raised again from the dead, and ever liveth to make intercessions for us, and is coming again for the final installment of our salvation, to wit, the redemption of our bodies. Our resurrection bodies to be like His is His eternal delight.

As To The Unbeliever

The resurrection of the true believer through the Lord Jesus Christ is no more certain than that of the unbeliever, "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive, but every man in his own order," (First Corinthians 15: 22-23a). The order is described in the record of the First and the Second Resurrections, as given in Revelation 20: 4-6; 11-15, "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus Christ, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Revelation 20: 4-6, doubtless, is referring specifically to Tribulation Saints, hence we associate First Corinthians 15: 51, 52, to complete the description of the First Resurrection. "Behold, I shew you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." Thus, the resurrection is declared to be effective for all men, whether saint or sinner. It justifies the warnings in Hebrews 9: 27, and Acts 17: 31; namely, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." This reference certainly implies the resurrection, and "Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

It has been said of our blessed Saviour that He had no earthly possessions, for example, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not a place to lay His head," said He. At His birth He borrowed a stall from the ox of the field, He preached a sermon in a borrowed boat, He rode into Jerusalem on a borrowed ass, He ate His last supper with His disciples in a borrowed room, He was buried in a borrowed grave; yet through His resurrection life and glory, He stands the ever-living victor over sin and death, with eternal omnipotence revealed as vested in Him; hence all of His creation should join the poet in due exultation as expressed in the following words:

"All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all."

May this Easter occasion prove an effective challenge to every reader to so yield to Him at this time.

"UNAFRAID"

Unafraid to meet my Saviour,
Unafraid to do His will;
Then, when Jesus calls me,
I'll be unafraid to love Him still.

Unafraid, my fears are vanished,
Unafraid to love Him true;
Love takes all my earthly cares
And I'm unafraid, His will to do.

"Unafraid"—the word so simple,
Unafraid—means no small thing;
For when Christ says, "Come,"
Then I'm unafraid to meet my King.

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They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint. Isa. 40: 31.

Easter Morning

By Rev. R. N. Hinnant,
Micro, North Carolina

The Roman government was a mighty power that guarded the body of Jesus. Thirty-six hours had elapsed after the earthquake on Friday afternoon, then suddenly there was another shock that rolled back the stone from the sepulcher. Like lightning, his raiment white as snow, the angel of the Lord descended; and for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

Jesus said, "I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."

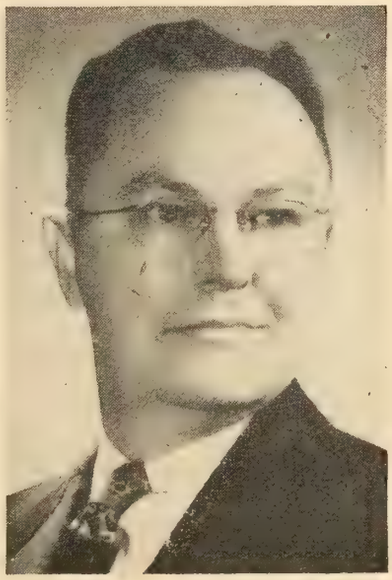
"Whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death," Peter says, "because it was not possible that he should be holden of it."

It was but a sleep, He awaked, for the Lord sustained Him. In the radiant peace of the morning, it was said, "Sing, O heavens, and be joyful; O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains; for the Lord hath comforted His people."

R. S. Storrs says, "As the rising of the sun irradiates the landscape, pouring the fresh matin splendor into each valley, wreathing the mountain cliffs with smiles, turning the snowy crest to chrysolite, while renewing the grace of every flower, and charging the dewdrops with diamond lusters, so this supreme outburst of the Divine fullness of energy and sovereignty resident in the Lord interprets all His preceding miracles, emphasizes all His recorded teachings, gives superlative import and glory to His humility, and makes us recognize the immensity of the sacrifice which to Him was involved in the long endurance of our mortal limitations."

And now the precious spicery, brought by the hands of love at the dawn of day, was reserved for the laying away of domestic dear ones; but now, death had lost its sting, to the friends of Jesus. Their perlexity, as to rolling away the stone and seeking the living among the dead, was solved by other friends of Jesus from other realms where they had not thought to crucify their King. Yet, priceless was the love of the woman from Magdala; a friend indeed to her Christ.

Her Lord had been taken away, and she knew not where they laid Him. Through her tears, in the early



Rev. Hinnant

morning, she believed that Jesus was the gardener, nor did He wear the garments she had seen. She knew His voice.

Some women held Jesus by the feet and worshipped Him. This Jesus disallowed in Mary: He was so soon to ascend to the Father, that she should make haste with a message to those whose eyes were still red with weeping; and He would quickly gather the five hundred in Galilee.

For her the Easter lilies were blooming; and all her tears were wiped away.

After His sleep in the garden, the greetings of Jesus were not different from those on some ordinary morning: "All Hail;" "Mary." It was the calmness of one who knew that death was an incident of uninterrupted life, of one alive for evermore. "He speaks out of His own deep tranquility, and desires to impart it to their agitated spirits; He would calm their joy, that it may be the deeper, like His own."

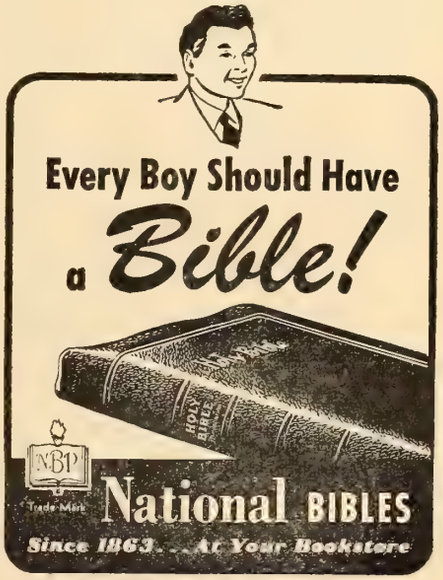
Peter eager and early at the sepulcher had seen; and John believed. Strangely enough though, Jesus no longer sought the company of the apostles, but he searched for followers hitherto nameless. Had not his disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, come boldly to the front to challenge honors with the eleven in caring for their Lord? Now comes Cleophas and his friend, with whom Jesus walked to Emmaus. These men walked with Jesus as a stranger for seven miles and said, "Our dream has passed away; and He which should have redeemed Israel, has now filled a felon's grave."

As they approached their journey's end Jesus opened to them the Scriptures: teaching them that the Messiah ought to have suffered these things, and to enter into His glory.

Not before, had these two favored ones been present at the breaking of bread—"This is my body, broken for you." They had, however, heard the story; and now they knew Him.

The Saviour's love survived the tomb into which men had thrust Him. Why, then, do we question whether love survives the grave? Did not Jesus comfort the mourning, the despairing?

Christ is risen: then the world is beautiful—it is not a place of graves; it is a place of graves that are to be opened. It is not the city of the dead, it is a portal of Paradise; and there is light upon it every Easter morning, such as never was before on sea or shore until the Master had risen from the grave.



The Resurrection

By Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Cordova, Alabama

(Matthew 28)

This is surely the greatest subject of the Bible. The doctrine of God, the Holy Spirit, Christ, the Church, Repentance, Regeneration are all important, but if there be no **Resurrection,** all the rest of the doctrines would be in vain. They would all be buried in Joseph's New Tomb, and we might as well believe in Mohammed, Confucius, Zoroaster or some of the other founders and leaders of religious movements. This is the **hinge** upon which Christianity **swings** because, "If Christ be not raised, we are yet in our sins, and our preaching is vain," says Paul. This shows that it is the most important subject in the Bible.

The Promises of Jesus—His Resurrection and Ours

In John 6: 40 we read: "And this is the will of Him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." Jesus here assures us if we will believe on Him, He will raise us up at the last day.

If He can perform such a beautiful picture in the spring, would you say He can resurrect plants, vegetables, trees, etc., but cannot bring back your dust in That Day?

Listen at Him comfort Mary and Martha. John 11: 25, "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." He was and is the only one who could say this. You remember He said in John 10: 18 "I have power to lay it down of Myself. I have power to take it again. This Commandment have I received of my Father." Note these words of Paul in 2 Cor. 4: 14: "Knowing that He which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you."

Remember, Some Doubted and Some Do Now

Luke 20: 27: "Then came to Him certain of the Sadducees, which deny that there is any resurrection." This was one of the groups that always found fault and made excuses. They told Him here of seven brothers marrying the same woman. She died without having brought forth children, and they want to know whose she will be in the resurrection. In Luke 20: 35 Jesus said, "They neither marry, now are given in Marriage." Note these words in verse 36, "Neither can they die any more, for they are equal unto angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection."

Acts 17: 18: "Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. (Paul). And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, he seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection."

1 Cor. 15: 12: "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you there is no resurrection of the dead?" Some of the Corinthians were, as some of our modern preachers and laymen, they didn't believe in the resurrection.

According to 2 Tim. 2: 18, Philetus and Hymenaeus said the resurrection had past already.

Christ Made Known His Own Resurrection

Christ told of His own Resurrection. Mat. 16: 21 "From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go into Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed and be raised again the third day." If He had not been our omniscient Saviour, he would not have known these things.

Mat. 26: 32: "But after I am risen again I will go before you into Galilee." He kept his word and met them there. Here is where Simon jumped out of the boat and swam ashore where Jesus had breakfast ready. Here is where He said, "Simon Son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?"

In Mark 9: 9 we learn that they were not to tell what they had seen until after the resurrection. John 2: 19: "Jesus answered and said unto them, destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." Notice He said, "I will raise it up." If some talk with confidence, we call him a boaster, or braggart. If he talks like doubting Thomas, we shake our heads and say, "Poor fellow, he won't make it."

This was announced by the angels. It is to be remembered that when He was born, the angels sang. So now angels told of this event, in the words, "He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay" (Matt. 28: 6). Mark 16: 6 and Luke 24: 6 tell us of these same angels. This is the **Central Truth** of The Gospels and of the Acts.

Acts 2: 23-24, "Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." "Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it" (v. 24).

Acts 2 :15, "And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses." Acts 4: 35, "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."

This Message Greatly Emphasized by Paul and Peter

Rom. 4: 25, "Who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification." 1 Cor. 15: 4, "And that he was buried and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."

1 Thess. 4: 14, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."

1 Pet. 1: 3, "Blessed be the God

and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

I have tried in this article to let the word speak. I could comment on each verse, so could you, but He said, "Preach The Word." And again He said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but the word of our God shall stand forever."

Not long ago I heard a preacher in a meeting who told one story after another. Nothing seemed to move. Later, I was talking with him, and said, "I don't discredit the word, but I just don't quote much of it." I thought of the verses I have just given, and thought if he would use "The Word" there might be more fruit.

P. S.—Allow me to thank every person who prayed for me, or sent a card, letter, offering, or anything while I was sick. So many people say our people won't do things, but they always have for us. We never ask anybody for a dime, yet our people liked only a few dollars paying my entire expenses—hospital, doctor and all. If you have stayed in a hospital three weeks in these "high days," you then know something about how good the people were, if they treated you as I was treated. I am not well, but have preached the last four Sundays.—K. V. S.

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This is the most important fact of all. For if there had been no resurrection, the name of Christ would have perished from the earth. The disciples would have gone back to their various vocations of life, and said nothing about the great commission of our Lord. It was the essential doctrine according to the preaching of Paul.

No Use To Preach If Christ Arose Not

"But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (I Cor. 15: 13, 14).

It would be vain to preach that Christ "died" if we did not preach that "He is alive for evermore." A dead Christ cannot give life. We are not saved by a dead Christ, but by the living Son of God. "If Christ be not raised your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (I Cor. 15: 17). So, the fact of the forgiveness of sins rest upon the fact that the crucified Christ is the living, ascended, Saviour.

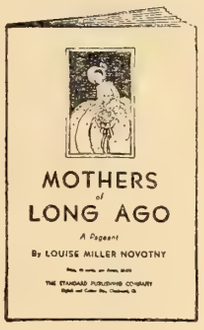
Our Only Hope

"If in this life only we have hope we are of all men most miserable."

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Prepared and Arranged by
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SAUL'S EARLY PREACHING

(Lesson for April 16)

Lesson: Acts 9: 19b-30; 11: 19-26.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1: 16).

When the great Swedish scientist, Count Nobel, invented a new and powerful explosive, he desired to name it with an appellation that would signify its tremendous force. So he took the Greek word **dunamis** and changed it to "dynamite"—and a new word was added to the vocabularies of the nations. The Count was very proud of his great discovery, and boasted that it was so powerful and so awful in its dread effect it would probably put an end to war, as men could not face the threat of such devastation as "dynamite" was capable of effecting. Strangely, it is the one great explosive that is rarely used in wars. Its power has been adapted to industry, mining, engineering, even farming; but the Generals have not found it a very great help in their tactics and battles.

Count Nobel was never reluctant to talk about his product—he was justly proud of his invention. It made a fortune for him and brought him fame—why should he have been ashamed to own it? The **word that he used to name his product** is the key to our text to-day, being the word translated **"power."**

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is a peculiar thing: it is "dynamite" indeed! Handled properly, its great power and force can be used to the benefit of the individual; mishandled, it can destroy him eternally! The Gospel can be used to destroy the strongholds of Satan and put his cohorts to rout, or it can be used to build up the saint and engineer his path of progress and provide him with a highway Home. The man who rejects Christ is destroyed and slain by the Gospel he has spurned, while the man who receives Jesus is lifted to Heaven and peace by its great and limitless power.

—Selected

II. Lesson High Points

A New Man

How true it is, when Christ makes over a man, he is a new creature. He is a changed man. His attitude is different; his thinking is different; he sees things in a different light; and he learns to love those whom he once hated, and does the things he once scorned. People who would have sweet fellowship with Christ's disciples must change from their wicked ways, seek the Lord Jesus, accept his saving grace, and become new creatures in life-impulses, thoughts, deeds and accomplishments. As Saul rejoiced to have the sweet fellowship with the disciples at Damascus, just so will new converts to the Christian faith seek the fellowship of Christ's followers in their church and community. Thus, it is a happy privilege to become a true child of God, and to be a faithful member of the Body of Christ.

—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

The Gospel of Christ

Bless God that the Gospel of the Lord Jesus is **still** "the power of God unto salvation to **every one** that believeth." How tragic it is to substitute anything for the Gospel of the grace of God. A lost world needs the power of the Cross. John Richard Green, with deep consecration to the "social gospel" went from the university down into the squalor and wretchedness of East London. After ten years of social service, in despair, he cried out, "It's no use. They will go on drinking and gambling until the flood." He went back to Oxford and wrote his history of England. Down into that same East London went William and Catherine Booth. All they could give was the message of the Cross. **They won.** The record is seen in thousands of "twice-born men," redeemed by the precious Blood of Jesus! (Read John 3: 14-16; Is. 53.)

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III. Sentence Sermons

1. A Christian is always happiest in the company of his own people (Acts 9: 19).

2. A new convert cannot afford to delay giving his testimony for Christ (vs. 20).

3. Our testimony for Christ should be prompt and definite and positive (vs. 20).

4. Where there has been a real conversion there will be a noticeable change in the life of the convert (vs. 21).

5. Our strength will increase according to the energy we expend in witnessing for Christ (vs. 22).

6. God always has ways and means of protecting His own until their work is done (vss. 23-25).

7. An evil reputation out of the past may sometimes be a hindrance to Christian fellowship (vs. 26).

8. It is better to make personal investigations than to depend upon hearsay regarding the character of a believer (vs. 27).

9. We need not be alarmed if our constant and consistent witnessing stirs up enmity (vss. 28, 29).

10. It is a distinction of honor to be permitted to bear the Name of Christ (11: 26).

IV. The Lesson Illustrated

Dr. Howard A. Kelly, who finished his earthly ministry a few months ago, once upon a time made the statement that he had never known anyone who studied the Bible faithfully and reverently, who failed to accept its teachings. A Jewish doctor heard the statement. So she began to read the Bible in order to prove that she could study it earnestly and not accept the Lord Jesus as what He claimed to be—the Messiah of the Jews and the Saviour of sinners. After several years she showed Dr. Kelly a letter which she had written to her mother. Here are a few items from that letter: "Jesus is the Son of God. In accepting Him, I find

that I have become a Christian. How did I accept Him? By a miracle: in one moment when I was very quiet, I saw Him. I don't mean that I had an hallucination; I just mean I accepted Him as He asks to be accepted in John 14: 6, 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.'

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ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

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Fri., April 14, 7:30 p. m.	Saint's Delight	Franklin
Sun., April 16, 11:00 a. m.	Parker's Chapel	Pitt
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If Jonah could get a petition through from the belly of the whale to Almighty God, surely you can get one through from wherever you are to the Lord Jesus. Some of you boys went away to the services of this country without having a personal knowledge of the saving grace of Christ. Let me plead with you to stop where you are, and to get acquainted with Jesus. Not because you are in war, but for the sake of Him who died for freedom in His grace.

Things are about as usual here back home, and we are looking forward for a fine service this week-end at the church. Of course, by the time you shall have opportunity to read this, many things will have passed here at home and with those who are over seas. Write us when you find the time.

Your pastor,
S. T. Shutes,
Colquitt, Ga.

SUPERANNUATION

No doubt the Baptist family have become well familiar with the new pension system for the aged ministers. Nevertheless, we all well know, that no system will work without workers behind it.

We fully believe our people are going to whole-heartedly support this worthy cause.

It was my privilege to call upon a few of our aged ministers a few weeks ago, and here is a few quotations from them. One dear brother said, "I have worked in the interest of such a system for about thirty-five years, and I am happy to know, that our people have adopted the plan." Furthermore, he stated, "This is only the beginning, and I have no doubt that, in a few years, the amount paid will fully be sufficient to support any minister and his wife."

This man is one of our dear old veterans who is among our outstanding Christians.

Another minister said, "Brother Rivenbark, I certainly like what you all did for us old preachers. I did not know about such a movement until a short while before getting my application blank, and I sure do appreciate what the people are doing for us."

These two men of God should cause us to rally as never before in giving until it hurts, for after all, as we give more the Superannuation Board will be able to increase the amount of the pension.

By Rev. F. A. Rivenbark.

PROGRAM

Program of the Cape Fear Union which will be held at Johnson Union, April 29, 1944.

Theme: Missions

10:00—Devotions by Rev. W. H. Lancaster
10:15—Enrollment
—Churches report to the Finance and Allocation Committee
11:05—Intermission
11:10—Song Service
11:20—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Vernelson
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Mrs. Gladys Beane
1:15—Report of Sunday School Board
1:30—Educational Address by Rev. R. H. Jackson
1:45—Report of Mission Board
—Report of Finance and Allocation Committee
2:10—Report of Program Committee
—Treasurer's report
—Petitions for the next union
—Miscellaneous business
3:00—Closing remarks and prayer by Rev. M. E. Godwin
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Paul says, "Our hope is in the resurrected Christ." The living Christ who now sits at the right hand of the Father.

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." All are to be raised from the dead because that Jesus Christ burst the bands of death and conquered the grave. "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming" (I Cor. 15: 22, 23). Thank God for the hope of the resurrection.

John Saw Him

John, in exile, saw the Lord Jesus, and he has given testimony of what he saw. It has been written, according to the command of the Lord. The REVELATION MESSAGE reveals the LIVING CHRIST. It is not the REVELATION of John. But the REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John." (Rev. 1: 1). So, it is a Revelation of Christ to John. In this Revelation John says, "And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death" (Rev. 1: 17, 18).

The crucified, buried, and risen Lord is the One who has the keys of death and hell. He unlocked the tomb. He says, "I am Alpha and Omega." He opens and he shuts at His will. "Behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it" (Rev. 3: 8).

The Resurrection Spirit
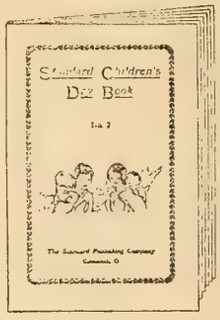
But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Rom. 8: 11).

In order for our bodies to be quickened as the body of Jesus was quickened, that we may have the same body, be like Him, we must have the quickening Spirit. "Beloved now are we the sons of God, and it doth not appear what we shall be: but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him" (I John 3: 2).

So, the outstanding doctrine of the church of Jesus Christ is based on the fact of the RESURRECTION of JESUS CHRIST. To not believe in the RESURRECTION — THE LITERAL RESURRECTION—is to dis-

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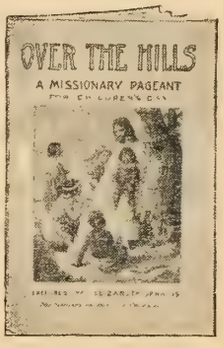
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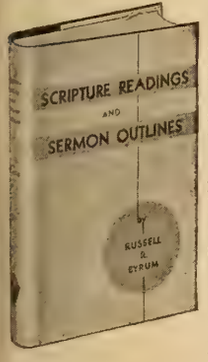
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ELLA'S EASTER DAY

Nell S. Nesbitt

Ella looked out the window. It was a lovely Easter morning. The sun shone brightly. It seemed to spin round and round like a huge golden ball.

"My, I hope Louise can come to church with us," said Ella to her mother. "Her mother was called away to help a friend yesterday and she didn't know if she could come home for Easter."

"We shall stop for her on our way to church," said Mother.

"What's this about stopping on our way to church?" asked Father who had come in through the back door.

Ella explained it all to him and he listened carefully. Then she went outdoors to her new swing.

She always came to her swing when she had something to think about. She loved the queer new swing that Father had made. It was not a long swing. The ropes were hung from a low branch. There was no flat board upon which to sit. Father had tied securely to the ropes a long piece of old broom handle. Ella could sit upon it or she could hang by her arms or she could do tricks upon it. Father and Mother always knew where to find Ella, now.

As she swung, she sang the little song she had learned in the Sunday School class:

"Jesus is risen from the dead,
Jesus is risen as He said,
This is the story that sweetly
swells
In the notes of the Easter bells."

She and Louise could sing the song so well together. They could even sing it backward. She earnestly hoped that Louise would be in the class to-day.

Father called from the door, "Come, Ella, it's time to get dressed."

Ella ran to the house. She was all ready except to put on her dress. She put on the pretty blue one. She brought Mother's coat and hat. She brought Father's shoes.

In a little while they were walking down the street.

"I will run ahead and stop for Louise," said Ella.

When she knocked on her little friend's door, there was no answer. She knocked again. This time a little dark-haired girl opened it. A dish towel was in her hand.

"Oh, Ella," she said sadly. "I can't go to-day. Mother won't be home till late this afternoon. I am doing the dishes and taking care of my little brother."

"But it's Easter," said Ella. "You must sing the song with our class!"

"I know," said Louise. "I wish I could go. I will look at the clock and sing the song when you are all singing it in church. Please tell Miss Evans why I can't be there and thank you for stopping."

Ella and Louise both loved the Lord Jesus whom they had accepted as their Saviour from sin. Of all times in the year they loved to attend the Easter services, for there was so much to remind them of what the Saviour had done for them.

Father and Mother had reached the door and Ella told them what Louise had said. As they walked along in silence Ella was thinking.

She said, "I wish I could make Louise feel happy. I must think of something to do for her."

"Perhaps we can all think of something nice," said Mother.

How pretty the church looked with the Easter lilies on the altar? How beautiful was the song the choir sang! Everyone sang the hymns with new love and meaning.

"Easter is the nicest day of all," thought Ella.

Then it was time for Sunday School. There was to be a program at the close, in which the primary classes took part. Miss Evans took charge of the children. After a few pieces by the small boys and girls, Ella's class rose to sing their song.

When they marched to the front of the church close to the lilies, Ella thought, "My, how beautiful the lilies are, and how nice they smell!"

She was so interested in the lilies she nearly forgot to sing:

"Jesus is risen from the dead,
Jesus is risen as He said,

This is the story that sweetly swells
In the notes of the Easter bells."

They sang it softly and clearly. Ella could see her Father and Mother. She saw all the other faces that she knew so well.

At the end of the program came a very lovely part! Miss Evans rose and said, "The Sunday School has permission to give three more of these lilies to someone who is sick or was not able to be present to-day. This one is for Mrs. Beach who is ill. This one is for Jackie Keller's grandmother. Now we have three more to give away. Can anyone here name someone who should have a lily this Easter day?"

"A new family has moved into the house at the end of our block," said a little bright-faced boy, standing up quickly.

"Fine," said Miss Evans. "Will you take this one to them on your way home?"

Quick as a flash Ella thought of Louise. Raising her hand she said, "Louise Dean was not able to come, and she wanted to very much."

"Very well, Ella. You may take this plant to Louise and her parents and brother," said Miss Evans.

The Sunday School decided to give the third plant to Mr. Morgan who was ninety-two years old and Grace Roberts said she could take it to him.

On the way home Ella's face beamed. In a little while Louise's face was beaming, too, as she held the waxen white lily plant in her hand.

"Oh, Ella, thank you, thank you," she cried happily. "This will make a happy Easter at our house. It will surprise Mother. I was singing just at the time I thought the class would be singing and it made me feel better."

Louise denied herself of a very great pleasure to care for her brother. She found through it the real meaning of the resurrection message: namely, that if we give up our pleasures for Jesus' sake to make someone else happy and contented, He will give us pleasures that never die.

Soon after Ella reached home, she ran to her swing. Her mother could hear her singing the song when she called her little girl to dinner.

Ella jumped to the ground. She ran to Mother and said brightly, "Mother, it is such a good, sunny Easter day and I was having so much fun swinging and singing that I forgot all about dinner. I forgot that I was hungry, too."

"Yes, Ella, the day is always sunny when you make someone happy. Wouldn't you like to do it every day?"

"Oh, yes!" said Ella, as she skipped into the house beside Mother.

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All these may be, and yet the state
In the eye of God be far from great.

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Whose songs are guided by His word;
Where justice rules 'twixt man and man,
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I wish to use this column as a means of reaching my brother ministers, and a great number of other friends, in and out of North Carolina, who remembered me with so much kindness and consideration during the recent illness and death of my dear wife. I cannot communicate with each one in a personal way, but the children and I wish to express our thanks and sincere gratefulness for every letter and card and message which bore words of kindness, sympathy, consolation, or consideration in any way.

J. E. WOOTEN

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the South Georgia Union meeting convening with Ebenezer Church, April 29, 1944.

10:30—Opening devotions led by Rev. E. B. Joyner
10:50—Words of welcome extended by Mrs. R. B. Baxter
11:00—Response to welcome by Rev. J. R. Graham
11:10—Calling list of Churches, seating delegates and ministers —Reading minutes and appointing committees
12:00—Sermon by Rev. W. C. Coleman
12:30—Refreshments
2:00—Devotions led by Rev. E. L. Paulk
2:15—Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. E. C. Davidson
2:45—Special music
2:50—Ways of supporting our Bible College, by Miss Gladys Lewis
3:00—Cooperating with our State Superannuation Program, by Rev. E. C. Morris
3:10—Our duty toward the lost in regions beyond, Miss Laura Belle Barnard
3:20—Extending the Cause in the home land, Rev. Ralph Lightsey
3:30—Business period
4:00—Adjournment

EDITORIAL

ROCKY MOUNT CHURCH ON HALF-TIME—

It is gratifying to learn that the Rocky Mount Church has gone on half-time. The Reverend Daniel A. Windham, of Greenville, North Carolina, is now pastor of the church. He has led the church people there to see the need of having services on two Sundays each month, although the membership is not large.

We are informed that there are quite a number of Free Will Baptist people living within the city limits who have not as yet taken membership with the church, but should do so. A cordial invitation is extended by the pastor and the local congregation to these Free Will Baptist people, as well as to others who would like to attend services at their church from time to time. A cordial welcome is always given to the public to worship with these Free Will Baptist people in the little church in the city.

All Free Will Baptists, not already members of the church, who live in the city, may get in touch either by telephone or correspondence, if so desired, with the pastor by writing or calling Rev. D. A. Windham, Greenville, North Carolina, or Mrs. R. E. Harris, Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Both the pastor and the local church members will be very glad to have any of these people to take membership with them, and to help build up a strong church during the coming years in the city of Rocky Moount. The situation bids fair for the development of a large church during the coming years.

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N. C. STATE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET—

The North Carolina State Association Executive Board will meet in the city of Goldsboro on April 21, in the afternoon, at the Free Will Baptist Goldsboro Church. All members of the Board are expected to be present for this very important meeting. The time scheduled for the meeting to begin is one-thirty in the afternoon. In the event any member or members will not be able to attend the meeting, proxies should be sent to represent the absentee Board members, so that complete representation might be secured, and the essential maters of the Board may be transacted.

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STATUS OF SUBSCRIPTION ROLL FOR MARCH—

There was a gain of 32 subscriptions during the month over the loss, or those names which were removed, 70 from the list because of the lack or failure to renew the subscriptions. Thus, it means that we have gained 60 for the first three months of the year above those that we have lost during the same time. We are printing each week now a little better than 3,137 copies of the Baptist paper, including some sample copies which we mail out to ministers and churches asking for the same.

Now that spring has come we are looking toward the summer time, let us hope that a goodly number of new subscribers will be added to our subscription roll. May we expect that quite a number of the ministers who go out to hold evangelistic meetings will secure a large number of subscriptions to the Baptist paper for us. We are expecting other faithful solicitors, as well, to begin to send in fine lists of names of new and old subscribers. We want to run the subscription roll up to 3,500 by September the first, or by the time the North Carolina State Association meets on the thirteenth and the fourteenth of that month.

May we thank everyone who renewed his or her subscription during the month of March, and all who subscribed for the first time for the Baptist paper. We are hoping that you will enjoy reading it, and will receive great benefit from having it in your homes.

DON'T FORGET TO PRAY

By Mary Jean Shurtz

Son, there ain't much that we can say
Though deep within our hearts
There's countless thoughts we can't express
When it comes time to part.
Of course we'll tell you to be brave
When you are far away,
But, first of all, comes this advice,
Son, don't forget to pray.

We won't be with you over there,
Your hands can't touch ours when
You reach for just a friendly clasp,
And comes remembrance then.
But up above there's someone who
Hears every word you say;
So when things are the toughest, Son,
Just don't forget to pray.

There ain't much we can say to help
When times like these arise,
Except to say 'tis best to look
For aid up in the skies.
For He who watches over you
After you've gone away
Will be the one who cares for you;
So don't forget to pray.

This Bible is the one I took
Along with me that year
When I was fighting over there
For things we all hold dear.
So keep it with you, son, and when
There comes your darkest day
Open its pages to His word;
Then—don't forget to pray.

Some day you will be back with us.
Some day you'll understand
That pathways leading to the best
Are guided by His hand.
And though there ain't much folks like us.
Just plain old folks can say,
'Tis with believing hearts we ask,
"Son, don't forget to pray."
—Submitted by Mrs. Astor Gregory

The Church a Divine Institution

H. Edgar Harden, Pastor,
South Norfolk F. W. B.
Church

Sermon delivered by the pastor, Sunday, March 26 ,1944; and in response to the wishes of some of our people, I submit for publication, the following excerpts:

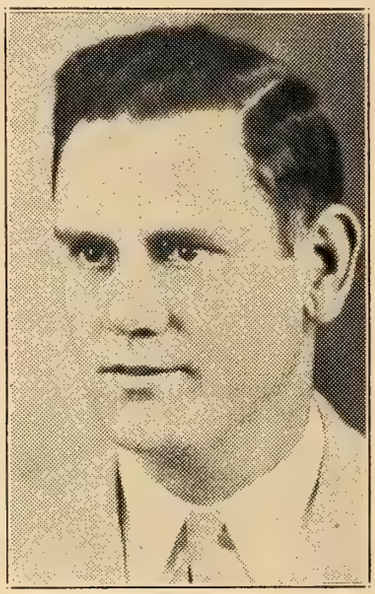
My Christian friends, I feel that the time has come that I must speak to you on the subject, "The Church a Divine Institution," because there is in this, and I suppose other countries, a growing tendency not only among non-Christians, but also among those that are most prominent in the churches of our land, to convert the church into a social institution.

First of all, I want to tell you that the Church is divine, that it does not belong to this world. The very name itself tells us what it is. The word "Church" is a translation of a Greek word which means, "The called out or assembled ones." That should give us to understand that we are called out of the WORLD and are assembled into one BODY of which Christ is the Head. Jesus said, "ye are not of this world even as I am not of this world." He has called us out and we are His people.

The greatest triuble with Christians today is that they want to be the called out, but in the meantime they want to remain IN. Let me say to you, my friends, we can not serve God and the world, or mammon. We must get off the fence on one side or the other, and the sooner the better. Lukewarm Christians are not pleasing to Christ.

And secondly, the Church is built upon the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is its foundation and His word says "Other foundations can no man lay than that which is laid which is Christ Jesus." It is wonderful that we are builded on so sure a foundation, for there is no power on earth that can move us. Peter says, "That the precious stone that was laid in ZION was sure and that He that believeth in HIM shall not be confounded or confused, nor overthrown." Thank God for such a foundation.

God had a purpose for sending His only begotten Son into this world and that was "Not to condemn the world but that the world through Him might be saved." The axe is laid at the root of the tree for "every tree that beareth not good fruit shall be hewn down and cast into the fire." To make it plain, we must accept and serve the Lord or we are doomed.



Rev. Harden

Again I say, "Jesus loved the Church and gave Himself for it that He might cleanse it by the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious Church not having spot nor wrinkle, nor any such thing; But that it should be holy and without blemish."

Yes, the Church is Divine, and it is His own Institution, for He bought it with a price and that price was his own Blood. Therefore, my brethren, may we not fail to protect it from evil, in what ever form it may present itself, that when Jesus comes back to this earth he will find a pure faith and a pure Church.

We ought to thank God for the Church because it is the one place on earth where Jesus has promised to meet with his people and to bless them. Yes, we should remember the day that we came to His house and he took away our burdens and gave us a joy unspeakable and full of glory, and set our feet in the way that leads to the Father's house. Yes, we as Paul of old, can not help but "Give thanks to God," when we think of his blessings to us.

And again the Church is the only institution that has the power on earth to lift a fallen man or woman out of the mire of sin and degradation and set them free, and make them pure and holy in the sight of God. Some will say that Christianity has failed. It has to them because they have never tried it in the first place. They should try it and then talk about it.

I know that Jesus saves today as he ever has, and that He is the same today as he ever was. Yes, I know that he saves because he saved me from a life of sin and called me by his mercy to tell others the story of love.

There is no place on earth half so dear to our memory as that old church where we first found the best friend of mankind, Jesus Christ, the one that will go with us when Mother and Father have gone over the river. I praise him because he is with us when all others may turn away. He will never turn you away. Oh! the Church, what is it? It is the bride of Christ, it is his people, His kingdom yes, and it is his Body, and he leads it on and ever will until all men have heard the joyful sound "JESUS SAVES."

Shall we then, convert this house of GOD into a place of merchandise? The world says "yes," but I say "NO." Shall we Crucify Him afresh and put Him to an open shame by our unfaithfulness? I say "NO." Shall we permit Bingo parties, Card parties, Chicken suppers and Oyster suppers and even dances to be brought into the house of God? The world says "yes," that's what we want and need," but what do we say? To the best of my memory that is how, or the way that SUNDAY MOVIES got started. At first they were going to give the proceeds to the POOR, but I have yet to see any one

that received the first million dollars from them. It was nothing but the Devil's plan to destroy the Church. He got it going, and now what can we do about it? Did not Jesus tell his disciples to "WATCH?" It is time we were beginning to watch.

Now some will say, "Well that fellow doesn't want to provide any entertainment for the young folks at all." No, that is wrong, I think we should provide entertainment for both the young and old and especially the young. But we must not go to God's house to have a party or dance nor a Bingo party. What we ought to do is to let the young people meet at our homes and there under the guidance of parents, or some of the church folks, have their parties. They can play many games, sing and enjoy themselves. Then we can serve cake and ice cream or something else, and they will be just as happy as if they were down to the dance hall mingling with all sorts of folks. Let's help provide entertainment for our young folks at our homes, give them a lawn party, plan interesting games. They will appreciate it and there they will not be led by the evil workers, but by Christian people.

We will provide entertainment for our young people, but we will do it correctly by having it at our homes, at the beach or other desirable places and under the guidance of Christians. But we will go to church to fellowship, to pray, to sing, to worship God, and not to sell oysters or to have a dance.

A SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

A very successful revival meeting came to a close February 20, 1944, in the Free Will Baptist Church on Syracuse St., Darlington, S. C.

The revival was conducted by Rev. H. J. Sawyer, and assisted by the pastor, Rev. Seldon Bullard, while the choir was under the direction of Bro. Frank Williams, a very efficient choir director of the Second Missionary Baptist Church of this city.

We feel that much good was accomplished during this two weeks' meeting. There was a goodly number of confessions, several backsliders reclaimed and several added to the church, and the church was spiritually revived in general.

Bro. Sawyer is a member of the Beaver Creek Association of Free Will Baptists of South Carolina, and corresponding secretary of the S. C. State Association, and an able preacher.

We feel sure, if any church is planning on a revival and would care to



Rev. Sawyer

secure Bro. Sawyer, they would find him among the best. Any one wishing to contact him, can do so at the following address: Rev. H. J. Sawyer, 25 Hogan St., Rock Hill, S. C.

Pray for us that our church will continue to grow and the Lord will continue to bless us here in Darlington.

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Darlington, S. C.

SOME MORE ABOUT OUR DIFFERENCES

By E. C. Morris

This is the third article of a series dealing with differences among Free Will Baptists. In the previous articles we have stated the possibility of being true to the Faith, though we differ on non-essentials, and gave the historical background concerning why there are differences.

We now want to consider some of the most prevalent differences. Time and space will not permit a full rehearsal of all our divergent opinions and practices. A volume could be devoted to such a treatise. We will not deal with the opinions and practices that are in direct opposition to our "Treatise of Faith," but rather with just a few that, with proper treatment, might be eliminated. May it further be understood that we are not raising issues, but merely stating facts for the benefit of those desiring the information.

First of all, there is the difference in the standard of our ministry. In fact, whenever we have a standard for our ministry, and all subscribing to it, then, practically, all other differences will fade into insignificance. In some of our associations, about the only reuirement for the ministry is a statement that a call has been extended and ordination is desired, while in some of our districts, some natural and educational qualities are deemed necessary. There are sections where a woman's Biblical right to ordination is questioned, while in other places it is no issue at all. We fail to find in our "Treatise of Faith" where any one can draw the line on this subject, as we have stated it, unless, we think of all the personal pronouns referring to the ministry being in the masculine gender.

Another practice in which we differ is the altar usage. Many of our churches have installed an altar rail at, or near, the pulpit where penitent sinners are invited to kneel and pray, while others gather around and pray for them. They are told to believe, but the emphasis is placed on prayer, while on the other hand, there are those who extend the invitation to accept Christ by faith and manifest such acceptance by offering themselves for church membership. This does not necessarily exclude repentance and prayer. Again, we fail to find any thing in our "Treatise" about the altar and its usage.

Another divergent practice is in connection with respect to divine

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
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State Association

The One Foundation

"For other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 3: 11).

The oneness of the church was broken at Corinth, when believers began to follow human leaders, rather than to listen to the teachings of the Lord Jesus. It was at Corinth that professed believers began to classify themselves, by crying out, "I am of Paul," and another, saying, "I am of Apollos," and still another, saying, "I am of Cephas." Thus the names of these leaders came to the front, and the name of Jesus Christ was slipped to the background. From that day, until now, multiplied numbers have followed men rather than Christ, thus sacrificing the name of Jesus and his salvation for finite leadership.

The procedure of the Corinthian Christians led to carnality. Paul condemned their activities because they were not led by the Holy Spirit. He writes them, saying, "And I, brethren, could not speak as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ." They had fallen so low, that there was envy, and strife, and disvitions are ye not carnal and walk as men?" Verse 3.

Paul reminded these Christians, (and this is for us, as much as it was for them,) "That Christ is not divided" and that Paul, Apollos and Cephas were only servants of the Lord Jesus, and that they were not at "outs." "Christ is the foundation" and not man. God could not build His church on changeable man. There must be a better foundation than could be produced in man. Let us consider:

1. Christ as a Foundation

The term is architectural and refers to the ground work, or the lowest part of a building, upon which the whole structure must rest. Sometimes the term is used to denote the beginning of things, or to the essential principle of a system. In the Scripture, which is the basis for our subject, we can rightly apply each of these terms.

The church is a spiritual structure, which had its beginning in Christ, and He is the FOUNDATION. Redemption is a dispensation of grace and mercy to man, and Jesus is the beginning of this dispensation. Christianity is a system of truth, which originated in Christ, and of which He is the central, and the essential principle.

1. Christ Is the Foundation of the Gospel

It was Christ who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me" (John 14: 6). And again, it is written, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7: 25). He is the one, and only Mediator, between God and man. Paul says, "For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (I Tim. 2: 5, 6). We are justified by faith in Him. He is our only way to God; and our only way to escape eternal punishment. "We have redemption in his blood, even the forgiveness of sin."

2. Christ Is the Foundation of our Hope

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again to a "lively (Living) hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (I Peter 1: 3). It was the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead that brought to us this living hope. The RESURRECTED CHRIST is the FOUNDATION. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable" (I Cor. 15: 19). The forgiveness of sins, the victory over the flesh, over the devil, over death, and the grave, and over hell, is based upon (built on) the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Christ Is the FOUNDATION for the Whole Church

Peter confessed the glorious and Divine character of Jesus, in that he said, "Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God" and Jesus answered and said, "Blessed art thou Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also, unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16: 16-18).

This Rock upon which the church is to be built, Peter says, is a living stone. "To whom coming, as to a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious. Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him" (Note, "believeth on Him," for Christ is the only one in whom we believe for salvation) shall not be confounded. Unto you therefore which believeth he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner" (I Peter 2: 4-7). This scripture, written by Peter, tells us that Christ is the "Chief Corner Stone." So with Paul, and the words of Christ himself, we are confident, that, "Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

Note—The above is a part of a series of messages delivered over the air from station WHIT in New Bern, week before Easter, by the writer of Notes and Quotes.

THE SEVEN LOOKS

By Rev. R. W. Altman,
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I. Prayer, and the Upward Look—(2nd Chr. 20: 12).

Moab and Ammon came against Jehoshaphat to battle. They were a

great multitude, and Jehoshaphat was afraid. He prayed unto the Lord and said, "Oh our God, wilt Thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do; but our eyes are upon Thee."

When we as Christians realize our weakness as Jehoshaphat did, we will be able to get help from God, for He has said, "Fret not thyself because of evil doers." We must learn to look to Him, and then wait patiently for Him. When every thing seems against us, it is only God's opportunity to show His strength. Many times in earnest prayer, we need to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. It is when we come to the end of ourselves, and lift our faces unto God, that He comes to our help. He has said in His Word, "My grace is sufficient for thee." His grace is sufficient any time, any where. All we need to do is lift our eyes and look to Him.

2. Service, The Outward Look—(John 4: 35).

Christ told the disciples to lift up their eyes, and look, for the fields were white unto harvest. When we as Christians set our eyes upon the field for service, His blessings will be upon us. We fail to receive blessings from God, because we refuse to undertake for God. The eyes of the Lord are looking for men who are willing to leave father, mother, sister, brother, houses and lands, that they may go forth to work for Him. God wants willing workers, for He hath said, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." He has promised to go with us, and help us over the rough and rugged paths.

3. Conflict, the Inward Look—(Romans 7: 18-24).

Paul said, "I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." When we look within our own hearts, we too will say as Paul said, "O wretched man that I am." What shall we do then? Let us reckon the old man as dead, refuse to listen to his voice, or walk in his ways, or fulfill his desires. On the contrary let us look to the Holy Spirit, remembering that He, too, dwells within us. If we walk in the Spirit, we will not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Christ has said, "If any man come after Me, let him deny himself. take up his cross and follow Me."

4. Retrospection, the Backward Look—(2nd Tim. 4: 7).

As Paul looked back over a fruitful ministry, and a faithful life, he could say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." Here is a backward look that was worth the while. We need to look back now and then, not with the spirit of boastfulness, but with the spirit of honest contemplation. At the end of each day it will profit us to study what has been done, said and thought. I'm sure that if we would do this, we would be better Christians. By doing this we can profit by our mistakes, and increase our victories.

5. The Perspective, the Onward Look—(Hab. 2: 3).

For the vision is yet for an appointed time, "though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry."

As we look at world conditions today we are disheartened. We are walking through a valley of the shadow of death. Sin and sorrow are wreaking out misery everywhere. Satan is renewing every effort against humanity. Unto the end wars are determined. Evil men are to wax worse and worse. Iniquity shall abound. Perilous times shall come. What Habakkuk saw, however, was a vision that looked on far beyond the present hour. He saw the salvation of God's people, with the head of the house of the wicked cut down. If we as Christians today see only the present hour we would become discouraged, but thank God we can see out there in the future another hour. "If in this life only we have hope, we are of all men most miserable."

6. Discouragement, the Downward Look—(Gen. 4: 5-6).

Sin had entered into the garden, and man had been expelled therefrom. In jealousy Cain rose up and slew his brother. The result of sin is always a downcast look, a fallen countenance. God made man an "uplooker," but sin changed man's perspective. It turned his face from the skies, where God rules, to the earth, where man dwells. The sinner looks at things seen, not at things unseen. Saints are uplookers, and not downlookers. We are looking for that **Blessed Hope,** and the Glorious appearing of our Lord. We are building our treasures in Heaven, not on earth.

7. Encouragement, the God-ward Look—(2nd Kings 6: 17).

As the enemy began to close in on Elisha, Gehazi trembled with fear, saying, "Alas, my master, How shall we do?" Elisha answered "Fear not; for they that be with us are more than be with them."

What Gehazi saw was the mountain full of horses and chariots, giving protection to His Prophet. We need to get that vision today. We need to see all Heaven behind us working in our behalf. Retreat should never be found in the Christian's vocabulary. Instead of looking at our emergencies, we should look beyond to God's provision and power. The ten spies came back saying, "We saw giants." Caleb and Joshua said, "Let us go up at once." They were looking to God. There are giants on every turn, but if we will look to God and trust in Him, He will see us through. The host of the Lord are an innumerable multitude, and they are all working for us. Our God is a God of infinite power. We will prove more than victors, through Him who loved us. We may experience a continuous fight, but we will have a glorious conclusion if we put our trust in Him. May we as ministers and Christians be awakened to the sense of our duty to God and to our fellowmen. The Bible teaches us that if we will awake out of our sleep Christ will give us light. May we open our eyes and look on the field, for there are many lost who need to be saved. There are many wandering who need to be brought back to God.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

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THE SPIRIT OF THE UNIFIED PROGRAM

By Rev. R. B. Crawford,
Executive Secretary

Free Will Baptists, along with all denominations, have different interests. That is as it should be, Jesus had many interests in coming to earth. The main reason He came was to save the lost. Our main interest can be no less than to see that many come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The plan, purpose and passion back of the **Unified Program** is to glorify the Christ by maintaining and exemplifying a spirit of worshipful giving. When we give, we give to the eternal and ever present Christ. We give because what He has done, is doing, and will do for a sin cursed world in bringing it to the glories of the Heavenly Father. When we give to Christ our gifts will live forever. It has been truthfully said, "There can be no immortality without generosity. Men live forever only if they give forever." In the Unified offering, the consecration prayer can correctly be ended—"for Jesus sake."

There are those who give as the Pharisees gave, the tithe, (Luke 11: 42), but that is not enough. We must exceed what they did if we expect to live the happiest and most profitable Christian life, and if we expect to get to heaven. (Matt. 5: 20). We worship the heavenly Ones and lay up treasures in Heaven when we give a real offering, above the tithe, to the One who is the fulfillment of the Law. Carry your tithe and offering to God's store house—then there will be enough money for all things needed: To help the needy, to pay the minister, to care for current church expenses, and to give to every worthy cause through the Unified Program. Souls will be saved and fed from such a ministry. We believe first in seeking the Kingdom of God and then things will be added or come in their proper time and place. "Look right at souls, but wrong at things and you miss most of God. Look right at things and wrong at souls and again you miss God. When both are seen in the light of God you walk in the light as He is in it." So don't get too concerned about things, but the thing to do is to get concerned about giving God His right place in your things and thoughts.

We hear Christ with the Cross in His voice proving I gave all-willingly for the joy of my mission and for the joy set before me at the right hand to my Father. Again Christ, with the Cross in His voice needs to speak to us when money talks—and money talks in all the known languages of men. In a world in which money talks mammon, we are to talk Christ. We propose to talk no more than Christ in talking about the Unified Program. "Love ever gives—and where it lives—It gives." (John Oxenham). You do not love Jesus Christ if you do not love in giving unto Him. It is when we are giving in Jesus that we are living in Jesus. Taking an offering is not an anti-climax but the proper issue of the religion of our Redeemer. The outcome of our income must be the success of Christ's cause. The gift of eternal life is everlasting giving. There is a relationship between the economic and the eternal. The way one uses his finance shows his real fineness.

My prayer has been for Free Will Baptist people that they will not be overcome by benevolent needs, but will see the real issue in giving money, that is for the salvation of souls through evangelism. So far Free Will Baptists have responded more easily to the visual than the vital. We should all pray for the day to soon come when Free Will Baptist will say it is no longer I—but Christ. Christ lives in us and ours. Paul said if you are looking for me I am no longer here. This is Christ. This is Christ talking. So may we walk and talk as Christ directs. Christ must have control of our minds, moods, motives, methods, and money. When Christ is Alpha and Omega, and central in our lives, He is also over our cash. Shylock said "You take my life when you take the means whereby I live." There is more to life than money but precious little to life without it. Life is abundant through Christ. John 3: 16 is a great statement. "God so loved the world that He gave . . . ." This is not just a message to be delivered by preachers, but a practical program for all life. A God who is on the giving hand, who loves us so much that He gives us the love to give, to Him. Not to us be the glory. We then give unto Christ our substance for that we hope for.

As I close this article, I bow my head in prayer, literally, asking God's blessings to attend these lines that have been given to me. If you will think deeply about the things written you will be less inclined to cover your defenseless heads with the shadow of your own wings. The shadow that isn't enough. We stand in need of the Eternal—Unto Him we look, love, live and give.

TO THE CONSTITUENCY OF THE N. C. STATE ASSOCIATION

Below you will see a program of the 1944 session of the State Association of North Carolina. This program is being published at an early date in order that the various reports and committees on the said program might be properly prepared at the time appointed on the program. These reports should be written reports and should be written with a typewriter so they can be immediately turned over to the secretary for the Minutes of the Association. To the Chairman of each Board or Committee, I would like to suggest that

you have your Board to function so your report will be the best possible.

The Program Committee has arranged a two-day session, and in order to transact the necessary business we must have our reports ready

R. N. Hinnant, Secretary

Program of N. C. State Association September 13, 14, 1944

Wednesday Morning

9:30—Devotions, Rev. L. R. Ennis
9:45—Registration
10:00—Appointment of Committees
10:15—Report of Executive Committee
10:30—Report of Field Secretary
10:45—Address of welcome by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
10:50—Moderator's address, Rev. D. W. Alexander
11:05—Report of Historian
11:20—Report of Auxiliary work by Mrs. C. F. Bowen
11:30—Devotions, Rev. S. A. Smith
11:45—Introductory Sermon by Rev. Lloyd Vernon
12:30—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions, Rev. Henry Melvin
1:45—Report of Committee on Conference Boundary lines
2:00—Business period
3:00—Report of Mission Board, by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
3:15—Report of Superannuation by Rev. M. L. Johnson

Wednesday Evening

8:00—Devotions, Rev. R. B. Spencer
8:30—Sermon by Rev. Bob Woolly

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotions, Rev. J. B. Ferrell
9:45—Report of Committees on Credentials, Resolutions and Temperance
10:15—Report of National Association, Rev. R. B. Crawford
10:45—Report of Church Finance Association, Inc., Rev. M. L. Johnson
11:00—Report of F. W. B. Press, Mr. C. K. Dunn
11:15—Report of Committee on Church Letter, Rev. R. B. Spencer
11:30—Report of Orphanage Board and offering
12:30—Lunch
1:30—Devotions, Rev. W. E. Anderson
1:45—Report of Board of Finance
2:00—Business period
3:00—Report of Nominating Committee and Treasurer
—Adjournment

Committee:

R. N. Hinnant,
D. W. Alexander,
W. A. Jackson,
Rom Mallard.

OUR WORK IN ALABAMA

There are many things that can be said about our work in Alabama, and as Moderator of the State Association, I would like to tell my story of our work. Along with our many difficulties we have made steady progress toward the goal that we have looked forward to for so long. A few years ago we met in conference, though the gathering was small and the weather bad, but a few of the brethren were determined to keep the State Association together. Many things were said about re-organizing, and the need of an orphanage, so these conversations began to be circulated among the people. In the following year plans were made to investigate these matters, a group of men were chosen and were known as Field Workers. This committee went to work to find a suitable place, this place was found and purchased and we have an orphanage and it is nearly paid for. This work was all done because the Free Will Baptist of Alabama were ready to follow their leaders and to do things for the glory of God. I will take this opportunity to say that we can and will do things if we will only try and trust God with our whole hearts.

In November, 1943, at our last meeting, we had a number of good speakers from all over the state, and our people really did enjoy the fine sermons and lectures delivered by the speakers. Some of the men taking part on our program were: Rev. G. W. Franks of North-west Alabama, D. F. Pelt from South-east Alabama, H. A. Pitts, J. S. Fredrick, and M. E. Carpenter, all from West Alabama, and J. B. Bloss of Tennessee. Along with our own Rev. Robert Crawford, our executive secretary, the fine fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Now a word about our women's work. Their speakers were Mrs. J. B. Bloss and Mrs. K. V. Shutes, whose interest in the ladies auxiliary of Alabama has no parallel. And now a word to the good people whose interest is to promote the cause of Christ and our church, remember the Master said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world." The Committeemen of our State Association are doing a good job, we have a Unified Program, a Mission Board, and an Orphanage. This is the accomplishments of two years of labor and sacrifice of our good people. Our committee have done wonderful work for the Master in our state and their cooperation cannot be excelled anywhere. May we as Free Will Baptists keep this spirit until Jesus comes again.

Now in behalf of the officers of the Alabama State Association, the field workers and myself: We say thank you over the state of Alabama for your wonderful cooperation, your prayers and your sacrifices. May we remain perfectly yoked together for the glory of God.

Your servant in Jesus' name,

Rev. J. J. Staab,
Moderator of Alabama
State Association

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint. Isa. 40: 31.

Swift, as an eagle cuts the air,
We'll mount aloft to thine abode;
On wings of love our souls shall fly,
Nor tire amidst the heavenly road.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. Psa. 62: 5.

TEACHING and TRAINING

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL "TEACHING SERVICE" — THE F. W. B. L. "TRAINING SERVICE"

A Department Devoted to Religious Education and Training in the Churches
EDITED BY LOY E. AND GERTRUDE BALLARD
BOX 136 ELIZABETH CITY, N. C.

OUR "WANDERING BOYS"

(By L. Everett Ballard)

The caption above is not intended to be understood as the term is understood in the story of the Wandering Sheep, or as used in the old song "Wandering Boy, Come Home." In it's intended use it could have been applied to many of the last generation of our boys—those who during the past five or six years have reached manhood. It can also be applied to many, many of our boys today.

During the depression years—those never-to-be-forgotten "30's"—many of our boys were wandering from place to place, looking for jobs, or—just looking! Some of them wandered because they had no home; others took to the road because the need was so great at home, and food so scarce, that it seemed the noble thing to do. They felt that the little that was left at home should go to the weak and tiny ones, and that they should somehow "help dad and ma" by getting out and shifting for themselves. We saw them on our street corners, we rubbed shoulders with them in the worried, hurrying throng. They wore shoes run over at the heels, and patched and mended clothes. Be it said to the everlasting credit of most of them that they held their head up and smiled. "A job? No, not yet, but it's probably waiting just around the corner!" was the spirit most of them had. And they went on around the corner, and around many other corners. Some of them found the job at last; others landed in the C. C. C., or the N. Y. A. or some other alphabetic place; a few, alas, fell by the wayside. Tired, discouraged and hungry they turned to crime, and their lives were blighted forever. There was not much that we who stayed home could do about it all. We who did not "wander" those dark years, spent much of our time "wondering!" We wondered where the next meal would come from for our own little ones at home, and we wondered what kind of a world they would have to face when they grew up. Of course, we wondered too about these wandering ones—and where they would finally wander to.

And now another generation of our boys, and many of our girls too, are wandering. We see them on our street corners, and we rub shoulders with them in a busier throng than ever. They are not dressed in ragged clothes, and the heels of their shoes are not running over. They wear the fine uniforms of their country, and their shoes shine so that you can see your reflection in them. They are not in need of food, and they are not looking for a job. They have a job: a job to do for you and for me. It is a job that will require the best they have—in some cases their all.

What are we doing about this new group—this mighty army—of wandering boys of ours? Are we doing as we did before—just wondering. Wondering whose sons and daughters they are; wondering if somebody else will say a word of courage to them. We are not as helpless toward them as we were toward the other wandering boys. We could do little for them, because we did not have what they needed. But, if we are Christians, we **do** have the thing these boys and girls need most of all, Jesus Christ! And, if we fail, to give them the one thing that will sustain and keep them amid the carnage and suffering of march and battle, one day we will read a line—just one little line—in the newspaper about some of them, and our consciences will be seared, and our hearts will be broken! God help us!

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N. C. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION NOTES

Program and Report Blanks

By this time most all the Sunday Schools in North Carolina have received copies of the program, and a report blank, for the State Sunday School Convention-Institute, which convenes with the Goldsboro F. W. B. Church, April 21, 1944. It is hoped that every S. S. that can possibly do so, represent with a delegation and a full report. Superintendents should make a special effort to attend, as many of the features of the Convention-Institute will be especially helpful to them. Check up now on your offering for the Assembly Ground, and also on the present status of your S. S. in the "Three Year Program of Progress." Remember that you will be given a certificate at the Convention if you have made the required progress for the year.

Who's Who!

Here are a few bits of information regarding the ones who are on the program for this year, in the order in which they will appear:

SASSER, RAYMOND—President of the Convention. Will hold a conference of all officers of the convention at 9:00 o'clock on the morning of the Convention, and has a right to expect all the officers to be there.

BEST, E. E.—Superintendent of the Goldsboro S. S. Is doing his "Best" to get ready for you, and will welcome you when you get there.

EVANS, J. A.—O, well, everyone knows Brother "James" is the efficient Superintendent of our Orphanage, and is always ready to do his part in the interest of all our work. For your own sake, and the good of your school, don't miss the Institute-Forum, which he will conduct at 10:35 A. M. This is the place to get help with that problem you have been wrestling with.

GRIFFIN, J. C.—Our energetic

State Association Field Secretary, who will bring the Convention Message at 11:30 on "Victory Through Christ."

HARRIS, R. P.—Moderator of the Central Conference and pastor of a number of churches. He will handle the "Standards of Efficiency" in the Round Table Discussion. Brother Harris has made a study of the "Standard," and no one is better able to give advice regarding it.

BALLARD, L. E.—Co-Editor of F. W. B. L. Quarterlies, and pastor of the Elizabeth City Church. He is the author of "Three Year Program of Progress," and will lead the discussion on the program in the Round Table Discussion.

HARRIS, J. ALBERT—One of our youngest ministers, Brother Harris is "Alpha and Omega" in the program. He is placed last here, but he is first and last on the program, for he is to be the Music Director. This fact alone assures us of a great day. Albert will be sure to arrange some good things for us.

Have we left anyone out. O, yes, YOU. Well, you will be there surely, as an interested listener to all the good things, and as a contributor to the success of the Convention-Institute. Is this information right? Please advise in person on the morning of April 21st, at Goldsboro!

WANTED: MORE MINUTES

Reports from our churches last year should make a rather glowing statistical record for the National Association when it is read in that august body next July. There have been many additions, much money given, considerable building done, and generally financial conditions have been better. The National Statistician wants to make such a glowing report this year. But do you know one thing? He cannot do this unless he gets those reports from the associational and state clerks or from the churches directly. Up to now some reports have come in but few if any have come from Mississippi, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, Texas, and California. He knows there are thousands of Free Will Baptists in Texas and Kentucky but you wouldn't think so by the reports that have been sent in, which have been exactly none. And he has advertised for them for the past four weeks!

He knows that the present system of gathering statistics is sadly inadequate and he has made suggestions, but for some reason the ones in authority have been too busy, or something, to listen. Perhaps the Association will accept his plan this year. For that he hopes.

So Mr. Clerk, it is up to you to hely him make his report what it ought to be. And you, Mr. Pastor, may I suggest to you that you find out why the clerk of your association hasn't responded? Send all minutes (1943) to Clarence Bowen, Box 821 Wake Forest, N. C., as soon as possible, please.

Clarence Bowen

Special Day Helps









Programs for Mother's Day

Standard Mother's Day Book No. 3

Edited by James DeForest Murch

A storehouse of materials of all kinds for a proper observance of Mother's Day.

- PAGEANTS
- PLAYLETS
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- MUSIC
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Chief among its features is Louise Miller Novotny's full-length pageant, "Mothers of Long Ago." (This pageant available separately. See description below.) Mrs. Novotny, Marcella Hooe, Catherine Logan, Leah Susanne Millard and Ida Lee Wolf are among the contributors.

Whether your committee wants a "cut-and-dried" program, a full-length pageant, or simply selected materials to amplify its own original plans, this is the book that will meet their need. Paper binding. Price, 25c.

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"The Standard Mother's Day Book No. 2" is replete with materials for the proper observance of Mother's Day in your church.

In its forty-eight pages you will find playlets, pageants, worship programs, responsive services, recitations and songs. There are three features, any one of which would be worth the price of the book: (1) Louise Miller Novotny's playlet, "Mother, Queen of Our Hearts"; (2) Lydia E. Perin's pageant, "Ideals of Motherhood," and (3) the drama, "Barbara's Mother," by Georgia Lyons Unverzagt.

The wealth of miscellaneous materials makes the "Standard Mother's Day Book No. 2" a handy program aid worthy of preservation and constant use through the years.

Two sample programs, using the materials, appear in the book. They may be used effectively as they stand, but they have been prepared to show the possibilities of the work. Every feature exalts Christian motherhood and promotes the cause of Christ. Paper binding. Price, 25c.

Mothers of Long Ago

A NEW PAGEANT

By Louise Miller Novotny

Noted mothers of history speak messages for mothers of today and tomorrow in this new Mother's Day pageant.

In a setting of candle-bearing youth, Memory calls forth Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Catherine Memford Booth, Martha Ball Washington, Jane Corneigle Campbell, Nancy Elliott Edison and Susannah Annesley Wesley, in the quaint costumes of their day. Each gives a glimpse of their faith, courage and sacrifice which helped build character in their distinguished sons. In closing, one of the mothers pays tribute to the Book of books as the inspiration of their noble lives.

The pageant can be as elaborate or as simple as the committee may select. It is certain to be inspiring. Price, each, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

(Note.—This pageant is also included in "The Standard Mother's Day Book No. 3," listed in the column to the left.)

Mother, Queen of Our Hearts

By Louise Miller Novotny

This beautiful playlet breathes the spirit of spring. It is light and airy and full of sunshine. Too often Mother's Day is made a day of sadness by undue emphasis upon its more serious aspects, but here is a service which will make it a day of gladness, and motherhood is exalted in a most inspiring way.

This program for Mother's Day may be as elaborate or as simple as those in charge desire it to be. It may have in its flower groups as many children as space will permit. Either the entire program may be used, or simply that part indicated in the text which requires twelve or thirteen characters.

It is not difficult to stage or costume, and requires but four or five rehearsals. (This playlet is included in "The Standard Mother's Day Book No. 2," as well as available singly.) Price, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

Our Queen of the May

By Mary Huron Blair

This is a charming playlet for Mother's Day, with detailed instruction for simple costumes and platform arrangement. It consists mostly of dialogue in the form of rime, and, while adapted to the simplest needs of the smaller schools, will be a credit to any group. Price, single copy, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

Honor to Motherhood

By Helen Welshimer

This gifted young writer already has made a place for herself in the world of popular literature. She is at her best when in the realm of sentiment, and Mother's Day furnishes her the happiest possible occasion for the exercise of her talent. This playlet shows Miss Welshimer's poetic ability and her talent for dramatization. (This sixteen-page playlet is also included in "The Standard Mother's Day Book No. 1.") Price, each, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

PAUL BECOMES A MISSIONARY

(Lesson for April 23)

Lesson: Acts 13: 1-4. 14: 8-20.
Read Acts 13: 1 to 14: 28.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"The Holy Ghost said, Separate Me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13: 2).

Recently I had to do a difficult and painful thing, when I advised a young man to stay out of the ministry. He was a lad I had known all his life. I was fond of him and recognized his talents. yet when he came to me to ascertain whether or not he should become a minister of the Gospel, I answered "No." The only reason for my reply was that it was quite apparent that the Holy Spirit had not definitely separated him to that calling! If he had done so, this lad would not have needed my advice. One of the great tragedies of the church in our age is the fact that so many men are ordained to the ministry who have never been called thereto by the Spirit of God.

Some men take holy orders because they like their fellow men and want to help and serve them. Some enter the ministry because they are fluent in speech and delight in public address. Some seek ordination because their parents expect them to, or because it offers them a pleasant way of earning a living—these men are a detriment to the real work of the Church!

No man has a right in the great place of the ordained preacher who has not been called to that task by the Holy Ghost: He alone has the authority to consecrate men to the service and work of God. It is highly significant that our text says, "Separate ME Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."

Two generations ago every large city in America had a few or many preachers whose power and force made them known from coast to coast. To-day we could count upon the fingers of our hands all the capable soul winners who occupy the pulpits of our entire land!

Where are the successors to the Wesleys, Finneys, Spurgeons, Beiderwolfs, Moodys, Sundays, and such giants of the faith? They have been replaced by men who are trained administrators, good business executives, or capable politicians! The leadership of our great denominations has fallen into the hands of career seekers, and the deep need of our age is for a return to the primitime custom of putting men into our pulpits who have been called thereto by the Holy Ghost, and who are His servants, doing His will!

—Selected

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The church is blessed indeed that has a devoted ministering staff (Acts 13: 1).

2. The Holy Spirit is able to speak to men when they are waiting upon God (vs. 2).

3. The church should do all it possibly can to help those whom the Lord calls into His work (vs. 3).

4. Whom the Lord calls, He is also sure to lead and direct in His service (vs. 4).

5. Every unregenerate man is powerless to walk in the ways of the Lord (14: 8).

6. "Faith cometh by hearing," for no man can believe a message he has never heard (vs. 9).

7. God's work of salvation, or healing, or anything else is always perfect and complete (vs. 10).

8. Men who do not know God easily adopt superstitious beliefs (vss. 11-13).

9. Where was the man who had been healed when the mob stoned Paul? (vs. 19).

10. Not even a shower of stones can halt the man whose work for the Lord is not yet done (vs. 20).

11. Here is something to consider. The people thought Paul was dead, and perhaps he was. They dragged his body out of the city, but God raised him up again, for there was much more work for him to do. It may be that this was the time when Paul was caught up into the third Heaven (II Cor. 12: 1-3). His body lay on the dump heap outside of Lystra, but his spirit was in the presence of God in Heaven. When God raised him up he went back to work.

12. These, and many more, truths are treated at greater length in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies. Please use them freely and prayerfully.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Ignorance of Values

A gentle breeze floating into the window of a broker's office last week in New York City lifted a certified check calling for one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and it was floated out of the window and out of sight. Instantly an alarm was sent out and Trinity graveyard was soon the scene of eager hunters for the lost check. It was as good as cash to any one who might find it. Almost as soon as the search had begun a messenger boy had found and restored the lost piece of paper and received five dollars for his part of the job. But during that time, within a few miles of this occurrence, more than a million souls were in danger of floating out into eternity lost forever beyond recovery, yet no one seems to be much concerned about these lost souls. What ignorance of values!—The Sunday School Times.

We Are the Waiters

You will notice that Jesus did not feed the multitude. He created the food and asked his disciples to distribute it. Jesus was the creator—not the waiter—at this banquet. Jesus created salvation in his death on the Cross. That is the food that will feed the spiritual hunger of this world! But the task of distributing it is in the hands of his followers.—From Billy Sunday.

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ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Faustina Shearon, Manager

Date	Church	County
Fri., April 14, 7:30 p. m.	Saint's Delight	Franklin
Sun., April 16, 11:00 a. m.	Parker's Chapel	Pitt
Sun., April 16, 7:30 p. m.	Marlboro	Pitt
Fri., April 21, 7:30 p. m.	Edgemont	Durham
Sun., April 23, 11:00 a. m.	Hugo	Lenoir
Sun., April 23, 7:30 p. m.	Daniel's Chapel	Wilson
Fri., April 28, 7:30 p. m.	Hansley's Chapel	Durham

Sunday, April 30, Union Grove, Durham, 11:00 a. m.

Sunday, April 30, Free Union, Wake, 8:00 p. m.

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CONCERT CLASS REPORT

Fourth Week-End

March 31, 1944—	
Everett's Chapel	$100.24
April 2, 1944—	
Gum Swamp	93.76
April 2, 1944—	
Owen's Chapel	75.00
March 27, 1944—	
Friendship	40.00
Total	$309.00

Faustina Shearon, Manager

A PRE-EASTER GROUP PRAYER DAY

For the past few years the following group of Women's Auxiliaries: Ayden, Bethany, Piny Grove, Reedy Branch and Winterville, all of which form a part of the Central District Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina Free Will Baptists, have come together in one or the other of these churches on one day in the week preceding Easter for the purpose of carrying out together the **Week of Prayer program** as given in the Year Book of Programs. For various plausible reasons these auxiliaries grouped themselves, and they gather for one day, and we feel that these meetings have been very beneficial. Many who attend have expressed themselves as having been greatly strengthened and uplifted in a spiritual way as well as getting a better understanding about the work we are trying to carry on. This year the meeting was held with the Reedy Branch church near Winterville, N. C., on April 4th, from 11 a. m., to 4 p. m. Mrs. M. A. Woodard of Winterville directed the program.

In the beginning of the program the women of Ayden auxiliary vividly expressed the need for a closer walk with God through personal prayer and rededication of ourselves to his service, in order that we may bring about a revival of true religion in our churches. Mrs. R. C. Wiggs, Mrs. Wilbur Worthington and Mrs. Faulkner were speakers, and Mrs. Cora Bob Turnage expressed the sentiment of prayer in a beautiful piano arrangement, "In the Garden."

Mrs. R. R. Tyson and Mrs. Hubert Crawford of the Piny Grove auxiliary brought inspiring messages concerning Christian Education and F. W. B. League work. Rev. R. B. Spencer of Ayden spoke on Publications and Literature. He clearly expressed the need and the possibility of enlarging "The Free Will Baptist" to the extent that there might be more space given to auxiliary work. He went still further by saying there was even a need for an exclusive auxiliary publication which would be the means of a potential broadening out in the field of auxiliary work. We should ponder and pray over this thing, and be ready for action if and when the opportunity for such is presented.

Another of the highlights in the meeting was a talk by Mrs. Brantley Speight of Bethany on "The Story of Missions." She inspiringly portrayed the pioneer work of the early missionaries in their hardships and struggles to give the story of Christ to a people in darkness, and how this story of truth made its way into different countries of the world. She pointed out our obligations to our missionaries and their native helpers. Other speakers on the day's program were Mrs. Irene Jackson of Winterville on our Orphanage at Middlesex, and our obligations to it, and Rev. M. A. Woodard spoke on qualifications for our ministry. Mrs. Walter James, Mrs. Frank James and Mrs. R. C. Wiggs of the Reedy Branch auxiliary made interesting and convincing talks on tithing and stewardship practice and education. They pointed out that we must be "doers of the Word and not hearers only." At the conclusion of the program an offering for the promotion of stewardship work was made.

Reported by a member of the Auxiliary

SOME MORE ABOUT OUR DIFFERENCES

(Continued from page 5)

healing. Some claim that all afflictions are the results of sin and that physical healing was included in the atonement, hence they hold public healing services where the afflicted are invited to come for prayer and the anointing oil, while there are others who do not believe all afflictions are the results of sin, therefore, physical healing was not included in the atonement, nor should the matter receive so much public attention; but the afflicted should call for the service of the elders in intercessory prayer and that it is best to attend to such cases, for the most part, in the privacy of the home. Like other differences, our "Treatise" fails to define the course to pursue.

We will call your attention to just one more difference. The doctrine the Millennium is a divisive issue. There are those who believe and preach the Pre-Millennial coming of Christ, while others are preaching His Post-Millennial coming. What do we find in our "Treatise" on this subject by the "Treatise," however, the burden of proff might be upon the "Pre."

There is one thing, I am confident, all will agree upon, and that is that all of these differences should not exist. Is there any thing we can do about it? Yes, but not all at once. We are praying, hoping and expecting a fully united denomination.

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

NOTICE

To the 4th Vice-Presidents of all the Auxiliary Conventions of the State.

I am asking the Fourth Vice-Presidents of each district Convention of North Carolina to please send me a report of all the work done in your district since the last State Auxiliary Convention.

Last May when the State Auxiliary Convention met, I was elected Fourth Vice-President and I am anxious to get a report from each district Fourth Vice-President in the State in order to get a complete report to present at the State Convention when it meets.

I am asking each District Fourth Vice-President in the State to send me your name and address, also the name of your Conference.

In your report please give me the following information: The name of your Conference; the number of Stewardship talks made; the number of Stewardship programs given; the number of Stewardship classes; a list of the books on Stewardship studied in your district; the average attendance of the Stewardship classes; and the number of tithers in your district.

Yours for better stewards of the Master,

Mrs. Paul Thigpen,
Fourth Vice-President of the
State Auxiliary Convention,
R.F.D. 1, Stantonsburg, N. C.

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KING'S CROSS ROADS AID REPORT

The Aid society of King's Cross Roads Church wishes to submit the following report from March, 1943, through February, 1944.

Number members ---------- 27
New members ---------- 1

Financial Statement

Bal. brought forward from February, 1943	$41.62
Amt. of dues paid	49.85
Amt. rec. for brooms	.65
Amt. rec. for chickens	4.00
Amt. rec. for special offering	2.00
Total	$98.12

Disbursements

Paid to Orphanage	$70.00
Sent to Conventions	6.00
For Bible School at Nashville, Tenn.	2.50
1 Funeral design	3.50
1 Vase of flowers	2.00
Amt. paid for brooms	9.50
Miscellaneous expense	.90
Total paid out	$94.40
Amt. in Treasury	3.72
Amt. in Birthday Box	17.37

Activities

Bible chapters read	1750
Sick visits made	151
No. Trays to sick	15
Flowers given	25
Milk given away (gals.)	75

Mrs. I. C. Tugwell, Pres.,
Mrs. W. M. Corbett, Secy.,
Mrs. R. L. Norville, Treas.

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AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid Society of Prospect Church held its regular monthly meeting Friday, March 31, in the home of Mrs. L. T. Kennedy. The meeting was opened by the singing of two songs, "How Firm a Foundation" and "I Need Thee Every Hour." The president then read the scripture from Psalms 119: 9-16, after which Mrs. G. C. Kennedy led us in prayer. The first talk on the program was given by Mrs. H. E. Dorman. Then prayer was uttered by Mrs. Mack Cannaday. Talk number two was given by Mrs. L. T. Kennedy. Following this special music was rendered by Mrs. H. E. Dorman and Mrs. H. E. Mixon. Mrs. Alma Howley and Mrs. Astor Gregory concluded the talks.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with nine members and five visitors present.

Dues collected, $1.00
Special collection, $6.00.
Collection for Orphanage, $2.80.

The Sixth Vice-President read the report of activities for the past month which was as follows:

Chapters read in Bible, 160.
Sick visits, 8.
Trays, 1.
Milk given, 5 quarts.

There followed a general discussion of business, after which Mrs. Florrie McLeod pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. Mack Cannaday, Pres.,
Mrs. Astor Gregory, Cor.-Secy.

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REPORT OF KENLY AUXILIARY

The auxiliary of the Kenly Church held its regular monthly meeting on March 21 at the home of Mrs. Gurney Edwards. The program was directed by Mrs. Luther Kirby who read the scripture lesson. Then she made a talk entitled, "Stewardship of the Gospel." Mrs. C. D. Edwards read the message on "Evangelism on the Mission Field."

There were thirteen members present for this meeting. A record of 138 chapters had been read in the Bible since the last meeting. There were 48 sick visits made, 19 trays sent, 9 bouquets, and 16 cards sent to the sick. The members gave 5 gallons of milk to the needy, made 7 gifts, and one floral design. There were 14 lap robes sent to Seymour Johnson Field for the soldiers.

The dues collected amounted to $1.70. We received from sale of quilt $12.00, and from donations $4.10. The new officers for the ensuing year were elected.

Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. C. D. Edwards, Cor.-Secy.

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CIRCLE NO. 2 MEETS

Circle No. 2 of the Arapahoe F. W. B. Ladies Auxiliary, met at the home

of Mrs. J. V. Vendrick, for its semi-monthly meeting on March 16, 1944.

The meeting was opened by song and the Lord's Prayer in unison. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Vendrick. Selected readings were given by Mrs. Eric Lee and Mrs. Noah Rice.

There were twelve members and one visitor present. We received $1.60 for dues and $3.00 in a special offering.

Our Secretary reported sending quite a few cards to sick friends and birthday greetings to our boys in service. We also purchased appropriate greeting cards to send our service boys, which were given to the Secretary at this meeting. After a closing song the meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Vendrick.

A social hour was enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Rebecca Vendrick and Mrs. M. B. Vendrick, daughter and daughter-in-law of the hostess.

Mrs. Noah Rice

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RESTING IN GOD'S CARE

Dear Baptist Readers:

When I was quite young, I was greatly blessed to go to Sunday School. My step-father, Elder J. R. Stilley, sent me to school, and my half-brother, Levie Stilley, and we were taught to love the Lord and to read His word. And I was only thirteen years old when I gave my life to the Lord. Elder Jim Miller baptized me in the fish pond at Blounts Creek, North Carolina.

I am now 77 years old, and have been married twice. My first husband was Lewis Avery, and the second one was J. O. Taylor, who passed away July 2, 1928. Since then I have lived alone for a while, but I prayed unto the Lord to care for me, and He has answered my prayers.

When the county put up my home for sale for taxes, Elder B. F. Ringgold bought it, and he let me stay there for seven years without paying any rent. Last August I became so feeble that Brother Ringgold let me come into his own home. They have been very good to me, and never says NO to anyone when they are in need of a favor, or anything. For the last few years his health and the health of his wife have failed. Please pray for them that their health might be restored.

I am very glad that Brother Ringgold and his wife are so good to me. Yes, we have a good home, plenty to eat, for it is a God-loving and a God-fearing home. We are praying that this cruel war will soon be over. Brother Ringgold has one son in the army, and we are praying that all of the boys may return home.

In closing I am asking that the readers of the Baptist pray for me, for Brother Ringgold's family and for his son in the services.

May the Lord bless everyone,

Mrs. Mollie Bush Taylor,
New Bern, N. C.,
Route 1, Box 2

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Financial report of National Foreign Missions Treasurer for the month of March, 1944.

Receipts by States

Missouri	$218.24
North Carolina	80.00
Texas	52.46
Oklahoma	46.42
Illinois	40.00
Alabama	10.75
Florida	10.50
Georgia	5.00
New Mexico	5.00
Ohio	5.00
South Carolina	2.00
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We will always remember that dark and lonely evening, March 18, 1944, just as the trees were budding and the flowers were beginning to bloom, how Jesus sent His death angel into our home and took our loving Father, Rev. Solomon Duff to his heavenly home. He was 95 years old when he died.

Father was sick only eleven days, having suffered a stroke of paralysis, and later he developed pneumonia. He was very patient during his illness, but on Saturday evening at four o'clock our loving Master said, "It is enough," and He took him home to be with Him.

Father was very active in his ministerial work until ten years ago when he retired from active service. We know that his going is our loss, but we should rejoice with the angels that he is sweetly sleeping in the arms of the dear Saviour. We are praying that we may meet our dear old Father in that beautiful city above, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Daddy, it was not far you had to go.
For you followed the heavenward path below.

Your radiant smile, like the afterglow,
Follows the sunset here below.

It still beckons the hearts that loved you so,
To follow on 'til they also shall have to go.

Reverend Duff made his home with his son, John Duff, at Deep Run, North Carolina.

—Written by a friend,

Mrs. Lillie Speight

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COX. The death angel visited the home of Mrs. Clinton Cox, on Friday night, March 17, 1944, and took away his Mother to the great beyond.

She was 69 years old and was a faithful member of Free Union Church in Beaufort County. She attended her church services as regularly as she could when health would permit. She was loved by all who knew her. She was confined to her bed about eight months, and bore her afflictions without murmuring.

Mrs. Cox leaves to mourn their loss 3 sons, 8 grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Duffy Toler. The interment was in the Paul Cemetery.

She is gone to be with Jesus,
Where her trials are all over;
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What Is Prayer?

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
  Utter'd or unexpress'd;
The motion of a hidden fire
  That trembles in the breast.

Prayer is the burthen of a sigh,
  The falling of a tear,
The upward glancing of the eye,
  When none but God is near.

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
  That infant lips can try;
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
  The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice
  Returning from his ways,
While angels in their songs rejoice,
  And cry, Behold, he prays!

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
  The Christian's native air;
His watchword at the gates of death;;
  He enters heaven with prayer.

The saints in prayer appear as one
  In word, and deed, and mind;
While with the Father and the Son
  Sweet fellowship they find.

Nor prayer is made by man alone:
  The Holy Spirit pleads;
And Jesus, on the eternal Throne,
  For mourners intercedes.

O Thou, by whom we come to God!
  The Life, the Truth, the Way!
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod:
  Lord! teach us how to pray!

—James Montgomery

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Looking o'er life's finished story,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—How much I owe.

When I stand before the throne,
Dressed in beauty not my own,
When I see Thee as Thou art,
Love Thee with unsinning heart,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.

When the praise of heaven I hear,
Loud as thunder to the ear,
Loud as many waters' noise,
Sweet as harp's melodious voice,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe.

Even on earth, as through a glass
Darkly, let Thy glory pass,
Make forgiveness feel so sweet,
Make Thy Spirit's help so meet;
Even on earth, Lord, make me know
Something of how much I owe.

—Robert Murray McCheyne
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THE LORD OF LIFE

Lift high the triumph song today!
From Olivet to Calvary
We tread again that ancient way
Our Savior rode in majesty.
Let now the loud hosannas ring!
The Prince of Peace is passing by;
The Lord of Life, our Savior, King,
Goes bravely forth, to reign and die,
And LIVE again!

We join the throng to welcome Him;
From Olivet and Calvary
Descend the heights to shadows dim,
Through death with Him to liberty.
Let now the glad hosannas ring!
The Prince of Peace is passing by;
The Lord of Life, our Saviour, King,
The blest One who came forth to die,
And LIVE AGAIN!

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EDITORIAL

PAUL'S COMMAND TO TIMOTHY

(II. Tim. 2: 1-4)

Be Strong

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." The Apostle Paul earnestly urged Timothy to be strong in the grace of Christ Jesus. He well knew the trials, temptations, and difficulties which would confront the young minister as he went forth to preach the gospel. Paul's own personal experiences in preaching Christ were definite proof that young Timothy would have to be strong and courageous to be able to stand firm against all opposition to the gospel of Christ. The source and secret of the strength which Timothy would certainly need was the grace of Christ Jesus. Deeply and fully must he have this grace in his heart before he could be assured of withstanding the bitter opposition of the enemies of Christ. Timothy could not trust in his own strength or sufficiency, his own knowledge and understanding of the scriptures, but he was to rely upon the grace of Christ for strength and power to carry the gospel to the lost.

It is likewise true today for the servants of God. If they are to be successful in winning the lost to Christ and in spreading the gospel over the earth, they must be strong in the grace of our Lord. He is their Commander, the one who provides the essentials for the combatting of every evil which Satan thrusts in their pathway.

Preach the Truth

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to lead others also." Paul urged Timothy to preach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus. That was the work to which he was called, and for which he was set apart to do, therefore, he is given great encouragement by his elder brother in the gospel ministry. Think how fitting it was for Paul to admonish the young servant of the Lord to preach the riches of Christ Jesus to lost souls. Many gospel ministers and Sunday School teachers today should be zealous and courageous in the presentation of the Word of God to others. Being the greatest work in the world, the gospel should have as its ministers and teachers the most loyal and consecrated people to be found anywhere. Let Paul's exhortation to Timothy be a reminder to every gospel minister and teacher that it behooves them to exercise every possible effort to present, in all its purity and clarity, the word of God to the unsaved.

Endure Hardships

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Paul knew how hard it was to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ. He knew Timothy would have to endure hardships to be a good soldier of the Master. Everyone who seeks to carry the gospel to lost humanity will encounter hardships, disappointments and deprivations of many things. Paul was a prisoner at Rome when he wrote Timothy this command. He knew what it was to be in bonds and to endure hardships. He knew Timothy would have to be courageous, unswerving and zealous as he sought to preach the gospel of Christ to the opposers ad unbelievers of the word of God. Paul was ready to suffer for Christ, and in like manner he warned Timothy to be prepared to endure whatever hardships that might become his lot in preaching the gospel.

Are we willing to endure hardships for Christ? Are we willing to make sacrifices for him? Must we give up some of our personal ambitions and pleasures to be able to become better soldiers of the cross? According to the Scriptures we are to meet the requirements laid down by Christ if we are to be good soldiers for him.

Serve Without Entanglements

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." Paul warned Timothy that a good soldier of the cross must not let the affairs of this life divert or detract him from the business of preaching the gospel and winning souls for Christ. He is to keep an eye single to his calling—preaching the gospel—and let that be his whole heart's desire. He is to please his Commander, Jesus Christ, and therefore he is to render wholehearted service to him. Paul's chief aim and purpose was to serve Christ with all his heart, and so, he urged Timothy to do the same thing.

There have been too many gospel preachers, since Paul's day, who have "entangled" themselves with the affairs of this life. As a result, their labors in the gospel ministry have not produced much fruit for the glory of God. The chief work and sole purpose of the minister should be preaching the gospel for the salvation of lost souls.

DO IT NOW

Little Dot was drawing a picture with pen and ink on a piece of paper. It turned out to be a cat without a tail.

"Where's the tail?" asked her mother.

Dot looked puzzled for a moment and then replied, "Why, it is in the ink bottle yet!" Many of our good intentions are like that—in the ink bottle—Do not just think about doing nice things for other people—begin now to do them.—Unknown.

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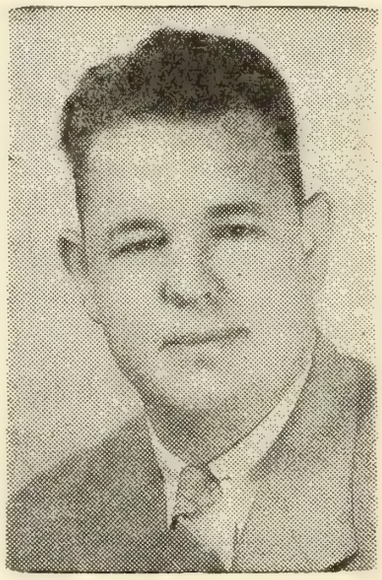
The Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist church was organized by the Rev. R. P. Sawyer, August 4, 1935, at the home of Mr. Flinn Eller, on Lane Street. Since that time the church has developed into one of the most active organizations in the city.

When the church was first organized regular services were held in private homes, all of which were located on Lane Street. After a few months of regular service in private homes the congregation began to grow and a store building was rented in North Kannapolis.

Shortly after moving into the store building the time for electing a pastor was at hand, and since Rev. Sawyer had tendered his resignation as pastor the congregation elected Rev. Paul Jenkins, a licensed minister of the church, as their pastor. But he being only a licensed minister was barred from pastoring the church.

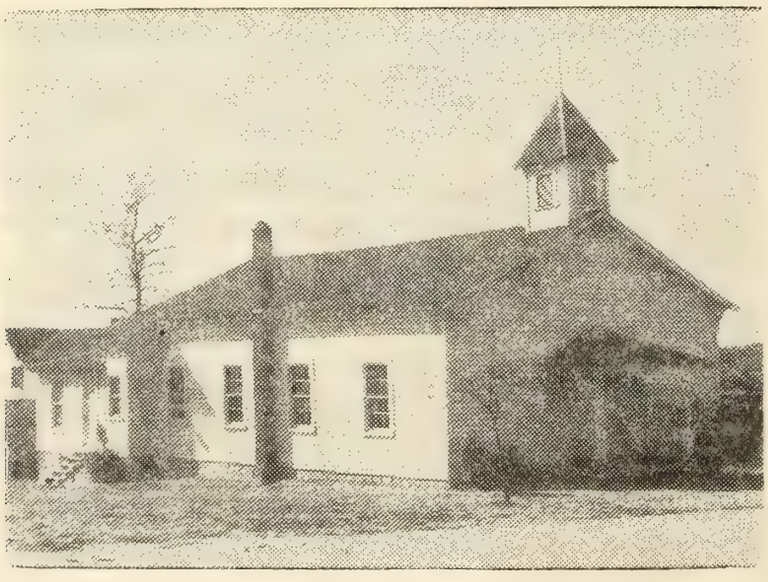
Rev. J. J. Brooks, Moderator of the Beaver Creek Ministers Conference, and pastor of Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist church of Kannapolis, agreed to accept the church under his watchful care, appointing Rev. Jenkins as assistant pastor.

Under the direction of Rev. Brooks a drive was made for funds with which to erect a new church in Elwood Lane. Mr. B. W. Durham donated a lot for the church and soon actual plans were underway for its construction. The new church was erected in 1936 on Central Drive in Elwood Lane. Rev. Brooks was elected pastor with Rev. Jenkins as assistant pastor. In 1937 Rev. Jenkins was ordained as a regular minister and was elected pastor of the church. Since that time the church has grown



Rev. Jenkins

from a membership of 15 to 90. The church has also added five nice Sunday School rooms, and has purchased additional lots, adjoining the church lot, for the purpose of building a parsonage in the near future. The church is debt free, and running on a full time basis. Having services each Sunday at 11 o'clock and 7:30.



Elwood Lane Church

Since the church has been organized, five men have gone out for the purpose of preaching the gospel, namely, Rev. Paul Jenkins, Rev. Barnie Griffin, Rev. Everette Conley, Rev. R. W. Allman and Rev. Robert Woodard. The members are very thankful for the progress made under the leadership of Rev. Jenkins. God has really blessed the church in many ways, and we are looking for even greater things in the future.

Rev. R. W. Allman,
Route 3, Box 617,
Kannapolis, N. C.

LIVING A VICTORIOUS LIFE

Heb. 11: 6.—"For he that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Notice He said, "We first must believe that He is," meaning God with us.

First, victory comes by faith, believing, accepting Him who is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Victory is triumph. The fact that we overcome our enemy makes us happy. Isa. 25: 8.—"He will swallow up death in victory and will wipe away tears from all faces" (v. 11). We will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. He said, "He that cometh to God must believe that he is able to save to the utmost." Make safe, if our child is lost we do more than search for it, but we search diligently. When the child is found, we triumph over fear; we rejoice that we have victory. The child is found. We have the reward with us. The child is at home again with its parents. God is in a victorious life. God is victory.

As a pastor of two of the best churches I have ever served and some of the best people I have ever fellowshipped with, we see victory, through cooperation, displayed in practically every service. At Drifton, Florida, last Sunday we saw a miracle performed. We need there a larger and better building. We knew it and God knew it. We used Haggai 1: 4 for a

text. At the close of the message, we raised nine hundred dollars on our new church building. Don't forget, our subject, "**Living a Victorious Life.**" He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. In him we find a friend. To them that walk the straight and narrow way he rewards us victoriously, in the financial affairs of life as well as spiritual.

It pays to serve God and commune with him daily. By this He assures us a victorious life over sin and the devil, aside from the rewards we receive by living for him.

When the tomb was opened for our Saviour's resurrection, the door of opportunity for a victorious life was opened. At new birth victory is sweet; in life victory sweetens; at death victory is sweeter. A victorious life will triumph over death.

I, for one, want to be in the number when the Saints go marching in. Our salvation depends on our accepting Him. He said that he would reward them who diligently seek him. "Diligently" means hard at work, active, crowded with business, occupied, employed. With these qualifications God rewards us: First, with the still sweet voice whispering peace to our soul; second, by directing our footsteps in life; and, third, by answering our prayers. By these experiences we know that we are the children of the King. How do we know? Rom. 8: 16.—"The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God" (v. 17). And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ.

Now, dear hearts, if we believe this, what is there to hinder us from living a victorious life? Here in this present world victory means the overcoming of an enemy, defeat of opponents. It also means that we are walking in the light as He is in the light. Victory is a Christian's rightful possession. God purposed this. So, dear friends, if you haven't victory, it is your fault. When God moves in, you have victory—for God is victory.

Rev. W. F. Clark,
Thomasville, Ga.

TO MY HOME CHURCH, NEW BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Worth County, Georgia

Make up your minds to be happy, for happiness is mostly a matter of self-hypnotism. You can think yourselves happy, or you can think yourselves miserable. Nail on your face the smile that won't come off, and after a bit you will find that it stays there.

Naturally, there isn't a single human being who hasn't plenty to cry over, and the trick is to make the laughs outweigh the tears. Be yourself and do the things that you enjoy doing; and, if you want to be comfortable and happy, don't borrow trouble, because you have to pay compound interest on that, and it will bankrupt you in the end if you do.

There are none of us but who have lain awake at night petrified with dread of some calamity that we feared might befall us, and that we felt like would shatter our lives if it should occur. Generally, it never happens, but if it did, it wasn't so bad after all. And we survived it without serious injury.

Don't envy and grudge, don't keep up old quarrels, don't remember all the mean things that people have done to you; forget them. Hate is a deadly chemical that we distill in our own hearts, and it poisons our own souls. Don't hold post mortems and spend life brooding over the mistakes that you have made, or the sorrows that have befallen you. What is done is done, and cannot be changed, but you have your whole future life in which to make good.

Do something for somebody less fortunate than yourself. Minister to other people's troubles, and it will make you to forget your own. Happiness is a coin that we keep only when we give it away. Keep busy, for that is a sovereign remedy for our happiness. Hard work is a panacea for trouble.

May the Lord bless you all is my prayer. Always remember me in your prayers, please.

Love to my church,
Pfc. James B. Fowler,
A. S. N. 34571318,
Co. E.—144 Inf.,
Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

HILTON, GEORGIA

Dear Baptist Readers:

We want to let the Baptist readers know how we are getting along in southwest Georgia. We are at peace and love one with another, and the spirit of unity seems to be growing all the while.

Many of our churches have been newly painted. The mission spirit among the people seems to be growing too, throughout the entire association. But I am very sorry that I am not able to preach very much now, for I have reached the age of my declining years. I am almost seventy-six years old, and well remember how good the Lord has been to me.

I read in the Baptist paper this week about Elder E. T. Phillips' birthday, and how I do wish I could see him one more time. I met him in Dunn, North Carolina, during Brother Peden's days, forty years ago or more. I shall never forget his text on that occasion. It was: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, but it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is." His subject was "Sonship, and Being about our Brother's Business." It was a great message.

I often think of Brother Woodard, and would be very glad to see him again. He assisted me in a revival meeting many years ago at New Light and Bethlehem Churches in Randolph County, Georgia. Brother Woodard, I am still serving them, and it makes 44 years I have served them. Please come to see us in Georgia, and preach for me again.

May we all be much in prayer, for it is God who can give us victory in this cruel war.

Your brother in Christ,
Rev. W. T. Whitley,
Hilton, Georgia

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
North Carolina F. W. Baptist
State Association

The One Foundation (continued)

4. Christ Is the Foundation of the Sinner's Acceptance with God.

It is plainly set forth in the holy Scriptures that Jesus Christ is the ONLY APPROACH TO GOD, the Father. "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14: 6). These are the words of Jesus. Jesus did not include any one, as an associate in the approach to His Father. No angel, no saint, no brother, nor his mother, can in any way, be an access to God. Paul says, "For there is one God, and one Mediator, between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time" (I Tim. 2: 5, 6). This emphatically settles the question, beyond a shadow of a doubt, in the fact, that Jesus, and Jesus only, can get us in touch with God. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7: 25).

Christ, "the way, the truth, and the life" the only "Mediator between God and men;" the EVERLIVING Son of God, our High Priest is saving, now, as in the past, and will until the end of the age all that seek the Lord God, through Him. Christ, and God, the Father cannot be separated. "Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God" (I John 4: 15). "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son" (I. John 5: 10). In the face of this scripture, the one who does not believe that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary being the seed of the woman without the knowledge, or aid of man, according to nature, makes "God a liar." Then there is no place for such to have salvation. Certainly, to disbelieve the incarnation and virgin birth of the Son of God is to refuse to accept God's record. This leaves such a believer to rest his salvation on "sinking sand." Such a foundation will be destroyed with all other insecure foundations. No acceptance with God for the unbeliever. One might as well be an avowed infidel as to disbelieve the word of God which sets forth the virgin birth and the incarnation, together with every supernatural, recorded, incident in the whole plan of the redemption of man. I say, no person can get to God, have any fellowship with God, who does not first accept the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour. Christ is the FOUNDATION for our acceptance with God.

5. Christ, the Foundation, Is the Head of the Church.

The apostle Paul cites us to the fellowship and the responsibility of the husband to the wife in all relationship, as to our position in Christ, and Christ in us. "Wives submit yourselves unto your husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the Body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be unto their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (I. John 21-25).

Sometimes we find certain institutions, and places of business, along with individuals, that seem to have no head—every one is a boss and no one responsible for certain acts—each doing as he pleases. Such institutions have an insecure foundation. Sooner or later failure is evidenced. Then every one places the responsibility for the failure on some one rather than self.

But in the church of Jesus Christ, the Head of the same, is the FOUNDATION. He is "first and the last." The lowest part of the building and the topmost part. He is FOUNDER. He is the Head. "I will build my church." He is the OWNER. He is the BUILDER.

Several years ago I went for my mail in a small village one evening. The Post Office was in a corner of a general store. Crowds assembled at this hour to get their mail. On this occasion there was an argument, as usual, going on. This time it was over the church. One (a Catholic) was saying, "Peter is the foundation of my church." And with as much assurance there was another, (a Baptist) saying, "John Calvin, is the founder of my church." Whereupon my entering the building, one fellow said, "Here is a preacher, let us see what he says about it." Without hesitation I said, "Jesus Christ is the Founder of the church that I am a member of, and I am happy therein." The conversation ceased. Thank God that the church is not built on man. Man is not the founder, nor the head, nor the owner. It all is of Christ.

(to be continued)

The National Association

I am just back from Nashville, Tenn., where I met with other members of the Executive Committee of the General Board of the National Association. At this meeting the Program for the 1944 session was arranged for the Association which is to be held in Flat River, Mo., beginning the second Sunday in July, with the Sunday School Convention, and followed by the Women's Auxiliary. The Association proper will get into action Tuesday evening, and it is scheduled to run until noon Friday. God has wonderfully blessed the program of the National Association for the past nine years. And may we be much in prayer that this will be the greatest year in its history. May all of our efforts be blended in the right direction unto the glory of God.

Union Meetings

The last of April is time for Union meetings in North Carolina. This is a good time to finish the special offerings for Missions. Let every one who has not made his offerings, get busy, and make it right away, unto

the LORD. Our "tithes" and our OFFERINGS go to our FATHER.

To the Union meetings, as your Field Secretary, and as your servant, in the name of Jesus Christ, I wish to say, and I believe it with all my heart, that "WHAT WE DO FOR MISSIONS, AND ALL OTHER WORK FOR OUR LORD, WILL HAVE TO BE DONE QUICKLY, FOR HIS COMING DRAWETH NIGH."

REQUEST FOR PRAYER AND A GOOD REVIVAL

Dear Baptist Readers:

Greetings! I want to state that I have written to the Baptist paper sometime in the past, and now desire to write this short message for the benefit of the readers. I want to say that I still do enjoy reading the Baptist; and that, when I read one through, I can hardly wait until the next one comes.

I have just returned from church services where we had one of the best Easter services that I have ever been in. The Lord did really bless our hearts in the services. Our pastor, Rev. Arthur Williams, preached from the twelfth chapter of Zechariah. He used as his text the tenth verse, which reads, "And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced." My good brethren and friends, I wish the people of the whole world could have heard the message. It seemed that the real Holy Spirit was speaking through him. My soul was really made to rejoice.

It was through this man of God that I received my first issue of the Baptist paper, and I really appreciate the fact that he led me to take the paper.

We are expecting to have a revival to start at our church, St. John's, on Monday night, April 17. We are asking all children of God to remember us in prayer, and to ask God to give us a real heart-searching revival. Pray that sinners may be saved for the glory of God. We read in the Bible where Christ said, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest, Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Christian people, please help us to pray that some poor lost sinners will come to Jesus during the revival meeting.

I want the Christian people to pray for me that I may hold steadfastly to the cross of Christ and to my God. Pray that I shall be able to do what God wants me to do. Pray for my home and that my companion will be saved. I am the only one in my family who is a Christian. You know, therefore, how much I need your prayers.

May God bless everyone who reads these few lines.

Your sister in Christ,

Mrs. Lee Poston,
Hyman, S. C.

SIDNEY SERVICES

The weather has been so very bad since November that our church services have been broken. Our pastor, Rev. J. D. Vernelson of Clinton, North Carolina, has been very faithful in coming each third week-end in every month but one, in spite of the long distance he lives from us. In December he sent in his stead Rev. R. Jackson of Clinton.

On every evening service he has missed being with us, due to the very bad weather. However, last third Sunday night, we were fortunate in having Mrs. Lucy Daughtrie, the Sister of our dearly beloved Brother J. T. Linton, to hold prayer services with us, and to bring us an inspiring message on the subject: "Casting Your Net on the Right Side." Several times during her message, she quoted beautiful and appropriate selections of poetry.

All of us were very happy to have had "Miss Lucy" with us, and in spite of the bad weather conditions, we had a fair congregation. The Lord has been wonderfully good to Sidney Church, for He sends to us some of the best Christian servants to be our pastors. How true it is that the flock depends on the good shepherd.

The Reverend J. D. Vernelson began as pastor of our church in September, 1943. Although he is young in the ministry, he is wholly consecrated, and depends on Christ for guidance, both in the pulpit and in his daily life. His soul's desire is to lead the lost to Christ; and, like Saint Paul, he gets great joy out of expressing the joy of his own salvation.

Our small congregation has learned to love Mr. Vernelson for his Christ-like manner. May the Lord greatly bless him and lead him to greater fields of service.

If the weather shall be favorable, we are planning to have a dedication service for our boys in the armed forces of our country on the third Sunday night in April, the Lord willing. May all who will, come and worship the Lord with us. Don't forget us when you pray.

Mrs. Edwin Roper

REVIVAL AT DARLINGTON

Recently the writer held a two-weeks' meeting at the Darlington Church. It was a great success, and a number of precious souls were converted. Quite a few backsliders were reclaimed.

It seemed that the meeting had a good start in the very beginning with five conversions taking place the first night. The Darlington Church has a fine group of members who are doing a good work there. The church is now supporting a full-time pastor for the first time in the history of the church.

Brother Bullard, the pastor, is certainly doing a fine work, having taken in about twenty-five new members in the five months he has been with that congregation. Let us hope that more of our churches will follow the example of this one, and place a full-time pastor on the field so as to be able to do more efficient work.

Yours in the Master's name,

Rev. H. J. Sawyer,
25 Hagans Street,
Rock Hill, S. C.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions
Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL FIELD WORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the Name of our Dear Master! This brings us to the close of our Week of Prayer, and no doubt great results will be seen in the near future by the efforts of our faithful women. Just think of it, thousands of Free Will Baptist women have been engaged in prayer all over the United States, and in foreign lands. We will pause long enough to say "Thanks" to our good pastors for their co-operation and fellowship shown during these busy days. Also we wish to thank the ones who have assisted in the various programs. May God greatly bless everyone who had a part in making the "Week of Prayer" a success.

Now, to our work in Texas. One of my most profitable visits which I made was at Houston Church. It was my privilege to visit Brother Berry and his church people twice, and both visits were very spiritual and uplifting. Any one could not visit the Houston Church without feeling the very presence of the Master. The second visit was at their first anniversary and a splendid program was rendered. A lovely basket dinner was served at the noon hour.

In the afternoon the Auxiliary work of the church was the chief part considered. There was a Missionary Baptist lady present who called Brother Berry and said that she wanted to make him and his church people a gift of a lot for the new church building. Oh, how all of us did praise the Lord for the wonderful answer to our prayers. Brother and Sister Berry, together with their congregation, are some of the very "salt of the earth." We do thank God for this splendid pastor. We are asking that God will send the right evangelist to assist these dear ones, for they are doing their best. Let us help them with your prayers.

It was a great privilege for us to be able to visit the Bryan Church for two nights. We met Brother and Sister Fort, who are doing a splendid work for our Lord and His cause. They are dearly beloved by the church people, and we feel that they are loyal to the National Program in every way. It was our privilege to meet this dear pastor and his good wife in the state of Georgia a few years ago, and now we are very glad to have them in our Texas work.

Another great joy followed the Bryan services, and that was with the people in North Zulch, where Brother J. B. Lovering is pastor. It was in this town and with the good people of the church we were set apart for the Gospel Ministry, and it always gives us great joy for such a sacred place. It was also our privilege to visit Zion Bible School in Georgia a few years ago, just before Brother Lovering graduated from the Bible School there. We do want to thank God again for Brother T. B. Mellette who carried on that school, and sent out such pastors as Brother Lovering, for he and his dear wife are loved by his church people. I organized the Women's Auxiliary while there, and they took a "Jehoiada Chest." They are hoping to be able to carry out the program in every way. The bad weather prevented me from visiting many places, for we have never had such rainy winter in Texas for a long time, or since I can remember.

I am now at Hannon, Missouri, in a revival meeting. We have had two conversions thus far, and fine interest is being shown in the meeting. Please pray for a wonderful outpouring of God's Spirit upon the meeting. These dear people have not had a revival in three years, and they are looking for souls to be saved. Sister Lowell Martin is pastor, and she is a splendid one, too. She and I go through the day, making calls in the homes, and that helps us to reach some souls that are unsaved and never enter a church. Sister Martin is greatly beloved by these people, though she has been pastor for only a few months.

I will receive my mail here for two weeks yet, and my home address is still Huntsville, Texas. God bless our dear people everywhere.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams

PROGRAM

The Second Union of the Western North Carolina Association will convene with Free Union Church in Nash County on April 29, 1944. The time will be E. S. T.

Saturday Morning

10:00—Song by the congregation
—Devotions led by J. Frank Parish
—Appointment of committees
—Welcome address by Mrs. Clinton Morgan
—Response by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
—Reading of minutes of last union
—Roll call of ministers
11:00—Sermon by Rev. Dee Bissette
12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

1:00—Devotions led by L. H. Boykin
—Business period
—Roll call of churches
—Reports of committees and treasurer
—Petitions for the next union
3:00—Song by the congregation and benediction

Mrs. N. E. Strickland,
Mr. Z. C. Bissette,
Committee

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.*
Middlesex, N. C.

REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.*
Greenville, Tenn.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Faustina Shearon, Manager

Date — Church — County

Fri., April 21, 7:30 p. m. Edgemont Durham

Sun., April 23, 11:00 a. m. Hugo Lenoir

Sun., April 23, 7:30 p. m. Daniel's Chapel Wilson

Fri., April 28, 7:30 p. m. Hansley's Chapel Durham

Sunday, April 30, Union Grove, Durham, 11:00 a. m.

Sunday, April 30, Free Union, Wake, 8:00 p. m.

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CONCERT CLASS REPORT

April 7 and 9

Rock Springs L. A. S.	$ 1.00
Rock Springs Church	12.06
Edgewood	118.00
Aspin Grove	100.00
Pleasant Hill S. S.	5.00
Pleasant Hill Church	8.70
Total	$244.76

Miss Faustina Shearon,
Manager

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RECEIPTS FOR MARCH, 1944

LAND

Eastern Conference

St. Mary's	$ 125.00
St. Mary's	30.86
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Core Creek	1.00
Smith's New Home	26.00
Sound View	10.00
Bridgeton	15.50
Holly Springs	17.71
Beaufort	8.25
Palmeto Chapel	25.00
Macedonia L. A. S.	5.00
Free Union (Sea Level)	6.80

Cape Fear Conference

Casey's Chapel	50.00
St. Mary's Grove	61.45
Prospect	35.00

French Broad Conference

Swannanoa	47.65

Beaver Creek Conference

Mable Avenue	25.00

Central Conference

Rose Hill	12.75
Hull Road	125.00
Rocky Mount L. A. S.	5.00
Hickory Grove	62.50
Daniel's Chapel	32.00
Black Jack	58.00
Grimsley's	10.02
Bethany	21.45

Western Conference

Free Union (Nash County)	9.25
Pleasant Plain	38.40
Friendship	100.00
Pleasant Grove	101.06
Mt. Zion (Nash County)	1.00
Piny Grove (Johnston County)	25.00
St. Mary's	25.10
Spring Hill	20.00
People's Chapel	21.00

Miscellaneous

Jesse Hinnant and Wife	20.00
J. I. Mooring	5.00
G. W. Bailey	25.00
J. C. Griffin	5.00
Mosco Towe	16.00
Oriental Baptist Aid	25.00
Land Total	$1,378.75

CLOTHING

Eastern Conference

St. Mary's	$ 25.00
St. Mary's Jr. Dept.	25.00
Mosley's Creek	25.00
Eastern Aux. Convention	25.00
Kinston L. A. S.	25.00
Dublin Grove L. A. S.	25.00
Cabin Local Auxiliary	25.00
Core Creek L. A. S.	25.00
Davis Auxiliary	25.00
Macedonia	25.00
Mt. Zion L. A. S. (Bayboro, N. C.)	25.00
Deep Run L. A. S.	25.00
Snow Hill L. A. S.	25.00

Cape Fear Conference

Lee's Chapel	20.00
Hopewell L. A. S.	25.00
Goldsboro	25.00
St. John's L. A. S.	20.00

French Broad Conference

Swannanoa S. S.	25.00

Beaver Creek Conference

Goshen Grove	25.00

Central Conference

St. Delight L. A. S.	25.00
Gum Swamp L. A. S.	20.00
Marlboro L. A. S.	25.00
Grimsley's L. A. S.	25.00
Free Union L. A. S. (Greene County)	25.00
Sound Side L. A. S.	25.00
Malachi's Chapel L. A. S.	25.00
Piny Grove (Pitt County)	25.00
Winterville L. A. S.	25.00
Ayden	25.00

Western Conference

Free Union (Nash County)	25.00
Little Rock L. A. S.	25.00
Holly Springs L. A. S.	25.00
Pine Level	25.00
Union Grove L. A. S. (Wayne Co.)	25.00

Miscellaneous

Tabernacle (Goldsboro, N. C.)	50.00
Mrs. Roy Garner	25.00
Mrs. Vera Kirby	20.00
Albemarle District Aux. Conv.	25.00
Clothing Total	$955.00

CHAPEL

Cape Fear Conference

Riverside	$ 10.00
Casey's Chapel	30.00

Eastern Conference

Macedonia	48.65
Cabin	12.80
Morehead City L. A. S.	15.00

Western Conference

Selma L .A. S.	5.00
Willing Workers S. S. Class	60.00
Chapel Total	$181.45

CURRENT

Eastern Conference

Bethel	$ 10.00
St. Mary's	13.60
Beulaville L. A. S.	5.00
Wintergreen S. S.	13.00
Bridgeton M. S.	7.00
Memorial to Mrs. Ella Stilley, Mother of J. W. Stilley	5.00
St. John's Chapel	5.50
Deep Run L. A. S.	1.00
Union Chapel and S. S.	11.55
Rooty Branch	5.75
Wintergreen L. A. S.	1.00
Sneads Ferry	3.30
Mosley's Creek	8.75
Morehead City S. S.	8.00
Davis F. W. B. Church	7.50
Kinston Church	11.50
St. John Chapel	5.00
Core Creek	20.31
Warden's Grove	6.25
Wintergreen L. A. S.	1.00

Cape Fear Conference

Riverside	12.25
Johnston Union S. S.	8.00

Goldsboro S. S.	8.72
Bethel S. S.	5.00
Hopewell	55.00
St. Paul S. S. and L. A. S.	50.00
French Broad Conference	
Cedar Hill S. S.	2.40
Horney Heights	5.00
Ray's Chapel	15.00
Rockfish Conference	
Sandy Grove	3.00
Pee Dee Conference	
White Oak	7.69
Central Conference	
Rose Hill	6.75
Bethany	27.00
Sweet Gum Grove	102.88
Hickory Chapel Church	77.82
Hickory Chapel Jr. League	2.25
Owen's Chapel Church	25.00
Dildy's Grove	25.00
Edgewood Church	25.00
Parker's Chapel S. S.	2.05
Rocky Mount S. S.	2.55
Pleasant Hill	36.30
Elm Grove Church	41.10
Hickory Grove	77.20
Dildy's Grove	45.00
Dildy's Grove L. A. S.	5.00
King's Cross Roads	36.00
Greenville	10.55
Winterville S. S.	4.00
Spring Branch	25.00
LaGrange S. S.	6.21
Bethany Church	4.45
2nd Union S. S. Conv.	6.88
Malachi's Chapel	25.00
Edgewood Church and S. S.	17.78
Hickory Chapel Int. League	3.00
Elm Grove	16.50
Hickory Chapel S. S.	25.00
Hull Road S. S. and L. A. S.	12.10
Western Conference	
People's Chapel	117.16
Pine Level	10.00
Edgemont	5.00
Branch Chapel S. S.	14.00
Stony Creek Church and L. A. S.	10.00
Stony Creek	25.25
Stony Creek S. S.	23.00
Rock Springs	1.15
Rains Cross Roads	5.00
Friendship	15.84
Friendship S. S.	5.00
Edgemont	10.00
R. W. Jones	5.00
Wilson L. A. S.	20.00
Marsh Swamp	10.00
Friendship Church	3.30
Total Current	$1,248.14

MISCELLANEOUS

Cash sales (farm, dairy, and garden)	$ 439.74
Truck hire	75.16
Mrs. J. M. Wainwright	25.00
George Wester	11.91
Refund	125.11
Dorothy Budd	5.00
Mrs. Retha Wood (parent)	20.00
Refund	100.63
G. W. Stevenson (parent)	10.00
T-Sgt. Winfred Fountain	50.00
Refund	8.50
Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bryan, Jr.	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	2.00
Miscellaneous Total	$ 908.05
Grand Total	$4,671.39

JAMES A. EVANS, Superintendent.

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ALABAMA ORPHANAGE NEWS

We held a meeting of the Orphanage Board last week in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. V. C. May, Vernon, Ala., who is now our treasurer, was elected to take the lead in the repairs of the buildings. He has asked that we furnish him $2,000 dollars in the next three months for this purpose.

May we say that there are enough Free Will Baptists in the State of Alabama and the near-by states for Brother May to be easily furnished with the needed $2,000 dollars in the next ninety days. Friends of this great cause, come on, and help us to repair the buildings, and then pay the final debt off the property by the fall of 1944! Many of our boys in the Service have sent in nice offerings. One of them just the other day sent to me a nice money order for $40 dollars for the Orphanage.

We have been raising funds for this purpose for a little over a year, and $4,500 dollars have already come into our hands. Remember, not a one of the field workers gets a cent for his services. Will you now join us in this great cause? You will not be investing in something to lose. We can sell the property now for several times more than we gave for it. Remember also, our people are giving their money for this good cause.

We are going to have another Rally Day on the Fifth Sunday in July, 1944. There will be "Sacred Harp Singing" in the morning, and a message at the eleven o'clock hour. In the afternoon we will sing in the "Seven Shape-Note Books." Please make your plans to be present for the Rally on the Fifth Sunday in July, 1944.

If you live close by, take a basket dinner with you, and if you do not live near by come anyway without the basket dinner. Whenever you have an opportunity to see this property, you will be willing to help pay for it.

Yours for the Orphanage cause,

K. V. Shutes,
Cordova, Alabama.

THE HOUSE I LIVE IN

The house I live in has grown old;
Some parts of it are in decay:
The thatch upon the roof, once brown
Is now all turned to grey.
Light through the window-panes is dim,
So I cannot clearly see:
The new ones I have now outside
Have been a wondrous help to me.
The grinders from the kitchen gone,
I miss their presence every day;
Some others that I once put in
Are of no service anyway.
The unseen, noiseless engine's beat,
That has not ceased for many years,
Is still at work, but slower now
Its action to my sense appears;
And the warm liquid that it sends
Through the old house to heat its walls
Grows cold as round about the place
Black winter's withering snowflake falls.
Though I have had the house re-paired,
Sometimes outside and oft within,
Yet as the silent years roll on,
I feel the walls are growing thin.
'Twill grieve me much to leave the place;
Each nook and corner I revere;
Sweet joyous days I've spent therein
Through many a bright, glad, golden year.
To me its walls are sacred too;
Within them I have suffered long;
But "God has been my Strength and Stay";
In weakness He has made me strong.
And He has come and "supped with me"
And soothed my sorrow, eased my pain,
And made the place, like "Bethany's home,"
Bright with restored life again.

Soon this old house will be dissolved,
Not lost but only laid away—
And I shall then be taken Home
In Father's inner rooms to stay,
Till the whole family shall meet
From every land beneath the sky.
And this frail house be built anew,
For me once more to occupy—
A tenant in a changeless home,
No windows dim and no decay,
No sorrow, sickness, and no death,
"For former things are passed away."

—Anon.

—In Christian Victory

THE GREAT PHYSICIAN IN A TROUBLED WORLD

Here we have, in Jesus Christ, the greatest physician in all history, even down to the present time. When all the world is in great distress, there seems to be no relief. Not until God, with all His will and great Almighty Power, is willing and ready to help us shall we be able to secure His great help. We are to be humble and meek enough to call upon His great name, and seek His great blessings.

We have great promises, and they will never fail, if we are standing for righteousness, and are willing to do his will. His holy Word says that we are to call upon Him in the day of trouble, and that He will deliver us. We are to glorify our God by living Christian lives.

In St. John we have these wonderful words: "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." In St. Matthew we read how Christ said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." (ch. 11: 29).

Our Lord knew that we would have troubles in the world, but He said that we are to be of good cheer, for He overcame the world. Jesus is with us always if we are His shining witnesses. In Matthew 28: 20, Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Mrs. Samuel T. Craff,
3203 Snyder Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

PROGRGAM

This is the program for the First Union of the Western North Carolina Association which will be held with Little Rock Church on April 29, 1944.

Saturday Morning

9:30—Devotions led by Rev. M. L. Johnson
9:45—Reading of the last minutes and enrollment
10:15—Business period
10:45—Special prayer led by the moderator for peace
11:00—Sermon by Rev. R. N. Hinnant
11:45—Special music by Orphanage Class, and a plea by Rev. James A. Evans for the Orphanage
12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions led by Rev. T. Renfrow
1:45—Calling the list of churches
2:00—Election of new officers
2:15—Report of Apportionment Committee, and Treasurer
2:30—Miscellaneous business
2:45—Petitions for the next union
3:00—Adjournment

Sunday Morning

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Sermon by Rev. J. H. Worley

Rev. E. G. Holland,
Rev. Willie Renfrow,
Committee

REPORT OF REVIVAL

The Free Will Baptist church of Pikeville, Ky., wishes to report that Rev. Maurice W. Roach and Mrs. Roach, of Flint, Michigan, are in a revival at this church. The spirit of God has been manifested at each service.

Rev. Roach has gladly accepted the position as pastor for the coming twelve months.

The church feels that this good man and his talented wife have been divinely directed this way.

May we take this opportunity to thank every preacher who answered the request for a pastor, in the add which was run in the Free Will Baptist papers a few months ago.

Mrs. Albert Webb, Reporter.

GOING FINE AT SIXTY-FIVE

Dear Christian Friends:

I am writing this short note to say that April 11 is my birth anniversary. I am sixty-five summers of age, and am still going strong for the Lord. I was ordained in October 1908, and began pastoring churches in 1910.

I am glad to say that I have never been without churches to serve. I have never set a price on my work, and the God who fed the ravens has provided for me. He has led me safely thus far, and I feel like going on.

May I say to my many friends everywhere, may God bless everyone of you. Remember me.

A brother in the eternal hope,

E. B. Joyner

NOTICE

Church Finance Association News
North Carolina

Dear Readers:

The Annual meeting of the Church Finance Association is almost here!

Remember: **The Day**, April 24th; **The Time**, 11:00 A. M., Eastern War Time; **The Place**, Smithfield Free Will Baptist Church, and the fine people of Smithfield Free Will Baptist Church have planned a delicious dinner for you.

Won't you plan to set aside this day? Arrive punctually so that you can take an active part in the Business Meeting and enjoy the good fellowship; and in so doing we will realize our Goal of **100% Membership.**

L. H. Wetherington,
Secretary

St. Claire Bible Class
Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

PAUL WINS RECOGNITION FOR GENTILE CHRISTIANS

(Lesson for April 30)

Lesson: Acts 15: 23b-29; Gal. 2: 1, 2, 9, 10, 20, 21. Read Acts 15: 1-35; Gal. 2: 1-21.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5: 1).

Once again the tragic burden of bitter suffering has taught the world the splendor and beauty of peace. We have written another graphic chapter in the long history of man's failure to govern his world and himself so as to secure contentment and safety for himself and his fellow men, and no word in the human vocabulary shines now with more luster than the word "peace." Worn out with sacrifice and sickened by the cost of carnage, we cannot contemplate a state of war that would be as satisfactory as would be a state of peace. The dreams of glory that deluded statesmen dangled before duped followers have all lost their power to charm, and conquest now seems to all men to be a dubious way to prosperity, indeed. The mad leaders of once lusty and lustful nations may regain their hold over their followers in future days, but only when the present madness has been forgotten. There is nothing the world longs for more than peace between nations.

If man feels that the way about human relations, how his heart should thrill when he learns that in the realm of the Spirit, there is peace with God which all men can have, if they accept the terms of God's proclamation of amnesty and are justified by Christ Jesus.

Rebellion against God's reign is characterized by rejection of His Son. You cannot say you love and serve the king if you hate and oppose the crown prince. The good father will always fight the battles of his son, and the proper son will always stand for the rights of his father.

So if you reject Christ, you may be assured that a bleak and grim life will be the result. You cannot have peace with God until your sins have been satisfactorily dealt with, and consequences of those sins abrogated.

This procedure is called "justification," and the word covers and includes within its scope every doctrine of grace. It is the grounds of all God's further dealings with those who enter into fellowship with Christ, and constitutes both the reason and the pledge of a peace that has to be experienced to be comprehended. We thank God that we do have peace with Him, and pray for that day when all rebellion against Him will be forgotten, and peace will reign.

II. Heart of the Lesson

It was not so much that Paul gained recognition for the Gentiles at Jerusalem at the Council of the Apostles, but that the Church came to recognize the fact that Gentiles were included in God's program of salvation. They came to see that it was not necessary for a Gentile to become a Jew before he became a Christian, nor that a Gentile Christian had to adopt Jewish ways of living.

1. The Critics (Acts 15: 23, 24). For a number of years the Church had been admitting Gentiles to its membership on the simple condition of faith in Jesus Christ. But a new generation of Jewish Christians had come into the Church at Jerusalem who were zealous for the Law of Moses, and who refused to believe that anyone was a real Christian unless he was also a Jewish proselyte. It was not the opinion of the Apostles nor of the Church as a whole, but of the Pharisaic party within the Church. This party sent messengers to the Gentile churches wherever they had been established and tried to compel the members to submit to circumcision and come under all the provisions of the entire Mosaic Covenant. This would mean absolute obedience to all the requirements of the Law. These messengers had not been authorized by the Church, but they took it upon themselves to propagate this doctrine without Apostolic sanction. Thus it is very often with false teachers. They set aside God's established order and arrogate to themselves the authority to proclaim their version, or perversion, of the Gospel.

2. The Conditions (Acts 15: 25-29). The Council arrived at some very definite conclusions. They were sure that the action taken was in harmony with the will of God. They were bold enough to say, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us." The Holy Spirit is always willing to guide us if we seek His help, and He will always lead us aright.

The letter sent out by the Council to the Gentile churches confirmed Paul's contention that the believer is not under the Law. Not a word is said about the Ten Commandments, nor the rite of circumcision, nor the keeping of the Sabbath, all of which was involved. If ever anything was to be said to Gentile Christians about these things this would have been the time to say it. Instead it is made clear that we are not under the Law but under Grace.

3. The Concord (Gal. 2: 1, 2, 9, 10, 20, 21). In his Galatian Epistle Paul refers to the meeting in Jerusalem which we have just discussed. He leads us to believe that he would not have gone to it except in obedience to a revelation from God. The great point is that the leaders came to a harmonious agreement among themselves. Some things Paul declared before the whole assembly (Acts 15: 12), but it was to the Apostles alone that he explained the Gospel he preached, and how he had received it by revelation from God. He did not need their approval, for his message, as well as his call, came direct from God.

It is interesting to note that James, the Lord's brother, who did not believe on Him while Jesus lived (John 7: 5), was now one of the "pillars" of the Jerusalem Church along with

Peter and John. These men came to a perfect agreement with Paul that he should go on preaching Christ to the Gentiles while they labored among the Jews.

The lesson closes with a very remarkable statement about true Christian living. In order to live, we must die. We must reckon ourselves to have been with Christ on the Cross, and there to have died. But we must also recognize ourselves to have risen to a new life with Him. We are still here in this mortal body, but we have a life that is beyond this physical existence. We have a spiritual life that is maintained by our faith in the Son of God, who loved us and died for us. Living under the Law cannot.

Note: Here we have a general view of the lesson, but we refer you to our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies for a more detailed presentation of this very important lesson in church history.

PROGRAM

Following is the program for the Albemarle Union Meeting to be held with Trinity Church, April 29, 1944.

10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. T. F. Davenport
10:15—Remarks by the Moderator, Rev. W. A. Hales
10:30—Business period, minutes read and list of churches called
11:00—Song service and special music arranged by local pastor, Rev. R. P. Harris
11:15—Sermon by Rev. L. E. Ballard
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Devotions conducted by Bro. D. R. Harris
1:30—Business period, report of committees
2:00—Special music
2:10—Miscellaneous business
2:30—Closing song and benediction

Mrs. Archie Willoughby

League Union Program

Albemarle District, April 29, 1944

Theme: The Power of Jesus' Name

8:00—Opening hymn. "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"
—Introduction by leader
P—rayer Our essential need (Luke 11: 9-10), Bro. Charlie Overton
O—urselves. Our contribution (II Cor. 3: 5), Jas. 4: 7, Miss Willanette Willoughby
W—Working together (1 Cor. 3: 7, 9), Mrs. H. I. Fowler
E—nlistment. Our duty, (Luke 14: 23), Mrs. L. E. Ballard
R—eward. Our recompence (Matt. 25: 34; Rev. 22: 12), Rev. H. E. Harden
Solo—"The Name of Jesus," Miss Ruth Jennings
Business
Closing hymn and League benediction

Mrs. H. I. Fowler

Sunday School Convention

April 30, 1944

10:00—Devotions conducted by Bro. Archie Willoughby
10:15—Remarks by the President
10:20—Recognition of ministers and response from each
10:30—Business
—Minutes of last meeting
—List of Sunday Schools, etc.
11:10—Sepcial music arranged by local Sunday School
11:20—Sermon by Rev. H. E. Harden
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Devotions led by Mrs. William Webster
1:15—Business continued
2:00—Music to be arranged
—Announcements
2:15—Adjournment

Alonzo L. Reynolds,
Committee

HOW READEST THOU?

It is one thing to read the Bible through,
Another thing to read to learn and do.
Some read it with design to learn to read,
But to the subject pay but little heed.
Some read it as their duty once a week,
But no instruction from the Bible seek;
While others read it with but little care,
With no regard to how they read, nor where.

Some read to bring themselves into repute,
By showing others how they can dispute;
While others read because their neighbors do,
To see how long 'twil take to read it through.
Some read it for the wonders that are there;
While others read it with uncommon care,
Hoping to find some contradictions there.

Some read as if it did not speak to them,
But to the people at Jerusalem.
Some read to prove a pre-adopted creed;
Hence understand but little that they read,
For every passage in the Book they scan
To make it suit that all important end.
Some people read, as I have often thought,
To teach the book instead of being taught;
And some there are who read it out of spite,
I fear they are few who read it right.

Mrs. Harold Howell,
410 C. Vance Street,
Wilmington, N. C.

"THANK YOU"

For fear I might miss some one, if I should undertake to write each one a card of thanks, I am using this method to thank all who have remembered us in our recent troubles.

Even though little Billy has lost his eye, you have made it more easy for him. We thank you for your kindness, prayers, cards, sympathy, letters, fruits, nuts, cakes, pies, candies, ice cream, flowers, donations, etc., and especially for your presence with us.

May Heaven's richest blessings ever rest upon you.

Again we say, "Thank You."

Mrs. A. L. Davidson

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By Mrs. Eunice Edwards

The social progress of any people is measured by their knowledge. A nation that ranks high in illiteracy is behind in social progress; her people have a low standard of living; their morals are lower than a natior whose people are educated.

We hear so much about the post-war world and the need of training and education the youth of Hitler's Europe from the ideals of Naziism and despotism. This is true and the job will be ours, as a nation, if we are to win the PEACE, but we too, need re-education.

We could do with a general overhaul job of technical education but more than our need for book-learning, looms our need of re-education in the Christian way of living.

We need to re-learn to be tolerant of other people and their opinions. Among many races, society has set the Negro race outside the pale of acceptance. Negroes are human! Christ gave his life for the Negro as well as He did for the white men. We need to learn to be tolerant of the Negro's ignorance and mistakes, for after all most of it is due to the white man's lack of teaching the Negro. As someone has said, "We need to not merely have enough education so as not to have to look up to anyone, but also enough not to look down on anyone."

We need to re-learn responsibility. We need to learn the meaning of: "Am I my brother's keeper?" We are our brother's keeper and the sense of responsibility must be learned anew. Too long have we lived with this rule, "Let the other fellow look out for himself." We are responsible for our fellow man's welfare and his soul's salvation insofar as we can help him to a knowledge of Christ.

We need to go farther and learn anew the meaning of kindness. As a nation we have disregarded the Golden Rule and have lived according to the code of "an eye for an eye." We must learn that Christianity is not something we put on or take off as our Sunday gloves, but it must be worn every day. God hasten the day when we shall learn to be kind to the one whose opinion happens to be different than ours. So many times do we find these words: "And He was moved with compassion." Oh that the tears of compassion might again flow from the eyes of America for her poor neighbors!

We need to learn when to talk and when to keep silent. We need enough education to realize it is wrong to talk about our neighbors, our fellow man, our brother or sister in Christ.

We need to re-learn the American way of life that has created and preserved us a nation. Our foreparents were Christians and they adhered to the Golden Rule. We need to return to Bethel. They believed that all men were created equal. Again may we say, "A people is measured by their knowledge."

Free Will Baptists, how do we measure up? Only God knows why, in His wisdom, he has spared us to this hour, as ignorant and unlearned as we've been. Our ministry has been for the most part unlearned, even as to the principles of the beliefs and practices of our denomination. We have stumbled forward, faltering to be sure, but nevertheless we have gone on.

I submit that the major reason is we are to be needed in this post-war world. We have our College in operation, training a select few to step forward and lead us as a denomination in the work of rehabilitating a war-torn world. The students are learning tolerance, kindness, compassion, for a lost world and are making themselves ready to serve Us.

Are you doing all in your power to make it possible for more young Christian boys and girls to prepare themselves to help in this great undertaking? We are worse than ignorant if we do not now train our young people to be ready when the call comes forth.

"The youth of the nation is its capital." May I say, "The youth of the F. W. B. denomination is its capital." Let's not waste it! Rather let us make a concerted effort to provide Christian Education for these young people.

God himself has given us our precious doctrine: that salvation is for all who will accept it! Let us not fail in our part, training our consecrated youth to carry it to a lost and dying world.

Let's double our offerings to the school in Nashville this month!

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SOUND SIDE AID REPORT

Our Aid members held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday afternoon at the church. Mrs. Woodard, the president, called the meeting to order, and the members sang an opening hymn. The scripture reading was taken from Psalms 119: 11, and Mrs. Ballard led in a word of prayer.

Different members made talks on the lesson topic which was: "Stewardship with the Gospel in Cuba." Special music was rendered by Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Brickhouse. We were then again led in prayer by Mrs. Armstrong, after which we entered into the business of the meeting. We had eight members present, and two visitors. The dues collected amounted to $3.35, and a special offering was taken for missions, which amounted to $4.00.

Activities

Chapters read in the Bible	135
Quarts of milk given away	10
Sick visits made	35
Trays taken to the sick	12

Money sent to the Norfolk Church ----------$10.00

After the business was over, Mrs. Armstrong gave a study course on missions, and also Mrs. Ballard gave a study course on the Manual book. The meeting then closed in prayer by all repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Blanche Woodard, Pres.,
Mrs. Neva Brickhouse, Secy.

Boys and Girls Corner

A CHEERFUL GIVER

Lois M. Marmon

Mary had been saving all her pennies for a special purpose. When she had enough saved she was going to buy herself a new jumping rope. Her old rope was perfectly good yet—except that it was soiled from much use and the ends had started to fray loose.

Mary hoarded her little pile of pennies, eager for the day when she would have enough to buy the new rope. Just when she had the right amount she was reminded of Granny Martin's birthday.

"Don't forget that Monday is Granny Martin's birthday," said Kitty, her next door neighbor and little playmate.

"Oh, dear," exclaimed Mary. "I had forgotten all about it!"

Granny Martin was a little old lady who lived on the same street as Mary did. On Monday she would be eighty years old. But you never would have guessed her that old, for she was as spry as a cricket. She kept house all alone and in the summer she raised beautiful flowers which she shared generously with all the boys and girls in the neighborhood. The boys and girls loved Granny Martin and each year they remembered her in some special way on her birthday.

Mary thought about her little pile of precious pennies and how she had saved them one by one to get a new jumping rope. She decided that when Kitty and Jane come by on Monday morning taking up the collection with which to buy Granny Martin a birthday present she would give only a very few of her pennies to them and keep the rest for herself. Down deep in her heart Mary did feel a little bit uncomfortable about her decision, especially when she remembered how Granny Martin had always been so good to her, giving her cookies and letting her pick bouquets of flowers.

It was with this thought in mind that Mary trudged off to Sunday School. That noon, at the dinner table, after Father had asked the blessing and was unfolding his napkin he asked Mary the question he always asked her at the dinner table on Sundays.

"Mary, did you learn a memory gem this morning?"

"Oh, yes," replied Mary. She liked to recite her memory gem for Father each Sunday. She was always very careful to learn them well so she would not make a mistake, or forget.

"What is your memory verse this time?" he asked.

"God loveth a cheerful giver," repeated Mary.

"That is a wonderful verse," said Father thoughtfully. "God does love a cheerful giver. We find that out by experience."

No sooner had Mary repeated the words, "God loveth a cheerful giver," than a sudden thought come to her which made her sit bolt upright in her chair. She was not a cheerful giver!

"I'm a selfish, begrudging giver," Mary told herself. "Just a few pennies for kind Granny Martin and keeping the most for myself to buy something I don't need. I'm so glad it isn't too late to make amends. I want to be a cheerful giver."

After dinner Mary slipped through the hedge to Kitty's house. In her hand she carried a small box with all her pennies in it.

The next morning it was a lighthearted Mary who twisted the loose ends of her jumping rope together and tied knots to hold them. The rope was good for several seasons to come.

"God does love a cheerful giver by making her happier because she has shared with others," Mary said, having found this out for herself.

—Sel.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is a report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Association of F. W. B.

Receipts

March 1, Balance on hand -$1,036.33
Receipts for March -------- None

Total to account for ------$1,036.33

Disbursements

March 1, Checks to Retired Ministers (for March) ---$105.00
March 31, Expense for March 2.00
March 31, Checks to Retired Ministers (for April) ---- 130.00

Total paid out in March ----$237.00
Balance on hand April 1 ----$799.33

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

NOTICING OTHER PEOPLE

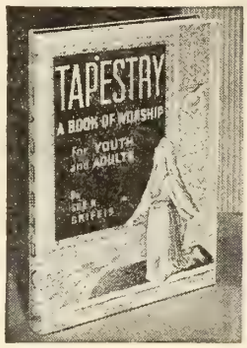
"We love Tommy more all the time," said a fond sister, looking into Tommy's round, baby face.

"Maybe, that's because he notices us more now," suggested Mother. "The more interested he becomes in us, the more wonderful we think he is! It's the same with you. When you notice other people and consider their feelings, don't they respond pleasantly?"—Unknown.

I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Rom. 12: 3.

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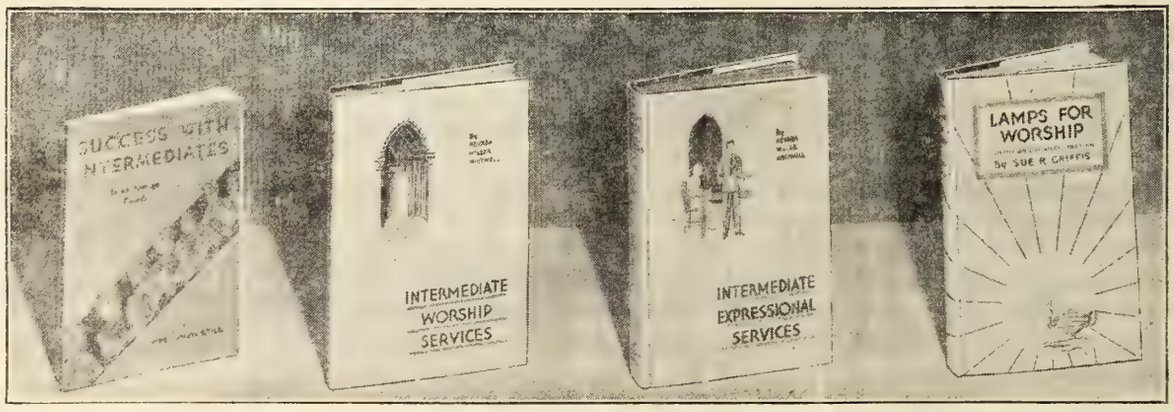
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To heed her Master's high behest,
The call is given: Ye hosts arise,
Our watchword is Evangelize!

The glad evangel now proclaim
Through all the earth in Jesus' name;
This word is ringing through the skies,
Evangelize! Evangelize!
To dying men, a fallen race,
Make known the gift of gospel grace;
The world that now in darkness lies,
Evangelize! Evangelize!

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A NEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED

The Home Mission Board of Mississippi began a 10-weeks' Tent Evangelistic campaign starting in Quincy, Miss., on Easter Sunday night. We were only there from Sunday through Friday night, but the Spirit of the Lord was mightily felt among the large crowds that attended each service. Despite the rainy and cold weather the tent was packed most every evening to full capacity, and more than fifty souls confessed Christ as their Saviour. On Friday night there was a downpour of rain that started an hour before time for services and lasted or continued until long after the services were over, but a large crowd came out and God blessed with a wonderful service.

For the first time during the meeting the Evangelist offered an opportunity for those who wanted to go into a Free Will Baptist church to come forward, seventeen came forward, including the Railroad Agent, his wife, the section foreman, his wife and two sons and many of the other leading people of the place. The church was properly organized at the close of the service, and plans laid for the construction of a building, on which several hundred dollars were raised and pledged. Pray for this new work.

The Tent was moved to Amory, Miss., on Saturday and set up ready to start there on Sunday night. When the Evangelist arrived, he found a large crowd present for the very first service. There were not seats enough for the first night's crowd. Amory is a beautiful little city of about four thousand souls and we have quite a few Free Will Baptists there but no church. We hope to be able under the leadership of the Spirit of God to organize a church here during the next ten days. Two services of the meeting at this writing have been held with very great interest. Pray that there may be many souls saved during this meeting and a church established. We are to go from here to South Mississippi for a six or seven weeks' campaign.

M. L. Hollis, Evangelist

EDITORIAL

CHURCH STATISTICS—

Adequate church statistics are becoming more and more necessary in the Free Will Baptist denomination all the while. The church people are becoming more concerned about accurate church records; they want to know what progress is being accomplished; and they are entitled to know the whole truth. But the church records, as a whole in the denomination, are not adequately recorded in the various church minutes, from the least organized church bodies that have minutes of their proceedings published annually to the larger bodies in the several states in which the Free Will Baptist denomination is now operating as a religious organization.

The Reverend Clarence Bowen, the National Statistician for our church, is having great difficulty in securing proper records and reports of church bodies to enable him to compile a good manual of the status of our church in the United States. He is finding it most difficult to get copies of the various church minutes of last year's proceedings for his annual statistical report for the coming session of the National Association which will convene in July, 1944. Since many of the smaller church bodies or organizations, as well as some of the larger bodies, have their minutes printed by some local printing establishment, instead of having them printed either at Ayden by the Free Will Baptist Press, or at Monett, Missouri, by the Gem Press where copies of each minute can be filed away for future use, Brother Bowen does not know where to write for copies, when so very many of the church people in the different associations and conferences have failed to send to him copies of their latest church minutes. Thus, the difficulty has become all the more great for him to be able to get copies of the minutes of all of the church bodies that have had minutes printed of their church proceedings.

In view of this difficulty, the problem would be much more easily solved if all of the church organizations, that have minutes of the annual proceedings published, would have their church minutes printed each year by either the Press at Ayden, North Carolina, or at the Gem Press, Monett, Missouri. Then, file copies of each church minute should be kept by these two Free Will Baptist publishing houses so that the National Statistician shall be able each year to secure complete records of all the church proceedings of all the church bodies of our denomination in the United States. The leadership of the various church bodies should see to it that the church minutes shall be printed at specified places and that file copies of their minutes be filed away for safekeeping for future use.

Another thing is necessary. The recording secretaries need to be careful in making the records that go to make up the church minute when it is printed for use in the local churches. Competent church members should be elected to be the church clerks, or recording secretaries, and this will hold true for all other recording secretaries in the different church bodies or organizations, so that the minutes, when presented to the publishers for publication, will be adequate and complete, and therefore, contain the data necessary for the National Church Statistician. It simply means this: more thought and consideration concerning the matter should be given by both the ministry and the laity of the church; and, until this is done, we will continue to have poorly made and kept records of the work of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

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HIGHER STANDARDS FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—

It is no less true for the present-day Sunday School. Higher standards must be set and achieved in our Sunday Schools during the coming years. The time to begin is now to raise the standard of work in all of the Sunday Schools. The "Standards of Efficiency" are good and should be set up by the different Sunday Schools over the country, and great efforts should be made to achieve these standards during the coming years. It will take some schools longer to attain these standards than it will for others to reach the goal, but an honest effort should be made to go forward in this great work. There is much for the Sunday School officials and the teachers to do to bring about the achievement of these standards. Certainly the Sunday School cannot stand still, for it must either go forward or it will slip backward, and become ineffective in the community in which it is located.

There must be planning and working on the part of the whole Sunday School staff of officers and teachers, together with the pastor and alert lay members of the church, if the Sunday School shall be able to move forward in a great way for the glory of God and the advancement of the youth in the church community. Much time and thought shall be required if the local Sunday School shall be able to meet the "Standards of Efficiency" and prove to be an up-to-date Sunday School. The Sunday School pupils will follow in the work, and rejoice in attaining the standards if those who have matters in hand will resolve to put forth efforts necessary for the accomplishment of the standards set up by the National Sunday School leaders. Growth in Sunday School work requires, as in all other worthwhile endeavors, persistent efforts on the part of those in authority to bring about gratifying results.

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. Hab. 3: 17, 18.

The Betrayal of Youth

By Jennings Williams,
Clayton, N. C., R-1

Seventy-five boys and girls under sixteen years of age were sentenced to reform institutions during one week's session of the Juvenile Court in one western city. This sordid record was announced a few days ago. A city of less than half million population. But amazing as this may seem, this record is merely a reflection of the acute problem facing scores of cities. It is not difficult to discover youth in action on the streets of war time America.

Crowds of youngsters are out for excitement every night. Hundreds of girls twelve to fifteen years of age, saunter along the sidewalks hailing every soldier or sailor who passes.

I have watched these adolescents, exuberant and unguided, until almost midnight. We've hundreds of patrolmen on the down-town streets at night, trying to curb the gang of boys that are tearing up and down the thoroughfares. You'd never think they had homes from the way they act.

Perhaps they haven't a real home. That is no doubt the fundamental reason for most of the delinquency. To put it bluntly millions of boys and girls in their teens have been betrayed, and this three-fold betrayal must be laid upon the home, the school, and society. A recent government report shows a large proportion of delinquents came from miserable homes, homes that have been broken by death or desertion of a parent, deproved homes, where the mother may be immoral, and the father alcoholic or criminal. The upheaval of war has disrupted family life, and produced stress and strain that shake the home to its foundation.

Fathers are in the armed forces or in cities in war work. Mothers are holding essential jobs in industry and the children, where are they? Tiny tots are locked all day in trailer houses or rooms, older boys and girls wander about the streets after school, or sit in theaters all afternoon and evening. Some of those teen age youths are enticed into amusement halls and liquor stores where vice is rampant. Thus the child is robbed of his rightful heritage, a happy, well adjusted home. Thousands of youths have been betrayed by divorce. The home that should be a haven of love, a citadel of social, cultural, and spiritual life, has been deserted. The children are haunted by memories of disgusting court scenes and quarrelling parents. No wonder they often show bitterness when home, marriage, and love are mentioned.

A child's father and mother should be the most important influence upon his life. The first religious principles and moral ideas a child learns should be imparted to him by his parents. But here again is a betrayal of trust, for millions of American homes are devoid of religious influences. How many families there are where there is no church affiliation, no reading of the Bible, no prayer or family worship.

The boy or girl in such a home cannot receive the cornerstone of character—religion.

The school has not been the positive influence it should be to develop character in the child for today's crisis. Millions of students in public schools never see the inside of a church, and therefore receive no religious training. These young people are taught science and history, they are saturated with the philosophy of evolution, the doctrine of the survival of the fittest and the idea that all things originated by natural law. But when faith in a living God, reverence for divine law and salvation through Jesus Christ are mentioned, all basic principles of Christianity. Many of these youths are as ignorant as pagans. Upon our social structure can be laid a share of the betrayal of youth. Every possible allurement to sin and crime has been set before America's boys and girls by money mad men who seek to exploit the younger generation. Motion pictures, a major entertainment of the adolescent have pondered to crime sex and drunkenness. Radio serials for boys and girls depict lawlessness in its most thrilling form. Comic and crime picture books roll from the presses in editions of millions. How many times a day does the impressionable mind of your boy or girl have liquor advertising dinned into his ears his silver-voiced radio announcers?

How many billboards, magazines, and newspapers display lavish advertisements for whiskey, wine, and beer before your sons and daughters?

Do you wonder that honky tonk's and cheap night spots entice youth? That drinking among adolescents has soared to astounding heights. When our social structure allows such temptation to be placed in the path of the inexperienced?

Does Christianity have a solution for the social disorders of this age when men are lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection? What is the message of Jesus Christ to the youth, to the parents, and to responsible citizens? No one loved young people and children more than Jesus. He saw the tremendous possibilities hidden in their lives. Therefore, when the disciples would send the mothers and their children away for fear of their troubling the Master, He showed them their error, saying, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God," Luke 18: 16. If fathers and mothers will come to the Master with their problems and perplexities, they will find wisdom and strength to help them in guiding their children.

If parents will obey the precepts of the divine Guide book, they can point the way to salvation for their sons and daughters. But when the older generation through selfishness and hardness of heart, spurn the message of Christ concerning marriage and divorce given in Matthew 5: 32.

When the cares of this life smother the spiritual ideals and destroy the love between parents and children, then as Jesus declared: 'Brother will betray brother to death, and father betray child," Matthew 10: 21. To fathers and mothers is entrusted the responsibility of training their children for the Lord. Though parents may achieve success in business and attain social prestige, if they fail in their duty to their sons and daughters, they have failed in the greatest mission of life. In the day of judgment they will be asked: "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock"? There would be no "shipyard orphans" or "door-key waifs" if parents accepted the responsibility that God has given them.

The streets would not be crowded with teen-age youngsters until midnight if parents were at home joining in the interest of their children and making wholesome recreation a part of family life. Jesus placed great emphasis upon obedience to the commandments of God in the education of youth. The young man who sought the way of eternal life was given this explicit instruction. "If thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments," Matt. 19: 17. Christ gave him the foundation principle of character development—obedience to law. Much of the juvenile delinquency of 1944 springs from an open disregard of all law, human and divine. Young people are determined to have their own selfish desires regardless of the effect of their actions upon their fellow man. The distorted thinking of such youth can never be straightened out by mere platitudes. These boys and girls must learn the meaning of responsibility. They must be made to feel their duty to the community, and most important of all, they must see their duty to God. Respect for law and honor for divine precepts must be infused in these misguided souls, or all other educational efforts will fail. Christianity has the solution for the "Betrayal of youth" that has brought sorrow to the nation. It is the message of Jesus Christ to the fathers and mothers to repent of their wayward course and return to God. It is a call to establish the family altar in the home, to bring the love of Christ into the heart. It is a challenge to the church to hold its youth and to inspire in them a burning devotion to win, other young people to the victorious life. It is a call for Christians to shield the boys and girls from the insidious temptations of our civilization. If we follow the master's teachings and dedicate our lives to the salvation of youth, God's promise will be fulfilled. "All the children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children," Isaiah 54: 13.

WHY HAVE WAR PROHIBITION?

The Civic Bulletin of Albany, N. Y., of which Rev. O. R. Miller is editor, devotes its whole issue of April 14th to giving 12 reasons why the Bryson War Prohibition bill now pending in Congress should be passed, as follows:

(1) Because it will help greatly to protect the sobriety of our soldiers, sailors and airmen. (2) Because sober soldiers make better fighters than drinking soldiers. (3) Because the drinking habits of thousands of laboring men not only reduce the output of urgently needed war material, but also reduce the quality of their workmanship. (4) Because liquor drinking has been the greatest of all causes producing absenteeism from work by many engaged on Government jobs. (5) Because War Prohibition will help greatly to protect our soldiers and sailors against venereal diseases. (6) Because no grain or other food material should be made into alcoholic beverages while millions of persons among our Allies in Europe and China are starving. (7) Because the Government needs all possible space on its ships and on the railroads for hauling Government supplies during the war. (8) Because it will be a great aid to the farmers in keeping their help sober and working, which is desperately needed in these times of shortage of food. (9) Because of the loss of enormous sums of money wasted on drink which could and should be devoted to buying war bonds or some such patriotic service. (10) Because the fathers and mothers who have given their sons to serve their Country in war, and are anxious for their moral welfare as well as for their physical safety, deserve to have War Prohibition for their moral protection. (11) Because the wives and children of thousands of soldiers drafted into war services also are entitled to War Prohibition for protection of their husbands and fathers. (12) Because many great military men have opposed drink in the Army.

Many facts, figures and testimonials are given to sustain these 12 propositions. If interested, drop The Civic Bulletin a postal asking for a free copy of that issue.

—The Civic Bulletin.

GIVE TO THE ORPHANS' HOME

If you but had a moment's time
To think of things worthwhile,
Then think with tender heart and mind
Of some poor orphan child.
To see them wand'ring in the cold
Is more than I can bear,
No joys of comfort to enfold
No mother's tender care.
No place of shelter from the blast
Of winter's chilling breeze,
Poor orphan boys and girls outcast
On life's cold stormy seas.
No father's love, or fond embrace
Of mother's gentle care,
No words of comfort to erase
The horror of despair.
Then, let us rally to their need
Of comforts to afford,
The hungry children we must feed
And health to be restored.
Support the "Children's Orphan's Home"
And comforts to them give,
That they should never have to roam
Or seek a place to live.
More bless'd to give, than to receive
To things that are worthwhile,
Your "gifts" are helpful to relieve
Some lonely "orphan child."

—Rev. N. P. Gates

Dedicated to Rev. Paul Woolsey, Supt. Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Greenville, Tenn.

MORE CHURCHES NEEDED

Among the Free Will Baptist people there is not a greater need than a fervent passionate desire to evangelize and to establish churches all over this land of ours. Too long we have been satisfied with what we have, and we have settled down to a mere holding of the fort, so to speak, while Christ's great command is to go and preach his gospel in every land.

In America there are thousands of towns and cities where we do not have a Free Will Baptist church. In the rural areas there are thousands of wide open spaces where there is not a church of any denomination. These are the fields to us, "So white unto the harvest." This presents to us in the home land a tremendous challenge. Will we rise up and meet that challenge. We can do it if we will.

There are many things which hinder us in a mighty forward endeavor, such as lack of vision, organization, finances and many other things. But Good is the controller of all things, and He will make a way for us if we are willing for him to use us.

A very commendable work has been started in St. Louis, Mo., by Rev. Harvey Hill, and I want you to hear his own story which is as follows:

The following is a brief history of the organization of the Free Will Baptist Mission which was organized in full, January 30, 1944, with 16 charter members.

After I finished my pastoral work at the Richwoods Free Will Baptist Church of Richwoods, Mo., I felt led by the Spirit of God to open a new work here in St. Louis for I felt the need was great for another work here.

After talking with Rev. Mark Lewis, pastor of the 3rd Free Will Baptist Church who I learned to depend on and a real servant of God I began to look for a building for which I thought would be best suited for the purpose.

Bro. Lewis and I kept watch day after day and prayed much that God would open up the way, and praise God one day after Bro. Lewis and I had been talking and planning, Bro. Lewis located a building at 5418 Idaho Avenue, and called me up. He and I went and investigated the building and found it to be satisfactory.

It will seat approximately 150 people and has a full size concrete basement in which we expect to build S. S. Class rooms.

The building was to rent for $40.00 per month. The owner of the building and his wife lived upstairs and were good Christian people so were pleased that we wanted to open up a Mission there so gave us the first month's rent free.

The finance was our next problem but we know God is an all powerful God so we brought our troubles to him.

In just a couple of days the Lord was blessing us with contributions. My brother, Lester Hill, gave us $70.00. Bro. Lewis' church gave us $25.00 and made us a loan of $100.00 also. Bro. Lewis, knowing the need of more finance went to the Manager of Bemis Bro. Bag Co., and told him of our needs. The next day Mr. E. H. Howell, the manager, called me to his office and gave me a check for $35.00.

We then went to work building the seats, rostrum, and the needed fixtures. I want to take time and space here to thank God for men like Bro. Carvie Warden, Herbert Parrot, Oscar Davis and Ollie Grimminger, who worked every night including all day on two Saturdays in order to have everything in order for the opening of the Mission on January 16th.

I'm sure God will bless them for their efforts. Bro. Lewis' Church also donated other fixtures and song books so we were ready for our first service on Sunday morning, January 16th we opened up our S. S. and organized with officers as follows: Superintendent, Lester Hill; Assistant Superintendent, Sister Bessie Hill; Secretary and Treasurer, Norma Jean Hill; we also organized three classes and elected teachers for each class.

There was an enrollment of 24 in S. S. the first Sunday. In five weeks our S. S. has reached 52. We have now set our goal for 75 in the next five weeks. On Sunday, January 30th, we organized the Mission with 16 charter members with myself being elected as pastor.

On January 29th we organized a young peoples' group from which you will hear more of later. Last Saturday night our young people had their 2nd meeting with over 30 young people present.

We have also organized a string band and are planning on organizing a quartet soon.

The Mission is growing steadily and we want to thank God for His wonderful blessings. Pray for us that we may do the will of God at all times.—Rev. Harvey Hill.

You will note the splendid co-operation by Bro. Mark Lewis, and other churches and friends. These people helped to make it possible for the Lord's work to prosper.

Everywhere a work is started there should be co-operation and a friendly, brotherly spirit exhibited. Instead of being ugly, hateful, and hindering the work, we should all pull together in helping each other to establish churches and missions all over this land of ours.

Thos. E. Beaman.

NEWS FROM CUBA

Dear Friends in Christ:

Many of you have been asking concerning the new missionary in Cuba and what her reactions are to the field. Perhaps you'd enjoy hearing first-hand.

I arrived in Cuba, February 27, and immediately liked the country. It is beautiful—the hills and the palms. I feel right at home and have felt that way since I arrived. It is the place appointed by God.

My chief difficulty, of course, is

that I cannot speak Spanish. It is a real handicap when I meet our people. Pray that the Lord will help me grasp the language quickly.

I have met many people and like them.

One thursday night, I went to Rio Seco to visit Miss Yeley. I gave my testimony at the Young People's Meeting. (Of course, Miss Yeley had to translate.) I think there were nearly one hundred people at the meeting. She has a fine group of young people there, and there is great opportunity for the furtherance of the Gospel with all ages.

The school for training native workers is something that you may all be proud of. I have never seen a finer group of young people. They have a good teacher. He is a Cuban and understands his people and is well trained. You should all rejoice that your money is helping support such a cause.

I started teaching the Willey children the second week I was here. We have been working hard because they had not had much of this year's work. I like Tommy and Barbara and am enjoying teaching them. To me, it seems almost as if we were playing school, with only two pupils, but to them it seems very much like work.

This certainly is a needy field and I thank God for the way He led me to it. The realization of the great need here struck deeply today. This is Good Friday. I went with the children down town to see the parade. I think three-fourths of the population of Pinar del Rio was in it. The altar boys led with girls dressed in white, from the parochial school following. Then came a number of women dressed in white bearing a glass casket with the statue of Christ wrapped in white. On further were men carrying the statue of Mary dressed in black, a handkerchief in her hand and tears painted on her cheeks. The day was very quiet because they believe that Christ is dead.

One little girl said, "On Thursday, God is sick and on Friday He dies."

Thank God that Christ died once for our sins, but today He is living, an intercessor to whom we can go at any time.

Pray much for each of us that we may be used in that capacity which He has prepared for us.

How do I like Cuba? I feel almost guilty, enjoying so much being a missionary.

In His service,

Olive VanSyoc

"SOMEWHERE IN THE ATLANTIC"

Dear Loved Ones:

I think this salutation more appropriate than any I might use. First, because I love all of you dear people back home, who are making such great sacrifices, not only that we in the Armed forces might receive our needed supplies, but also that you and we may enjoy that peace Jesus brought to the world. It is that peace which surpasses everything—the love of home, country and above all our God. It is that peace which fills our hearts with love.

Second, we have an old hymn that brings out the real heartfelt religion —"The Old Time Religion." It says, "It makes us love everybody." And how well I know it. Yes, if we have God in our lives, if He has taken possession of our hearts, we are full of love, for "God is Love."

I cannot stop here without mentioning our Christian mothers who have taught and led us to see the real true God. The sacrifices they have made for us have been great. The devoted love they gave us, and those heartaches which they have felt for us meant much. The secret prayers which they offered each day and night for us have meant much in our lives, as their dear sons and daughters.

Yes, dearly beloved, I love all of you for I had such a mother, and I am glad that I am not the only one who knew her. There have been times, so trying that I have fallen by the wayside with the Devil and his followers. Yes, there have been times when I have, knowingly, committed sins, only to hear my Mother's voice whispering in my ears the wonders of God's love. But I am sorry for my sins, and I pray to God for forgiveness. I am weak, and in the services as I am, and in contact with so much of the evil that it makes the situation no better for me.

May I beg you Christians, therefore, to pray for me. Pray that we may have preachers who can preach and live that "Old Time Religion." It will help all of us to love everybody. May God bless everyone, is my prayer.

L. M. Sawyer,
S. F. 1-c, U. S. N. R.

WHILE WE LIVE

She speaks of roses and bouquets
Of pleasant things she speaks always.
She'll waft a kiss, a sunny smile
To go with one for many a mile.
Her work is not so great indeed
She's just a friend in time of need.
Or that is what perhaps she'd say,
But little deeds are great today.

If we give roses to one while he lives,
If one laughs, and loves, and gives,
If one tries to ease the load,
Of a brother on life's road,
If we comfort a broken heart,
And from evil keep apart,
Our own troubles will have flown,
And we'll have material for a heavenly home.

—A. B. C.

NOTICE

I will appreciate the names and address of the Free Will Baptist in and around Hamlet, N. C. If you know one, will you send me the name and address, so that I can contact them? Thanks.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Rev. W. H. Ivey,
Raeford, N. C.,
P. O. Box 431

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions
Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Christian Workers' Institutes will be held this summer as follows:

Michigan: Highland Park Church, 242 Victor Avenue, June 5-16. Teachers: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Mrs. J. E. Frazier.

Alabama: Cordova Free Will Baptist Church, Cordova, Alabama, June 5-16. Teachers: Rev. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

Georgia: Camp Sawyer, near Bainbridge and Brinson, June 18-30. Teachers: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. George Waggoner, Other to be supplied.

Mississippi: Pearce Chapel, Smithville, Mississippi, July 17-28. Teachers: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Damon Dodd.

This is a portable Bible College going into different states. Be sure to avail yourself of this helpful service coming near you. Courses in Bible Doctrine, Public Speaking, Women's Auxiliary, World Wide Missions, F. W. B. L. and Sunday School, Evangelism, Personal Soul Winning, etc. Local papers will carry other announcements.

Fill out the blank below and send to the person in your state or the Institute you expect to attend. Pray and plan to attend.

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
242 Victor Avenue,
Highland Park, Mich.

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Cordova, Alabama

Miss Marie Ivey,
Jakin, Georgia

Rev. M. L. Hollis,
1105 Military Street,
Columbus, Miss.

Student's Application

For Admission to the Christian Workers' Institute

Name _____

Address _____

Age _____

Give name of church of which you are a member _____

Are you a minister? _____

Of what church, or churches, are you now pastor? _____

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If not a minister, for what phase of Christian work do you desire preparation? _____

_____

Will you pay your expenses for the duration of the Institute, or will your church assist you? _____

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What amount of your expenses will be paid by your church? $_____

What amount, in excess of your registration fee ($1.00), are you forwarding with this application? $____

In which session of the Institute do you desire to enroll. Give time and place _____

Please mail your application with one dollar ($1.00) registration fee to __

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Signed_____

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin,
Field Secretary North Carolina State Association

The Only Foundation
(continued)

6, Christ the "Alpha and Omega."

There must be a Foundation for every assertion, every act, every religion and every system. We preach that Jesus Christ was the "First and the Last." The foundation for the message is the declaration of the Lord Jesus himself. "Alpha" is the first letter of the Greek alphabet. "Omega" is the last letter. There was none before Him and there will be none after Him. He is the eternal One. He is from everlasting to everlasting. "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God" (Psa. 90: 2). "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. It was set up from everlasting, from the beginning or ever the earth was". . . . "Before the mountains were settled, before the hills were I brought forth" (Prov. 8: 22-25). "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not" (John 1: 1-5). "He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not" (v. 10).

Certainly the above scriptures are self-explanatory. We know that the "Word" was the Lord Jesus. We know that He was in the "beginning" of creation and "all things were created by Him." He is the FIRST and the LAST. This asserts His Deity.

"I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death" (Rev. 1: 18). In the eighth verse Christ says, "I am Alpha and

Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come." Notice the tenses, as set forth by the Lord. Present, past, and future. He was in the beginning. He is now seated at the "right hand of the Father" and He is coming in the clouds, some day. We have His word as a sure foundation for our Christian religion. Religion without Christ has no eternal FOUNDATION. A Christ that does not measure up to the "record" given by God is no stronger than man. If Jesus Christ was not "God manifest in the flesh" then He was only man. If, He was only man, how could He make the assertion? "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." How could He say, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending" and be a good man, if he was not the Son of God? Both the old and New Testament scriptures place Christ on an equality with God the Father. The Bible teaches plainly that Christ was God.

The modernist claim Christ as "The Greatest Teacher" but they reject His Deity. Along with the modernist, who reject the Deity, there are many "cult," religions that deny His Deity. But, if Christ was not God manifested in the flesh, then the Jews were truthful, in their denouncing His testimony in His claims to be the very God.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I am" (John 8: 58). They understood His claim in the statement. The statement is a declaration, that He was God. God used the term, "I AM THAT I AM," in giving to Moses the commission to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt. The name means God—Deity. These Jews sought to stone Him because He was making Himself God, as they saw it.

The pulpit in many places has been filled by those who are, "stone throwers" at the Deity of Jesus Christ. Some of them are "big shots" to the class of people who want to believe a "social service gospel" instead of the gospel of the "Virgin Born, Crucified, Buried, Arisen Son of God" who "ascended on high" and left angels to tell the story; "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1: 11).

Yes, our FOUNDATION is the EVERLASTING CREATOR. He created all things. The heavens and the earth were created by Him. He made them and He will destroy them when the time is fulfilled, or ripe for the destruction.

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the work that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat" (2 Peter 3: 10-12). He is our FOUNDATION for this message. His ETERNAL WORD will not pass away, neither will those who put their trust in HIM. And to TRUST HIM is to believe exactly what the Scriptures teach concerning Him. The Bible teaches that He was the Son of God—Very God—Virgin Born—Everlasting God—"Alpha and Omega"—And that He died for the whole world—that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Yes, believe it all. And in believing it all, we can look for Him to "COME AGAIN." (to be continued.)

"We Are Ready To Go"

Just a few days ago I had the privilege to sit in an auxiliary meeting where the leader was giving a mission talk, based upon the great command. And this leader, called on one of the ladies to lead the prayer, and in the prayer, she said, "Lord, the laity is waiting for leaders. We are ready to go. Give us pastors who will lead us into the mission field." These may not be the exact words, but they are the gist of what she was saying. With those words before me, I had to say, "Have I been as much missionary minded as I should?" I ask you, brother pastor, "What are you doing to lead your congregation to obey Christ in the great "Go Ye Command?" Have you gotten your offering for MISSIONS YET?

MAY'S CHAPEL

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint" (Isa. 40: 31).

Some readers would like to hear, perhaps, from May's Chapel. It has been known as a little group; and, as in the verse given above, we have by the help of the Master walked and not fainted. Our pastor has been feeble for about two years or more, being not able to stand to preach, but has to use a cane as he goes about. He preached with power, nevertheless, and has filled one appointment since December.

During the month of February our Sunday School began to grow with interest, and we can say, "Praise the Lord for it." On the Fourth Sunday night we began a meeting, and closed it on the Third Sunday night in April. Brother Jesse P. Barrow was the main messenger for the first two weeks. His messages were very timely, and filled with the Spirit of God. His wife brought three very good messages. Brother R. C. Kennedy came during the third week, and everyone who expressed their opinions, said, like one of old, "It was good to be present from the start to the finish of these services."

Brother Jesse Barrow has been called as the assistant pastor, and we are to have mid-week prayer services, and also Sunday night services. During the meeting three were added to the church roll, and they seem to have a mind to work. We are looking forward to having a Mother's Day program on the Second Sunday in May. The public is cordially invited to be present for this special service.

Please pray for us that we may grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Master.

Mrs. Mae Rouse,
Dudley, North Carolina

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CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Miss Faustina Shearon, Manager

Date	Church	County
Fri., April 28, 7:30 p. m.	Hansley's Chapel	Durham

Sunday, April 30, Union Grove, Durham, 11:00 a. m.

Sunday, April 30, Free Union, Wake, 8:00 p. m.

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CONCERT CLASS REPORT

April 16, 1944

Parker's Chapel	$ 38.60
Marlboro	103.11
Total	$141.71

Miss Faustina Shearon, Mgr.

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ALABAMA F. W. B. REPORT

This report covers the first year, from March 5, 1943, to March 5, 1944.

Total Collection 3-5-'43, to 3-5-'44,	$4,339.91

Paid Out

Paid on property	$2,000.00
Paid for insurance	190.80
Interest	254.53
Printing check books	70.42
Field Workers' expenses	35.38
Materials for repairs	36.63
Recording Deeds	11.60
Total expenses	$2,599.36
Balance in the treasury, 3-5-'44	$1,740.55
Total collected up-to-date, 4-13-'44	$4,710.91

Now, as God has blessed us this past year, may we feel glad in our hearts for the wonderful progress which we have made in establishing an orphan home. May the orphan children be blessed with what we have done, not for the glory and honor of man, but for the glory of God.

I want to thank the adjoining states that have contributed to this worthy cause; namely, Mississippi, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Texas, and others. The future for 1944 looks good for even greater progress than the progress which was made during the past year, and if it is we will be able to pay for this property and make some repairs on the buildings.

We should feel glad in our hearts that we have this fine property, and the location at Eldridge, Alabama, which is only twenty-five miles west of Jasper, Alabama, and fifteen miles east of Winfield, on No. 78 Highway from Birmingham. When the world is at its worst in a terrible war, let us do our best to make our Sunday Schools, churches and orphanages better all the while.

V. C. May,
Orphanage Treasurer,
Vernon, Alabama.

A CHRIST-CENTERED RELIGION

Our Easter Sermon by a Famous Missionary

By Rev. E. Stanley Jones, D. D.

Where does the Christian faith begin? What is its center? For a long time I was confused as to the center of our faith. When I first went to India, I was trying to hold a very long line before the non-Christian world. I bobbed up and down the line fighting behind Abraham, Moses and David, Jesus and Paul, Western civilization, and the Christian Church. The non-Christians almost invariably pitched the battle either at the Old Testament or at Western civilization. I felt the heart of the matter was being left out. So I shortened my line. I took my stand at Christ. I was a Christian, one who believes in God and man and life through Christ.

I saw that the Old Testament was not Christianity—it was a period of preparation for Christianity. I further saw the revelation was progressive, culminating in Christ; that in Christ we have the final and perfect revelation in God. He made Himself final even in Scripture: "Ye have heard it said of old time . . . but I say unto you." I could then do what He did—He made Himself the Center. Christianity is Christ. The question of my belonging to this, that, or the other group is not vital—that settles little or nothing. But the question of my belonging to Christ—that is vital and settles everything. God sometimes works through the denomination, sometimes in spite of it, but never exclusively in any one of them. If that hurts your denominational pride, it may help your Christian humility. For the saints are about equally distributed through all the denominations. God apparently pays little attention to what body I am attached to, provided I am attached to Christ in complete surrender and obedience.

Jesus made Himself greater than the Old Testament and the groups of disciples. He also made Himself greater than the Temple. "One greater than the Temple is here." Some would say that the group of disciples does not matter, but this institution which is the agent of a tradition does matter. It does matter, but not vitally. In that day there was but one Temple built at the command of God, and yet Jesus could stand in it and say truly: "One greater than the Temple is here." Christ is first and He is greater than the Temple.

Standing before the sacred religious observance, the Sabbath, Christ said: "The Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath." One greater than the Sabbath was there. This puts all rites, all ceremonies, all observances in their place. Their place is subservient to Christ. Our allegiance to Christ is primary and no rite or ceremony or observance can usurp that place. When Peter said, "Lord let us make three tabernacles, one for Thee, one

for Moses (The Law) and one for Elijah" (the Prophets), Peter wanted to put Jesus, the Law and the Prophets on the same level—a tabernacle for each. But a voice from Heaven spoke and said: "This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him." And when they lifted up their eyes, "they saw no man save Jesus only." We, too, must see no man save Jesus only.

All true Christians have one center of allegiance—Christ. Suppose I say, **What** do you believe?" We would go in different directions, for none of us believes exactly the same in all things. But suppose I say, "**Whom** do you trust?" Then we as Christians answer: Christ! If the emphasis is upon the "**Whats**"—the doctrines, the beliefs about this, that, and the other, then our Christianity is divisive. But if our emphasis is upon the "**Whom,**" then our Christianity is uniting, constructive, saving.

Christianity is Christ and Christ is Christianity and the world's supreme need is for a Christ-centered religion. Not a creed-centered life or a denomination-centered life but a Christ-centered life and a love-dominated life. For Christ is God and God is love. **And a love-dominated life must have two great reaches as indicated by Christ's two great commandments: It must have an upward reach toward God who is Love and whom we must love supremely, and it must have an outward reach toward our fellowman whom we must love as fully as we love ourselves. To live such a life is to find the power which Paul expressed: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."**

—Selected by
Q. Hansley,
R-5, Durham, N. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to hear from any church that wants a revival this spring or summer. I feel that the Lord wants me to go out in evangelistic services. I will go any where I am called, and trust that the Lord will care for me.

Elder Colonel Pendleton,
29 1-2 Hermitage Avenue,
Nashville, Tenn., Zone 10.

"CUSSING" VS. POUTING BAPTISTS IN ALABAMA

It is better to "cuss" a little (not too much) than to be forever pouting about something. Anyway here is a kind of subscriber to this paper we admire. A man writes: "You are a he__ of an editor. The Baptists of Alabama must have been short of material when they gave you that job. You sit in a swivel chair and write on things you know nothing about. Besides, your English is miserable. Why don't you resign and go to a grammar school? However, here are $2.00 for the old paper and if it wasn't for the editorial page I would not subscribe to it." He cussed a little but kept on reading the paper. The editor considers a man like that a good friend.

Here is another man who pouted for ten years. He was a deacon of a first church in a certain city in Alabama. He subscribed to the paper and all at once his paper failed to reach him. Evidently the printers, in changing the mailing list, inadvertently dropped his name when another name should have been dropped. Of course, neither the editor nor those in the office who keep the mailing list knew that his name was accidentally dropped by the printers.

A postcard would have corrected the error but he didn't write the card. No, he didn't do that but he talked to others about the sorry management of the paper. The pastor of the church wished the church to adopt the budget plan, but every time the pastor mentioned it the deacon opposed it and defeated it. It would have been far better if that deacon had "cussed" the editor just a little and not pouted quite so much.

About fifteen years ago a fake advertisement got into the paper. The man responsible served a term of twelve years in the federal prison at Atlanta for using the mails to defraud. He advertised a hatchery and offered for sale three-day-old chicks and advertised oranges sold very cheaply in Florida. The ad went into nearly all the religious papers in the country. Shortly after it appeared people began to write the editor of the Alabama Baptist stating that they answered the advertisement and never again heard from their letters nor did they get the chicks or the oranges.

As soon as it was learned checks were sent in payment to every person who had been defrauded by the ad. Five years after that we were in a certain town in Alabama and the pastor said, "There is a woman in this town furiously angry with you." We said, "Why, that is queer. What is she angry about?" He replied, "About five years ago she answered an ad in the Alabama Baptist. She ordered a crate of oranges from Florida and sent the money and never received the oranges." Then he wrote her a nice letter, enclosed a check and we always wondered why she did not "cuss" the editor out, as all the others did, and get her money without pouting over the matter five years. Five years is a long time to pout and to be angry with an honest man when a penny postcard would have any day brought her a gilt-edged check.

This matter relates to all of our churches. It is better for one who is displeased to say what he thinks, even if he "cusses" just a little, than to go off and pout and sulk and start a whispering campaign in the church. The trouble with church pouters is that most frequently they will tell no one what they are pouting about. If they would only make known their grievances, whether real or imaginary, something could be done to relieve their pain. But instead of talking, they pout. This pouting malady sometimes besets the home. But fathers and husbands ought not pout in the homes. Children ought not do it, and if the "Missus" thinks she is not getting a square deal let her bawl out everyone from the attic to the basement, then be done with it.

And finally if there is one so lacking in a sense of humor as to understand we have facetiously used the term "cuss" in this editorial, then he may "cuss" a little about that. Well, don't pout about it. From all pouters may the good Lord deliver the editor of this paper and also deliver the pastors of the churches from them.—Alabama Baptist.

—In N. C. Christian Advocate

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

PAUL CROSSES INTO EUROPE

(Lesson for May 7)

Lesson: Acts 16: 13-15; Phil. 3: 7-14.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3: 14).

Paul laid no claim to having learned every truth and mystery of Christ. He knew that God had reserved unto Himself some things which were not to be revealed to men. But there was one thing he could do; he could forget his sorrows, disappointments, difficulties, and sufferings of the past, as far as letting them stand between him and service for the Master, and pursue the course which led to the prize that awaited him for faithful service to the Lord. His chief aim was to win the prize which he described in his letter to Timothy as a **crown of righteousness.** The marksman has his eye fixed on the mark; the runner has his eye fixed on the goal, and so the Christian must have his eyes fixed on Christ if he would win in the Christian race and obtain the final prize.—Senior Quarterly (F. W. B.)

Then an athlete who keeps looking back to see where his rivals are loses his stride and breaks his rhythm, and many a man has lost a race because he did not keep his eyes ahead on the finishing tape!

Paul never took his eyes off that fact which constituted his goal. He lived only for God's glory, hence he did not and cannot ever die. It is a "high" calling indeed when humans are invited to fight God's battles for Him, and are taken into the fellowship of heroes who strive for God's cause. But only those who have an eye single to God's interests, who forsake the present age and put behind them personal ambitions, who keep their faces steadfastly to the goal: only these win the prize, which is the coronation by God, and a share in the reign of Christ.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The Lord will not fail to bless those who regularly meet for prayer (Acts 16: 13).

2. The Divinely-guided servant of Christ will despise no opportunity of witnessing for Christ (vs. 13).

3. God will always work upon the hearts of those who give attention to His Word (vs. 14).

4. The first Christian convert in Europe was a business woman from Asia (vs. 14).

5. Christian hospitality results from a living faith in Jesus Christ (vs. 15).

6. A blessing is sure to rest upon the home that welcomes the Lord's servants (vs. 15),

7. Spiritual bookkeeping shows earthly losses to be Heavenly gains (Phil. 3: 7, 8).

8. To know Christ is better than to have the best education in all the world (vss. 9, 10).

9. No Christian can ever afford to be satisfied with his past attainments (vss. 11-13).

10. The expenditure of energy to make gains is just as essential in the spiritual as it is in the natural life (vs. 14).

—Selected.

11. These are only a few of the truths to be found in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies. If you pray as you study, the Holy Spirit may reveal other truths to **You.** No Sunday School writer claims to have a monoply on all the truths that can be gained from this, or any other lesson.

III. Philippians 3: 7-14

But the very finest passage in the whole Epistle is the one in our lesson to-day. How the Apostle glories in his Saviour: through Him he was living a life filled with righteousness and helpfulness.

This lesson centers around Paul's **supreme desire** expressed in the words, "That I may win Christ." There was a time when he had no desire for Christ because he identified Him with Jesus of Nazareth, whom he regarded as an imposter who had suffered justly for His sins. In those days of blindness and unbelief his **great ambition** was to win a name for his zeal in keeping, and defending the Law of Moses. But after he discovered that Jesus was the Christ, that he was the "Son of God with power" (1: 4), that His death was voluntary and vicarious on behalf of sinners, that by His sacrifice for sin man was justified in God's sight (3: 21-28), then the great desire of his heart was to **win Christ.** To realize this desire he was ready to let go everything else, his works, his fame, his seat on the Sanhedrin. All these things which weighed so much with him were of **no account** to him now. In accepting Christ he would probably be disowned by his loved ones, disinherited, persecuted by his friends. A modern Jew who has accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour can understand with a deep sympathy the experience of Paul, for he is so completely ostracized by kith and kin that he is regarded as **dead** to them.

But to win Christ the Apostle meant **more** than to win salvation. He yearned to win the **spirit** of Christ, to have the **mind** of Christ (Phil. 2: 5), to be like Him in thought, word and deed. He saw in Jesus on the Damascus road something so beautiful, so spiritual, that his own life looked so ugly beside it. That vision of Christ never left him. Since he had seen the "glory of God in the fact of Jesus Christ" (II Cor. 4: 6), he yearned to gain something of Christ's beauty, love, purity, sacrifice. We have gained salvation through Christ, but do we passionately desire to win Christ in the deep Pauline sense of the term? Is it the ruling passion of our life to be conformed to His image (Rom. 8: 29)? to put off all that is not of Christ, and to "put on the new man, which after Christ is created in righteousness and true holiness" (Eph. 4: 24)?

PROGRAM

Following is the Program of the North Carolina State Association, which will convene at Reedy Branch Church, Pitt County, September 13, 14, 1944.

Wednesday Morning

9:30—Devotions, Rev. L. R. Ennis
9:45—Registration
10:00—Appointment of Committees
10:15—Report of Executive Committee
10:30—Report of Field Secretary
10:45—Address of welcome by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
10:50—Moderator's address, Rev. D. W. Alexander
11:05—Report of Historian
11:20—Report of Auxiliary work by Mrs. C. F. Bowen
11:30—Devotions, Rev. S. A. Smith
11:45—Introductory Sermon by Rev. Lloyd Vernon
12:30—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions, Rev. Henry Melvin
1:45—Report of Committee on Conference Boundary lines
2:00—Business period
3:00—Report of Mission Board, by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
3:15—Report of Superannuation by Rev. M. L. Johnson

Wednesday Evening

8:00—Devotions, Rev. R. B. Spencer
8:30—Sermon by Rev. Bob Woolly

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotions, Rev. J. B. Ferrell
9:45—Report of Committees on Credentials, Resolutions and Temperance
10:15—Report of National Association, Rev. R. B. Crawford
10:45—Report of Church Finance Association, Inc., Rev. M. L. Johnson
11:00—Report of F. W. B. Press, Mr. C. K. Dunn
11:15—Report of Committee on Church Letter, Rev. R. B. Spencer
11:30—Report of Orphanage Board and offering
12:30—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions, Rev. W. E. Anderson
1:45—Report of Board of Finance
2:00—Business period
3:00—Report of Nominating Committee and Treasurer
3:30—Adjournment

Committee:

R. N. Hinnant,
D. W. Alexander,
W. A. Jackson,
Rom Mallard.

THE OPENED GRAVE

"And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away" (Mark 16: 4).

The Darkness, Shame, the Cross, all past:
The "Third day" has begun;
The light upon that opened grave is Resurrection's SUN.

The One whom Death had tried to keep,
And bind with iron bands!
Has burst its fetters, and **come forth,** freed from its ghostly hands.

The Prince of darkness, powerless, tries
In vain to hold his prey:
God's CHRIST is risen! And angel hands have rolled the stone away.

Death's prey has passed beyond its grasp;
"O Death, where is thy sting?"
O Grave, thy victory's vanquished now, by God's almighty King!

No more thy powers can terrify,
ONE Greater now we see,
Returned from the very jaws of Hell, triumphant, with its key.

We gaze into the sepulchre,
Lo! Shadows all are fled!
Now glory fills the fearsome place, lew by our risen Head.

The folded garments, neatly laid,
Bespeak no hasty flight,
But as a CONQUEROR, rising, sheds the vestures of the night.

That dreadful NIGHT, when Satan sought
God's purposes to foil;
To find his cruel grasp held naught but grave-clothes as his spoil!

Our Risen Lord a VICTOR stands,
His foes around Him fall.
And men and angels worship there;
"And crown Him Lord of all."

Yea, "Worthy is the Lamb once slain;"
And broken is Death's sway.
CHRIST'S glorious work has made us now, heirs of Eternal Day!

On Resurrection ground, no Death,
Nor night shall ever be.
The power of the King of kings has set His people free!

—E. M. T.

THE WAY OUT

A little boy made him a wee snowball
And rolled it about in the snow;
And it gathered the crystals and clung to them all,
And oh, how that snowball did grow,
Oh, my!
You've made one, of course, so you know.

A little boy whispered a word one day
Unkind of some one he knew,
And each one who heard it reported his way
The story till, oh, how it grew!
Ah, my!
And a heartache was caused by it, too!

Two little red mittens the small ball rolled,
That grew in such a magical way,
And a little red tongue was the one that told
The tale that grow big in a day.
Oh, My!
Be careful, wee tongue, what you say!

—Child's Hour.

Boys and Girls Corner

JESUS FEEDING MANY HUNGRY PEOPLE

It was a beautiful spring day. A little boy, who lived near the Sea of Galilee, planned to go for a long walk along the shore. His mother had prepared a lunch for him—five little cakes and two small, dried fish—so that he would not get hungry.

As he walked along a green hillside overlooking the blue water of the sea, he saw a great crowd of people running toward him. And there, just getting out of a boat near him, were Jesus and His helpers. Jesus was tired and had come to this quiet hillside to rest, but the people had seen His boat and had followed along the shore. The little boy wanted to hear the great Teacher too. Soon he was with the hundreds of people gathered about the Master. He saw Jesus heal the sick. He heard Him tell about God's love, and he listened to all the words that came from the Saviour's lips.

All the people were so interested they forgot it was getting late. Evening came on. They had had no supper and were a long way from home. Then the disciples said to Jesus: "Send the people away that they may go into the villages around about and buy themselves something to eat."

Jesus, though, did not intend that the people should go away hungry. He said: "They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat." The helpers did not understand Him. They did not even have food for themselves. They went around among the people, and no one there had any food except the little boy, who had been so interested in listening to Jesus that he had forgotten all about his lunch.

The disciples went back to Jesus and said: "Why, Master, no one here has any food except one little boy, and he has only five small cakes and two tiny fish." Jesus said: "Bring them to me." The boy was very happy when he found he could help the great Teacher.

Then Jesus told all the people to sit down on the green grass. He took the lunch in His hands, He blessed the cakes and the fish, thanking the Father in heaven for the food before Him, and then a most wonderful thing happened. Jesus began to break the cakes and the fish into portions, and the helpers began to pass them out to the people. And as the Son of God broke the portions, the five little cakes and two little fish which the boy had given, increased and increased until there was plenty for everbody; until five thousand men, women and children had had their supper. When they had finished eating, there were twelve baskets full of broken pieces left.

If the little boy had kept his lunch for himself, there would have been only enough for one. Because he helped Jesus all he could, Jesus increased his gift so that it fed more than five thousand.—Bible Story.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lord willing we will start a revival in Hamlet, N. C., in the Longwood Park section, beginning the first Sunday night in May.

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Yours in Christ Jesus,

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"OUR MOTHERS"

The brightest day of all the year,
The day I love so well;
'Tis Mother's Day throughout our land,
Let's all its glories tell.

Let's tell how Mothers always taught us,
Forever to tell the truth:
No matter what confronted us,
While we were in our youth.

To be to others in our play,
Our talk, our work through life;
As we would have them be to us,
In all our daily strife.

These teachings she exemplified,
By living pure and true;
And telling others of the Christ,
Who died for me and you.

No earthly tongue can tell in words
Just what my Mother was to me;
She taught the truths about my Lord
How I might spend eternity.

Today in all our troubled land,
We look to Mother to pray,
And beg her plead with God on high,
To help us day by day.

Oh! come now, Mothers, one and all
And pray to God for Peace;
Pray that this war will soon be o'er
And all hostilities will cease.

We feel those prayers so silently,
Reach down and touch our hearts;
It fills us with the greatest joy,
To know you pray when we embark.

Some-time Somewhere, Somehow just now,
Lift up your hearts in prayer;
That we can live to see thy face,
And all thy joys may share.

All Christian people **Everywhere**,
Won't you join in this plea?
Your sons and daughters call to thee
To pray for **Peace** and **Victory**.

Salute your Mothers, boys and girls
And bow your heads to God;
Then read each day His Holy Word,
While you this earth do trod.

Sing praises to your mother's name,
Help her each day and hour;
And God will watch and care for you,
And fill you with His Power.

Written in memory of my late Mother, Mrs. J. M. Sawyer, by her devoted son, Levi M. Sawyer, SF1c, U S. N. R.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Second Union of the Central Conference:

10:00—Devotions
10:15—Business
10:45—Message on Stewardship by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
11:15—Song service
11:30—Sermon by Rev. L. R. Ennis
12:00—Lunch

1:00—Devotions
1:15—Business
1:45—Message: "The Need of Christian Education," by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
2:15—Special music
2:20—Superannuation, Rev. M. L. Johnson, Treasurer
2:50—Closing remarks
3:00—Benediction

—By the Committee

THE BURIAL OF OUR LORD

When darkness was lifted, boldly unto Pilate Joseph did go
The body to crave of our crucified Lord;
With consent gave the governor the body to him
As the centurian obeyed the hearing of his word.

From the central cross was he taken
By Joseph on that Friday afternoon;
His body he prepared with aloes and myrrh
Wrapping it carefully in clean linen for the tomb.

With Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, too,
Followed the women of Galilee to the grave;
As Joseph and Nicodemus laid the body to rest,
They beheld the sepulchre in which He was laid.

When the stone they rolled against the sepulchre door
Departed then Joseph and Nicodemus to their home;
And the women returned to their places of abode
To prepare sweet spices His body to embalm.

Early next morning to Pilate the Pharisees came
Demanding that His body be secured very soon;
To them made he the reply, "A watch have you,
Go seal His sepulchre and station a guard by the tomb."

—Anon.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference:

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Song service
11:30—Sermon, by Rev. R. N. Hinnant
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Song service
1:15—Business
1:30—Special music
1:35—Message: "How to Become an Efficient Sunday School Teacher," by Mrs. Wilbur Worthington
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Learn to like plain food, plain service, plain cooking.

Learn to like people, even though some of them may be as different from you as a Chinese.

Learn to keep your wants simple. Refuse to be owned and anchored by things and opinions of others.

Learn to like the sunrise and the sunset, the beating of rain on the roof and windows and the gentle fall of snow on a winter day.

Learn to like life for its own sake.

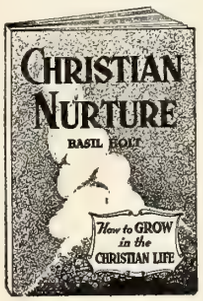
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As the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it. Isa. 55: 10, 11.

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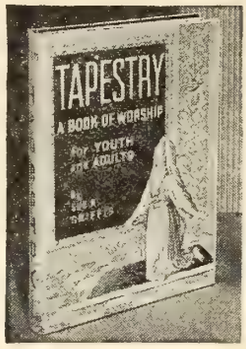
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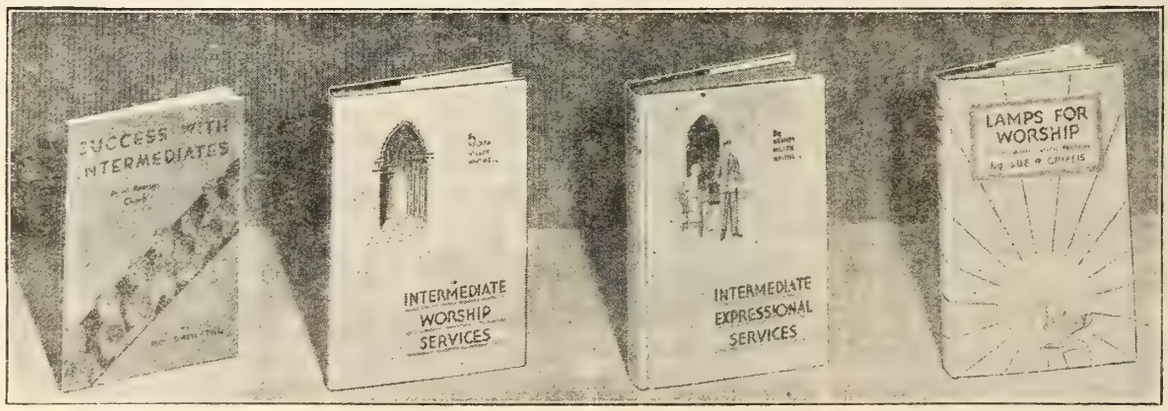
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A DEAD PAST (?)

Not so, for living yet are those
  Who long since passed away;
They live within our memories
  Yes, there they live alway.

Their look of love yet still remains,
  The words they spoke, we hear,
And in a corner of our heart
  Their face and form appear.

Not only those we know and love
  But others passed along,
Who yet are living by their deeds,
  And lead a mighty throng.

A Dead Past? No that cannot be,
  A past lives through the years,
Gives hope and comfort day by day
  By faith, gives hopes to fears.

The Mighty Prince of Peace yet lives
  We feel Him close at hand,
His Word controls the universe
  It yields to His command.

It cannot think of a Dead Past,
  It often speaks to me
And in my soul I hear its words,
  Hence alive the Past must be.

—C. C. Munson

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NEWS FROM MOSLEY'S CREEK CHURCH

These lines are to let the readers of the Baptist paper know that we at Mosley's Creek Church are still on the firing line for the Lord. Our good pastor, Rev. J. R. Bennett, told us that he would serve us half time this year if we wanted him to, and of course we wanted him, but wondered if we could pay him. But we know that where there is a will there is a way, so we have the will, and we found the way.

We have just painted our church inside, planted grass seed in the yard, and have set out shrubbery and flowers around the church. We already have our books, and are planning for a Vacation Bible School in June. We have a Sunday School of eight classes, and a Ladies Aid of about thirty members. They are doing some good work.

Please pray for us that we may keep on working for the Lord.

Mrs. Luther Powell,
Dover, North Carolina

REV. L. H. WETHERINGTON VERY ILL

We have been informed just recently that Brother L. H. Wetherington suffered a paralytic stroke in his right side during the past week-end while he was at the Union meeting. He is considered to be very sick since the stroke occurred.

We are asking that the ministers and the church people offer unto God their sincere prayers for him that he may soon recover, and be restored to normal health again.—Editor.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5: 3.

Blest are the humble souls that see
Their emptiness and poverty:
Treasures of grace to them are given,
And crowns of joy laid up in heaven.

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3: 3.

EDITORIAL

SUBSCRIPTION ROLL FOR APRIL—

During the month of April our subscription roll made a greater increase than it did during any of the previous three months of the year. The total number of persons renewing, together with the new subscribers, was 152 for the month, while the number of names dropped from the list was 90, due to the lack of renewing their subscriptions. This leaves an increase of 62, or a gain of that number over what we had when the month began. Our total weekly subscription roll is not quite 3250 as yet, but we hope to see it reach that figure by the end of the month of May.

There is one thing which we have noticed for the last few weeks, and that is, there are several new solicitors who are sending in now names of new subscribers from the various sections of the country. This is a good sign of new interest being taken in the Baptist paper. We do appreciate this new interest, and wish to thank those who are working for the paper. Let us hope that there will be still others who will begin to solicit subscriptions among the church people for the Baptist paper during the next three months. We certainly do not want the subscription roll to become any less during the summer months, as has been the case each year during the summer months, than it is now. May the pastors, Women Auxiliary workers, Sunday School superintendents, League directors and leaders, and alert lay leaders of the churches over the country wage a campaign for more subscribers to the Baptist paper. Let them speak for the paper before the different church groups, whenever opportunity presents itself, and stir the people to take their church paper.

Those who are taking the Baptist paper appreciate having it in their homes, and others should subscribe for it so that they, too, will be able to read it and keep posted concerning the work of the denomination. Progress is being made in the various sections of the country, new churches are being organized, greater work is being done for the cause of missions, the educational work is growing, and the Sunday Schools are moving forward in a good way. Surely, those who are not taking the Baptist paper are missing an opportunity to see what is being accomplished, and are not keeping up with the church movements. They are also neglecting to give their children in their homes the chance to have and to read the Baptist paper, and to enjoy the Bible stories each week in the "Boys and Girls Corner." Thousands of other children are getting the paper in their homes, and do enjoy reading these fine Bible stories each week. Thus, they are becoming enlightened, more and more, on Bible messages, and are learning to appreciate good religious literature. Why not other parents have the Baptist paper for their children to read?

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NORTH CAROLINA AUXILIARY TO MEET—

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Women's Auxiliary Convention will convene this year during the month of May at Stony Creek Church, Wayne County, North Carolina. The date is May 25, 1944. It is expected that this will be a great meeting of the women of the State. Representatives from all of the local and district organizations are expected to be present for this session of the State Body.

As heretofore, the women will have important matters to transact in this coming convention, and will set forth, it is expected, new measures for the accomplishment, during the next convention year, of great things for the advancement of the denomination and the glory of God. They will, in all probability, stimulate new interests and desires in the work, and request of the local and district organizations greater efforts to be put forth for the achievements of greater goals during the next twelve months. Every important phase of the work of the denomination will be considered by the leaders of this coming convention, and efforts will be put forth to enlist a greater number of women in the work for the coming year, we believe, for the alert and active women of the church in North Carolina are ready to move things in the right direction for the cause of righteousness and the spreading of the gospel for the cause of Christ. May God lead them in every step taken.

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By Winford Davis

I am writing this from our Mission Field in Cuba. I landed here in Pinar Del Rio last Friday, April the fourteenth. You will notice the heading of this article, but it was not just since I came here that I have become conscious of this need, for I knew it before I came. I certainly sense this great need far more keenly now since coming to this island and coming in contact with our mission work here. I have been here for only four days.

Last Sunday we attended a convention at the F. W. B. Church at Sabalo. I brought the message in the afternoon, and there were nine professions. It was a great day indeed. The services were filled with much singing, praise, prayer and preaching of the Word. People were there from as far as forty miles away, and they would come to the church with their hymn books opened and singing. They are indeed a happy people. They came by train most of the way, and then went on about three miles in the oxcart. We wish it could have been possible for each reader of the Baptist to have been present for these services. We wish you could be privileged to experience some of the things we are experiencing.

I have spent most of the last two days at the Cuban School of Missions. We have something started out there about which we may well be justly proud. Of course, it is a small farm of only eighteen acres, but the land lays well, and the soil appears to be very good. The students seem extra nice, and in all it is a very pleasant place. The farm has on it a nice lot of orange trees and many beautiful royal palms. We have thirteen horses, some hogs, two cows, some ducks, turkeys, and some milk goats. Some of the horses are out at the farm and some of them are at the stations. There is a good well of water which the students dug. Our buildings, of course, are quite provisional, but they are very good for this climate. I can see some splendid possibilities on the eighteen acre tract of land.

We are going on Wednesday to the station at Rio Seco, and in fact, I have just begun to touch the field. My wife and I are expecting to be here until the middle of May. We hope to be able to cover the entire field by that time.

Yes, we must have more funds, for I see a great future for our mission here in Cuba if we will rally to this great cause. Oh! that our people of means would catch the vision of a great work here for the glory of God. We are thoroughly convinced that Brother Willey must have American help, men, practical men. He is carrying too much, and I say again that he must have help! He must have help! Then, too, we are in need of two or three more horses. We need some new chapels. We need pony carts on the stations. We need plows, hoes, beds and so on at the farm and the school. While I have spoken of some of the many needs here in Cuba; but suppose the door should suddenly open in India, great would be the demands on our Mission Treasury. Then, too, we must have funds for the promotion of the work in the home land, that is to say, gospel tracts, pamphlets, literature, text books, etc., etc.

Yes, we tremendously need not less than $18,000 in 1944 and '45. I could write about many things concerning the work here in Cuba, but time and space will not permit. You will hear from us, however, again concerning the work. We are happy here in His Service, and are striving to be a blessing to the cause of our mission field in Cuba. We find the Willeys, Miss Yeley, and Miss VanSyoc getting along very nicely, and they are very happy in the work. They all send greetings to you in the States.

Concerning your contributions: just keep sending them on to Monett, Missouri, as usual, and in due time I will receipt you for the same. All will be in safe keeping until our return to the States.

LIFE REMAINING IN DEATH

When the toils of life are over
and I lay my burdens down,
As my form lies 'neath the clover
and my friends are gathered 'round
Will my life speak out in silence
though on earth I can't be found?
Will some word or deed of kindness
lead some soul to higher ground?

Will my life remain in mem'ry?
though this form has slipped away,
Will it still in silence linger while
I sleep beneath the clay?
Will my voice be heard, though silent raise an Anthem sweet and low?
Comfort some one heavy ladened
make his path-way brighter grow.

Will some word of ad-mo-ni-tion
make for some a brighter day?
Helping some sad heart's condition
comfort find along the way,
May my life reflect the story while
I sleep beneath the sod,
Lead some one to realms of glory
in the pa-ra-dise of GOD.

—Rev. N. P. Gates.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Fathers house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also (Jon. 14: 1-3).

At the ascension as the disciples stood gazing up toward heaven as He went up, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven" (Acts 1: 10, 11).

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all" (Jude 14, 15).

Job had great confidence in the second coming of Christ. Notice what he says in Job 19: 25, 27, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed, within me."

David speaks of the second coming of Christ in Psalm 50: 3, in these words, "Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence; a fire shall devour before Him." Then again he says, "For He cometh, for He cometh to judge the earth; He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with His truth" (Psalm 96: 13).

Paul speaks of the second coming of Christ by saying, "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3: 20). In Titus he says, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2: 13).

Peter also testifies to His coming in these words, "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye witnesses of His majesty" (2nd Peter 1: 16).

For what purpose is He coming? John 14: 3 says He is coming to receive us unto Himself, and that where He is there we may be also. What will happen at his coming? 1st Thes. 4: 16, 17, says, "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first." Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

When are the saints to be like Jesus? "But we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is" (1st John 3: 2).

May we as Christians strive to live such lives that the world can look upon us and see the likeness of Christ in us, and that we might be ready to meet the Lord when He comes; for to those who look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation (Heb. 9: 28).

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Kannapolis, N. C.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

I am engaged in a series of evangelistic meetings at White Oak Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina. We began on April 27, 1944. God is wonderfully blessing us, and I shall stay here until May the seventh inclusive. We had the pleasure of pastoring this church years ago, and it is a great pleasure to be back with the congregation to work for the Lord.

Liquor Imports

The United States liquor output is not sufficient to satisfy the thirst of a nation of drunkards, according to the Associated Press, so there were 6,000,000 gallons imported to this country last month. With all the imported liquor and what the distillers can produce, the "blind-tigers" are plentiful right here in Eastern North Carolina, where twenty-five counties have liquor stores. But with the "wets" from the top to the bottom in control of the government, we need not to expect anything but an increase in drunkenness.

Possibly, one of the main reasons that we have such an increase in the consumption of liquor and beer is that it has become so fashionable for women to drink. It is no strange thing now to see and hear of some women being drunk.

America Damned without God

God and liquor do not work together, for God condemns liquor and its dastardly work. But our government endorses the liquor business, and therefore, naturally approves of its damnable effects. We have sold ourselves to the liquor industry for the revenue. If the liquor industry, the distillers, brewers and the liquor advocates continue to dominate the situation, drunkenness will be the ruin of the United States. If God is let to rule, then the liquor interest, with its demagogues, will go down to perdition. I am against the liquor business because my God is against it.

Woe Pronounced

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, and makest him drunken also (Hab. 2: 15). "Who hath woe. who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine: They that go to seek mixed wine" (Prov. 23: 29, 30). . . . "At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." (Prov. 23: 31).

In Galatians Paul classes drunkenness with many other sins, and says, "They which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven" (Gal. 5: 21). I am against liquor and beer in any and every form, for it damns nations and individuals.

MY HOPE FOR TOMORROW

By Elder G. T. Dell,
Moultrie, Ga.,
Route 2

I am interested in heaven because I have held a clear title to a bit of property there for over thirty-five years. I did not buy it, for it was given to me without money or without price. But the donor, Jesus Christ, purchased it for me at a tremendous sacrifice. I am not holding it for speculation, as the title is not transferable. It is not a vacant lot.

For more than a quarter of a century, I have been sending materials out of which the greatest Architect and Builder of the Universe has been building a home for me. It will never need to be remodeled or repaired, because it will suit me perfectly, and it will never grow old. Termites will never underwine its foundation. Fire cannot destroy it, for it rests upon the Rock of ages. Floods cannot wash it away. No locks or bolts will ever be placed on its doors, for no vicious persons can ever enter there. It will be my happy dwelling place in the great beyond. It is now almost complete and ready for me to enter in and abide there in that eternal bliss without fear of being ejected.

There are deep valleys of shadows where I live now, and I cannot reach my Heavenly Home in that great City of gold without passing through these dark valleys here below. But my Saviour went through the valley long, long ago. He has stuck by me through "the thick and the thin"—these deep shadows—and I have His promise, in the **Printed Form**, never to forsake me nor to leave me alone. Yes, He will be with me as I walk through the valley of the shadows, and I shall not lose my way, for He is with me.

My ticket to heaven has no datemark for the journey, and no return coupon, and no permit for baggage. And now I am ready to go, and hope to meet you there some sweet day by grace in Jesus Christ my Lord.

This is my testimony to you all through the Baptist paper.

A REQUEST

There are many who should like to know how to reach Stony Creek Church, Wayne County, North Carolina, when the Women's Auxiliary shall convene in May of this year at that church. They want to know where to get off the bus, what hours the bus runs near or by the church, and if the bus will be met by local members of the church for delegates to the convention.

It is requested, therefore, that some member of Stony Creek Church have published in the Baptist paper proper information desired so that all delegates to the convention may not be delayed in arriving to the church for the convention.

Mrs. N. E. Harris,
225 Nashville Road,
Rocky Mount, N. C.

LETTER TO THE BOYS IN THE ARMED FORCES

Dear Boys in the Armed Forces:

We are still having plenty of rain in South Georgia, but the Lord never makes a mistake.

We are having splendid services at all of my churches. At Coward's Creek Church, we are to have a homecoming day on the first Sunday in May. We wish you boys from there could be with us. Please have prayer for us, will you? Remember, you can be good soldiers for Christ just where you are. Please teach by example as well as by word. Christ said, "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you alway even to the end of the world."

I know that our government is doing all it can for your safety, but there is still a higher power, so let this power shield you. Just give the Lord a chance. I know you want to be strong, therefore, take the Strong Man (Christ) with you. You want to be brave, then let His bravery be yours. Don't forget, He holds the little thread of life, and He can let you down or He can pick you up. Don't fail to commune with Him daily, for by so-doing you will get renewed strength.

When you have the time, write us a line, telling us how you feel about reading the Baptist paper. We should like to have some of your nice letters published in the Baptist. The loved ones at home will be glad to see an article from you in print.

Your pastor,

Rev. S. T. Shutes,
Colquitt, Ga.

WHAT THE CHURCH EXPECTS OF THE PREACHER AND WHAT THE PREACHER SHOULD EXPECT OF HIS CHURCH

(Rom. 10: 14-15)

Of course, we want our preacher to be a good man, sincere and earnest; a man of sound learning and faith, a man who can attract and hold our attention. We want him to bring messages that will bring us into the presence of eternity. He must not let us forget that the things seen are temporal, but the things that are unseen are eternal. He must ever keep us aware of the fact that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation unto all who will accept it. That anybody anywhere can be saved who will turn from sin and accept Christ as their Saviour, and make proof of his faith by open confession. The church expects the preacher to so conduct himself out of the pulpit as to be an example to the church.

"I have nothing but praise for our preacher," said a tight-fisted member of the church. "So I observe," remarked the good deacon who passed the collection plate, "nothing but praise." It takes more than praise for the preacher to live. Paul asked the question, "How shall they preach, except they be sent?" Some tight-fisted person might say: "Let the preacher work." He could work and make his living, but that would rob the church of his time. The preacher's business is to preach, and care for his church, and that is a big job. This will keep him busy all the time. He not only needs to preach in the

pulpit but out of the pulpit as well, to individuals and to crowds, giving his full time to the ministry. If he does this he cannot support himself.

Material support is only one part of the support which the preacher has the right to expect from his people. He expects and deserves our appreciation, our loyalty, our cooperation, our attendance at each service, and our earnest prayers for the church and all its interest. Are we giving our minister this full measure of support? At what point are we failing? Let us search our hearts, and resolve to give to our preacher the support he deserves.

Rev. Paul Jenkins,

Kannapolis, N .C.

Route 1

A BAD BARGAIN

Ben's father told him to weed the onion bed. Ben did not like this work and so he hired Milton to do it, promising to give him his two squirrels. At the supper table Ben's father asked, "Well, my son, did you finish those onions?"

"They are all done, Sir," was the reply.

"Did you get the job done before night?"

"It took the greater part of the day."

In the evening his father, missing the squirrel cage asked, "What have you done with Trip and Trixy?"

"Milton took them over to his house for a little while," was the answer.

When Mr. Adams went over to Jones', he found Milton busy building a platform upon which to set the cage.

"Guess I made a pretty good bargain that time, Mr. Adams."

"What bargain?"

"Why, when I agreed to clean out the onion bed for these squirrels."

"Did Ben give you these squirrels for weeding the onions?"

" 'Course he did."

"They are very pretty. I hope you'll enjoy them, Milton," said Mr. Adams.

When he called the family into the library for evening prayer, he said: "Ben, will you bring the dictionary?"

"What does Father want with the dictionary at prayer time?" thought Ben. "Turn to the word lie and read the definition aloud, please."

Slowly Ben read, "To say or do that which deceives another when he has a right to know the truth."

"Now, open the Bible, my boy, to the twenty-second chapter of Revelation. Read the fourteenth and fifteenth verses."

Ben's voice broke when he came to the words: "And whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." "Oh, Father, Father!" he sobbed; "I didn't think it was so bad as that! I will try to remember; I will, I will!"—Beams of Light.

ARITHMETIC

M. E. Detterline

If you would be a blessing
To others whom you meet,
You'll have to learn **addition**—
Add courage to defeat.
Then go a little farther;
Subtract whe'er you can
The things that make for sadness
In daily tasks of man.
To **multiply** the sunshine,
Divide the gloom and sting;
Will share with you its blessing—
Will help us all to sing.

—The United Evangelical

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED QUINCEY, MISS.

On Sunday night, March 9, 1944, Reverend M. L. Hollis started a tent meeting on the campus of Quincey School. A large crowd attended the first night, many of them being from Tupedo, Gattman and Amory. The weather was bad the most of the week, but the tent was full most of the time.

The meeting was a success, and those who attended received a great blessing from it. Brother Hollis made many friends here at Quincey, and we want him to come back and preach to us again. A great many young people accepted Christ during the week.

Brother Hollis spoke to the student body on Wednesday of that week, and the children enjoyed the messages which he gave in such a way that even the small children understood. We do appreciate Brother Hollis' interest in our community, especially our young people are interested in him.

A F. W. B. Church was organized with seventeen charter members, and plans are under way to erect a church building for that denomination. We are all interested in having a church building in the community, and we wish Brother Hollis much success in all of his undertakings. We solicit his prayers for each individual of Quincey community.

Orbie C. Mays,

Principal Quincey Schools

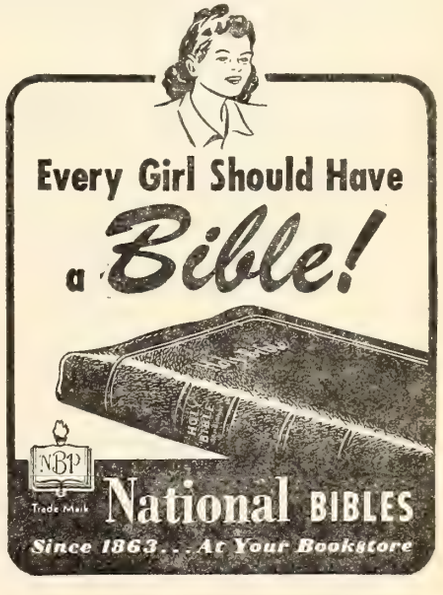
THE LITTLE HELPER

Ben L. Byer

Sometimes when he's too busy
To get the work all done,
I like to help my Papa,
It's really lots of fun.

He likes to have me help him,
He told me so one day;
We have more fun when working
Than I would have at play.

And so we work together,
And though I'm only ten
We really do a lot of work
Just like we both were men.



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Michigan: Highland Park Church, 242 Victor Avenue, June 5-16. Teachers: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Mrs. J. E. Frazier.

Alabama: Cordova Free Will Baptist Church, Cordova, Alabama, June 5-16. Teachers: Rev. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. K. V. Shutes.

Georgia: Camp Sawyer, near Bainbridge and Brinson, June 18-30. Teachers: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. George Waggoner, Other to be supplied.

Mississippi: Pearce Chapel, Smithville, Mississippi, July 17-28. Teachers: Rev. R. B. Crawford, Rev. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Damon Dodd.

This is a portable Bible College going into different states. Be sure to avail yourself of this helpful service coming near you. Courses in Bible Doctrine, Public Speaking, Women's Auxiliary, World Wide Missions, F. W. B. L. and Sunday School, Evangelism, Personal Soul Winning, etc. Local papers will carry other announcements.

Fill out the blank below and send to the person in your state or the Institute you expect to attend. Pray and plan to attend.

Rev. Raymond Riggs,
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Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Cordova, Alabama

Miss Marie Ivey,
Jakin, Georgia

Rev. M. L. Hollis,
1105 Military Street,
Columbus, Miss.

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Age _____

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Are you a minister? _____

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What amount of your expenses will be paid by your church? $_____

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ARE YOU READY?

"Be ye therefore ready also; for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."—Luke 12: 40.

Here are three things of intense importance—the coming of the Son of Man, the time of His coming, and the need of readiness for it.

Whenever the coming of the Son of Man is spoken of in Scripture, a personal and physical coming is meant.

Just as the first advent of our Lord was personal and real, so will His second advent be.

Nothing is spoken of more frequently in the New Testament, in one way and another.

Just a few Scriptures to confirm this point that He will come, not in a spiritual way, but personally, and in the body. In Jno. 14: 2-3, He says, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go . . . . I will come again." Observe, that it is the same "I" who goes to prepare a place, that returns again. He went, we know, **in the same body** which was pierced by the thorns, the nails and the spear, to the right hand of God. After his resurrection, at His first appearance to His disciples, because "they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed they had seen a spirit," our Lord said, "Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet that it is I Myself; handle Me and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see Me have. And when He had thus spoken, He showed them His hands, and His feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And He took it and did eat before them." Luke 24: 37-43. For forty days He was seen of His disciples after His resurrection, giving them many "infallible proofs" of His identity, "and speaking to them of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. . . . And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up. . . . And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as

He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this **same Jesus** which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven.**"—Acts 1: 3-11.

1 Thess. 4: 16 tells us that "The Lord **Himself** shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God."

Thus the Scriptures make it very plain that the Lord Jesus will come again from heaven just as really and personally as He went there, and is there now.

It is a serious mistake to say that death, conversion, God's providences and judgments in the earth are the same as "the coming of the Son of Man." Death for the Christian is "to depart and to be with Christ." Phil. 1: 23. It is not, you see, Christ coming to or for the Christian, but the Christian **going to Christ.**

Conversion is the revelation of Christ to the soul, by the Holy Spirit, through the Gospel, as its own personal Saviour. In the "born again" one Christ dwells "by **faith,**" not in person,—how could He?

The providences and judgments of God are accomplished by both human and angelic agencies, and are never spoken of as the coming of the Son of Man.

"The Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

The New Testament divides this coming into two stages. He will come **for** His people, and He will come **with** His people. It is manifest that He must come **for** His people, before He can come **with** them. The Scriptures indicate that the length of time between the Lord's coming **for** and **with** His people will be seven years—the unfulfilled prophecy as to the 70th week of years of Daniel 9: 27.

When He comes **for** His people He will descend from heaven into the air, and His people—the resurrected righteous dead, of all past time, and the living Christians—will be caught up together to meet Him there.—1 Thess. 4: 17 and 18.

When He comes **for** His people, it will be as their Lord and Saviour.—Phil. 3: 20. As the Bridegroom and Head of the Church.—Matt. 25: 1-13.

When He comes **with** His people it will be as the long-expected Messiah in glory; and He will then come to the earth. Zech. 14: 4, tells us, "His feet shall stand in that day on the Mount of Olives"—the place from which He ascended to heaven.—Acts 1: 12.

His coming **for** His people will, no doubt be a secret coming, so far as the world is concerned. His ascension was secret, the disciples alone witnessed it. No doubt the world will hear unusual sounds, as in Jno. 12: 28-30, and be sensible of the fact that something very unusual has taken place, but will not understand it until the translated Christians are missed on every side. Oh, what consternation and horror then for the world's people, as the fact dawns upon them that they are left for eternal judgment! See Matt. 25: 11; 2 Thess. 2: 11-12. When He comes with His people it will not be secret, but then will be fulfilled all the Scriptures which speak of His coming in manifested power and glory as, Rev. 1: 7: "Behold He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him; and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him."

He comes then in fulfillment of the Davidic covenant, as the King of Israel, and in fulfillment of the many Old Testament prophecies, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords—Dan. 2: 31-45. Also Rev. 19: 11-21.

His coming **for** His people may take place **at any time.** There is not an event between the present moment and the realization of that "Blessed Hope" (Titus 2: 13), so far as any one knows.

But between His coming **for** and **with** His people, many events are to be looked for, and which will move on in most **rapid succession, as we** see in both Old Testament and New Testament prophecy. The whole book of Revelation from Chapter 4, to the end of Chapter 19 will be fulfilled in that period.

Will there be any conversions after the Lord comes for His people?

Yes, among Jews and among those Gentiles **who have never heard the Gospel**—Zech. 12: 10; 13: 1; Rom. 11: 12.

Then the saved will be able to tell very nearly the time of the glorious appearing of the Lord to reign and to execute judgment and justice in the earth—Jer. 23: 5-8; Isa. 11: 1. But now, while no man can tell anything as to the time of the Lord's coming **for** His people we know from His Word, which tells of the things which are to mark the close of this Gospel age, and which things we see coming to pass on every side, that His coming must be **very near.** See 1 Tim. 4: 1-3; 2 Tim. 3: 1-4; 2 Tim. 4: 1-4.

"**Be ye therefore ready.**"

Oh, the solemnity and importance of this word!

Every **Christian** is ready as to the fact of his salvation; for a Christian is one who has by the operation of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, been led to see his need of the Saviour, and to turn from his sins, his religion too, and to trust simply and alone in Him for full and perfect salvation. That one has pardon, righteousness, eternal life, the Holy Spirit, and every blessing in Christ. Jno. 3: 16; 5: 24; 1 Cor. 1: 30; Eph. 1: 3, 13. But alas, that same Christian may not be ready as to his walk, his life, his business, his associations.

How many believers are in a backslidden state of soul—mixed up with the world as to their business, their families, their pleasures, and unequally yoked together with unbelievers in various ways. They cannot be ready for His coming, **as to their devotion to Him.**

See how the Lord exhorts His people as to the way He would have them in readiness for His coming—"Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding; that when He cometh and

knocketh they may open unto Him **immediately.**" Luke 12: 35-36.

Is this the common attitude of Christians to-day? We have no sympathy with the teaching given out here, that only a part of the Church of God will be caught up to meet the Lord when He comes. No, we are sure that not one member of that Church which He loved and for which He gave Himself, will be left behind to go through "the great tribulation." His purpose to cleanse that Church and sanctify it "with the washing of water by the Word," and to "present it to Himself a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing" cannot fail. Eph. 5: 27. But, while we are sure that every saved one is ready for the Lord's coming because of what he is **"In Christ,"** we are also sure that many of these saved ones will miss the glorious reward which He holds out to those whom He shall find **watching** for Him when He comes. "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find **watching**; verily I say unto you, that **He shall gird Himself and make them sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them.**" Luke 12: 37.

"O, I want not only to be saved when the Lord comes, but I want to be found watching also," said a Christian to us recently; and so say we, and pray we, too.

Think of the great number of people in the churches and outside, who in no sense of the word are ready for the coming of the Lord! They are not saved. They have not "turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for His Son from heaven, even Jesus whom He raised from the dead, which delivered us from the wrath to come." 1 Thess. 1: 10.

Oh that men were honest with themselves and God as to these solemn realities and truly turned to the Lord Jesus as the One who has done all for them at the Cross. "For with the **heart** man **believeth unto righteousness**, and with the mouth **confession is made unto salvation.**" Rom. 10: 10.

—Selected
Union Gospel Press

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*
40 Hancock Street, *New Bern, N. C.*

AUXILIARY REPORT

Ladies Auxiliary of Oak Grove observed week of prayer. Mrs. R. W. Tart had charge of the program for Monday night, and Rev. Minot Godwin talked on "The Need of Prayer." Mrs. Carl Warren had the program for Tuesday night and Mrs. L. A. Gavin talked on "Christian Education." Mrs. N. E. Brock had it for Wednesday night and Mr. C. E. Lee talked on "Missions." Mrs. A. L. Rose served on Thursday night, and Miss Estaline Tew, and Mr. Y. W. Eldridge talked on "The Benefits of Orphanages." Mrs. N. R. Lewis conducted the devotional on Friday night and Rev. Minot Godwin talked on "Tithing."

The Cape Fear District of the Woman's Auxiliary met at Oak Grove church on Wednesday, April 12th, and a large crowd attended. Mrs. Minot Godwin, President, presided, and Mrs. Herman Johnson was present. Chaplain Milliner of Fort Bragg preached a sermon on "Be Not Weary in Well-Doing." The program for the day was enjoyed very much. Dinner was served in the yard, picnic style. The same officers were elected for another year, and Mrs. Coats was appointed a field worker to organize auxiliaries where needed. There were ten preachers present, some from other districts. The next meeting will be held at Johnston's Union in October, 1944.

(Mrs.) Annie McPhail, Pres.,
(Miss) Thelma Lee, Secy.

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SHOAL CREEK AUXILIARY REPORT

The Auxiliary of Pleasant Grove Church held its regular monthly meeting on April 8, at two o'clock, with Mrs. Rhonda O'Donnell leading the devotions. Miss Florence O'Donnell read the Bible study topic, and Miss Bertha O'Donnell made a talk on topic number one. Mrs. Willie Holladay made a talk on number two topic from the Year Book. There were other good readings given by Mrs. Irma O'Donnell and Mrs. Junior O'Donnell.

There were eight members present and two visitors. We spent one dollar and forty cents for the needy, and we sent five dollars to foreign missions. We sent ten dollars to be paid on our orphan home. Our dues amounted to ninety cents, and the Sunday egg money was two dollars and twenty-five cents. We have quilted four quilts and sold them during the winter months.

Mrs. Florence O'Donnell,
Secretary,
Ashville, Alabama

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TO LOCAL AUXILIARIES

Will the secretaries of the local Women's Auxiliaries please send me the names of your deceased members since our last State Auxiliary Convention, (May, 1943) for the memorial service in our next annual convention, May 25, 1944.

Mrs. M. A. Woodard,
Winterville, N. C.

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SIDNEY AUXILIARY REPORT

The auxiliary of Sidney Church held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 13, 1944. The meeting was opened with song and prayer, and the president read the 119th Psalm. Instead of using the program from the Year Book, we had several members to read letters, which were testimonials from boys in the Armed Services of our Country, and who have found and accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Then we had prayers with several members taking part. There were eleven members and one visitor present.

Activities

Bible chapters read	189
Daily Bible readers	2
Sick visits made	36
Cards sent to the sick	5
Dues paid in	$2.60
Free Will offering paid in	3.50
For State Auxiliary Convention	2.00
For Jehoiada Chest Fund	1.00
For Missions	2.00

The meeting was closed with song and prayer.

Mrs. Jordan Clayton, Secretary

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Because of the resignation of Mrs. Elsie Curtis, Fifth Vice-President of the Women's National Auxiliary Convention, Miss Tommie Franklin has been asked to act in her place, and she has kindly consented to do so.

Please send reports or any correspondence concerning this department to

Miss Tommie Franklin,
P. O. Box 212,
Bryan, Texas

Yours for His service,
Rebecca Stewart, Cor.-Secy.,
Women's Nat. Auxiliary

EDITORIAL

(Continued from page 3)

and pastors. It has been said that the alert and wide-awake Sunday School teacher is the one who keeps posted by reading good books on the work of the Sunday School, in addition to making the weekly study of the Sunday School lesson.

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NEW BOOK LIST—

Those at the Press who have charge of the book department are now preparing a "Book List" to be placed in the Baptist paper at an early date for the convenience of our customers. This will be of great advantage to all who would like to know the kind of books the Press carries in stock from time to time, since we cannot get out a catalogue due to paper shortage and the scarcity of labor to do the work. Our customers may look for this book list very soon in the Baptist paper.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS

April 23-31, 1944

April 23, Hugo	$ 90.00
April 23, Daniel's Chapel	102.50
April 23, Daniel's Chapel L. A. S.	27.50
April 21, Edgemont	41.75
Total	$261.75

Faustina Shearon, Mgr.

CALLED MEETING OF THE N. C. STATE ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the N. C. Free Will Baptist State Association met in the F. W. B. Church at Goldsboro, Thursday, April 21, 1944.

Prayer was offered by Rev. L. B. Manning.

Members present: D. W. Alexander, R. N. Hinnant, J. C. Griffin, W. A. Jackson, Mrs. Rom Mallard (Proxy for Rom Mallard, L. B. Manning, L. H. Wetherington, Mrs. J. C. Griffin (Proxy for Mrs. C. F. Bowen), M. L. Johnson.

Visitors: T. E. Beaman, L. R. Ennis, W. L. Moretz, Bruce Barrow.

Motion that Talmage Greene of Altamont, N. C., be placed on the Committee on Conference Boundary lines.

Motion that the report of Committee on Unified Ordination of Ministers be accepted:

Whereas, An enlightened loyalty to the doctrines and practices of Free Will Baptists is deemed essential to an edifying Christian fellowship among the ministers of the denomination and indispensable to an effifient pastoral service and fervent evangelism: therefore be it

Resolved, That this North Carolina State Association of Free Will Baptists, now in session this the_____ day of September, 1944, does hereby amend its By-Laws as follows:

(Article I)

Section 11. The duties of this State Board of Examiners for Ministers shall be the administration of a uniform examination for all ministers duly recommended by the respective churches of which they are members and the ordaining councils of the conferences or associations with which they are severally affiliated. This Board shall have power to organize at will and regulate the work for which it is constituted.

(Article III)

Section 5. State Board of Examiners for Ministers. This Board shall be composed of nine members elected as follows: the first three for a term of one year, the second three for a term of two years, and the third three for a term of three years. Successors in office shall be elected as the order of retirement demands, each for a term of three years.

Motion a Committee be appointed to write by-laws for the work of the Examining Board as set out in the above report.

Committee appointed: T. E. Beaman to be assisted by L. R. Ennis.

The location and program of the 1944 session of the Association was accepted as reported by the Committee on Arrangements.

Motion that the By-Laws and Constitution of the Association be printed in the Minutes of the Association each year.

Motion a committee be appointed to investigate the advisability of the publication of an Annual for the F. W. B. Church of North Carolina.

Committee appointed as follows: L. H. Wetherington, M. L. Johnson, J. C. Griffin.

Motion to adjourn and benediction by W. A. Jackson.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, President,
Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

PAUL IN THESSALONICA

(Lesson for May 14)

Lesson: Acts 17: 1-4; 1 Thess. 2: 1-12.

Golden Text Illuminated

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks" (1 Thess. 5: 16-18).

The church at Thessalonica had been passing through some dark trials, and there was much that had caused the members deep concern. They were not sure concerning certain doctrines of the new faith: enemies had made a determined raid upon their membership; and numbers of their loved ones had died, some of natural causes and some through martyrdom. When they wrote to Paul for comfort and help in those tragic days, he could say to them, "Rejoice evermore"! That would have sounded callous to people in deep trouble **if he had not first answered their questions** and showed them that there was a solution to all their problems. That solution was the Return of Jesus!

How could folks who loved their departed relatives **weep** over the fact that these folks had gone to be with Christ, when they knew that those who had joined Christ there were coming back with Him to join their loved ones **here?**

This attitude of mind is attained by ceaseless prayer. Hence the appropriation of the first precept, "Rejoice evermore," depends upon the application of the second one, "Pray without ceasing." The two belong together, like spiritual Siamese twins!

Indeed, let us give thanks—in everything! We are the people of victory, destined to be more than conquerors in life or in death, because we have the invincible weapon of prayer in our possessions. Heaven should ring incessantly with the glad cries of earth's conquerors, as we win the victories which ceaseless prayer makes certain.

—Selected.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. In our work for Christ we should not pass by the Jews (Acts 17: 1).

2. We need to use the Scriptures if we would win men for Christ (vs. 2).

3. Christians need no symbols of Christ's death on the Cross, because Christ did not remain on the Cross nor in the grave, but is alive from the dead (vs. 3).

4. When people become believers it is natural for them to seek and enjoy the company of Christian workers (vs. 4).

5. Opposition in one place should not deter us from witnessing again in the next place (I Thes. 2: 1, 2).

6. A Christian should be careful never to handle the Word of God deceitfully (vs. 3).

7. The Gospel requires a forthright presentation, and does not succeed with flattering words (vss. 4, 5).

8. Flattering sinners are not likely to see any need for seeking the forgiveness of their sins (vs. 5).

9. A frankness that is brutal is not necessary in an honest presentation of the Gospel (vss. 7, 8).

10. The personal conduct of a Christian worker is as important as the message he preaches (vss. 9-12).

—Selected

11. Paul says he did not seek the glory, the praise of men, by trying to preach to their kindly feelings or individual preferences. It was the pure and simple gospel of Christ that he sought to preach, regardless as to the opinions which people might form concerning him. Ministers today would do well to follow Paul's way of preaching the gospel if they should seek to reap the best results. The gospel was made for man, and therefore, Paul preached it the way God wants it to be preached. Preachers today are to do likewise, and let men conform to its standards by accepting its truths, and believing on the Lord Jesus.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.).

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Persecution with Peace

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man. Kites rise against, and not with, the wind.

Keep the Colors Flying

A young Christian soldier in the army was often assaulted by his tentmates while at prayer at night. He sought advice of his chaplain, and, by his counsel, omitted his usual habit. His ardent heart could not endure this. He chose rather to have prayer with persecution than peace without it, and resumed his old way. The result was, that, after a time, all his ten or twelve tent-companions knelt in prayer with him. In reporting to his chaplain, he said, "Is it not better to keep the colors flying?"—Encyclopedia of Illustrations.

"King of Kings and Lord of Lords"

At a missionary meeting on the island of Raratonga, in the Pacific Ocean, an old man arose to his feet, and gave this testimony: "I have lived during the reign of four kings. During the reign of the first king, we were continually at war. And it was a fearful season of watching and hiding with fear. During the reign of the second king, we were overtaken with a severe famine, and all expected to die. We ate rats and grass and wood. During the reign of the third king, we were conquered by our enemies, and became the prey of our neighbors. During the reign of the fourth king, however, a wonderful thing happened. We were visited by another King, a great King, a good King, a peaceful King, a King of love, Jesus, the Lord from Heaven! He has gained the victory. He has conquered our hearts. Therefore, we now have peace and plenty in this world, and hope soon to dwell with Him in Heaven;"

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A MINISTER'S READING

By John H. Scammon

A minister's books, of which the Holy Bible ought to be number one on his shelves, are like a doctor's instruments: they are his chief tools for helping people. Then let us try to draw up Ten Commandments for a Minister's Reading:

I. Thou shalt drop all book clubs for a year. Very few contemporary books will even be known by name twenty-five years hence.

II. Thou shalt not try to keep up with contemporary fiction. God has not called us to become authorities on American literature. If we read one recent novel a year, that's enough.

III. Thou shalt not substitute reading about the Bible for reading the Bible. A new theological school president asked his students to read during that year, with him, Isaiah 40-66 ten times and the Epistle to the Ephesians forty times.

1V. Each year thou shalt buy a good commentary on one book of the Bible, and try to master that book—of the Bible. I hope that all ministers believe that the Bible is an inexhaustible mine of spiritual riches, but few mines ever dumped their wealth at men's doorsteps—until men became miners.

V. Thou shalt follow some definite, long-range plan in reading, even if thou dost get far behind on it. Write to your own theological school for its latest list of recommended books in the religious field.

VI. Thou shalt not undertake too big a program. Most of us go by fits and starts. It is better to do a bit each year, reading for just fifteen minutes a day, than to have a splurge of two hours a day which lasts only the first Tuesday evening.

VII. Thou shalt look around to see if there are not at least three libraries which every minister may use. The local library, the nearest city library, and the regional theological library which does mailing—there they are. Use these, among other things, for keeping an eye on contemporary books.

VIII. Thou shalt buy books according to some definite plan and not according to the latest sale catalogue. If a minister's wife furnished her pantry the way we sometimes buy books, the family diet might be a trifle strange.

IX. Thou shalt read some books that irritate thee. Nobody learns mountain climbing by sliding down banisters.

How many times in the past God has mightily used the authors of some of our great Christian books! He still can!

—The Pulpit.

BUILDING FUND REPORT NORFOLK CHURCH

As treasurer of the South Norfolk F. W. B. Church, I wish to submit the following Building Fund Report, dating back from February 20, through April 23, 1944. The report is as follows:

Juniper Chapel, Craven County, N. C.	$ 10.00
Sidney Church L. A. S., Ransomville, N. C.	5.00
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Miss Glenda Peele of South Norfolk	2.00
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Mrs. W. J. Koonce, Ruffin Way, Norfolk, Va.	5.00
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Miss Alice E. Dale, Pitt General Hospital, Greenville, N. C.	20.00
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Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Everton, Gum Neck, Tyrrell County, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. George Hamilton	10.00
Ithel Pender, U. S. Armed Forces	5.00
In Memory of Betty Keel	1.00
Total	$297.73
Our church has raised	64.91
Grand Total	$362.64

May I thank everyone for each donation contributed for this most worthy cause. May the Lord greatly bless every one of you for your support of this work.

I remain yours to serve,

Wilton H. Dail,
Treasurer South Norfolk
F. W. B. Church

NOTICE

I will appreciate the names and address of the Free Will Baptist in and around Hamlet, N. C. If you know one, will you send me the name and address, so that I can contact them? Thanks.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Rev. W. H. Ivey,
Raeford, N. C.,
P. O. Box 431

Boys and Girls Corner

JESUS STILLING THE STORM

"Let us go over to the other side of the lake," said Jesus to His disciples one evening. So they got into the boat and pushed away from the short, out on the Sea of Galilee.

Jesus was tired out. All day great throngs of people had followed Him. He had been telling them stories of the kingdom of heaven. He could tell so many stories. He could tell stories of little seeds and of birds of the air, of lilies of the field and of lost sheep. And people so loved to listen! Jesus always said things that helped them.

On this day Jesus had healed many sick people too. He had not thought of Himself. He was too busy helping others. No wonder He was all tired out.

Soon He found a cushion in the back of the boat. He put His head on it and fell fast asleep. The soft wind blew gently and the waves were only little ripples. The boat slipped along on the quiet water. Sweetly and soundly Jesus lay sleeping.

Suddenly the sky grew black. There was a crash and a hissing sound. "A great storm of wind" swept down upon them from the mountain. Big waves beat against the boat, rocked it up and down, tossed it this way and that, and dashed over it until it began to sink.

The disciples were scared. They were so frightened that they went back in the boat to where Jesus was. There He lay, still fast asleep. They woke Him. "Oh," they cried, "carest thou not that we perish?" When He opened His eyes, He saw their frightened faces.

Of course, the Son of God cared. He arose and used the power He had as God's Son. He said to the wind and sea: "Peace, be still."

At once the wind was hushed. The waves fell, the sky cleared. The water became quiet and smooth as it was when they started. The disciples wondered and said: "Even the wind and sea obey Him."—Bible Story.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

HUDNELL. Ralph Bonner Hudnell, Sr., my nephew, left us on April 19, 1944. He was a faithful member and deacon of Dublin Grove Church, as long as his health permitted.

He leaves to mourn their loss, a Father, Brother, Wife, two children, one grandchild, and one nephew, besides a host of friends and relatives.

We greatly miss him, but God said your work on earth is done, come up to heaven, and rest in the place I have prepared for you. The golden gate opened wide, a voice said, "Come." An angel welcomed our loved one to the other side.

—Written by his aunt, Sidney Rice

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BARNETTE. On March 2, 1944, the death angel visited the home of Mr. Lee Barnette and took away his mother, Mrs. Bettie Barnette. She was seventy-five years old, and had been a member of the Warden's Grove Free Will Baptist Church for over fifty years. She is missed very much by those who knew her.

She is survived by one daughter and two sons. Her funeral was conducted at the grave side by the Rev. Clifton Lupton, after which the body was laid to rest beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

God knew best and took her home to rest.

Mrs. C. S. Lupton

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JOHN M. LINTON PASSES

Mr. John M. Linton of Bayboro, North Carolina, died on Monday, March 27, 1944. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. Clinton Lupton at the graveside in the Broughton Cemetery near Trent Church. Many lovely flowers covered the grave.

Mr. Linton, who was 64 years old on March 18, was the son of the late Josephus Linton and Josephine Virginia Linton. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Eliza Linton Rolison, of Cash Corner, North Carolina, and a number of nieces and nephews.

During his latter years, Mr. Linton kept a store, of which part, also, was his home. The Golden Rule was probably his motto in business. His store had a clean atmosphere, a place that no one would hesitate to enter. He has been and will be missed in his neighborhood.

Beyond the Horizon

Beyond the blue of sunlit sky,
Far past the rainbow's radiant glow,
There is a land where none shall die,
The Lord, our Saviour, taught us so.

I hope that in that land we'll meet,
My Brother, dear, who has just gone,
And I, who will find heaven sweet
On day of days, Eternity's dawn!

—Written for Mrs. Eliza L. Rolison,
Cash Corner, North Carolina

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COWARD. Our heavenly Father in His great wisdom and mercy saw fit to call our darling baby, David Sim, to his home in glory. Little David was two years, eight months and five days old, but how we loved him. The parting seemed almost more than we could bear.

He died in Pitt General Hospital, Greenville, N. C., on July 29, 1943. He leaves to mourn their loss his Mother, Father, two half-brothers, six half-sisters, one grandfather, and several aunts and cousins.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. Walter Nobles, and his little body was laid to rest in the family cemetery under a mound of beautiful flowers to await the coming of our Saviour.

Thou art gone, my precious baby,
Never more can thou return;
Thou shall sleep a peaceful slumber
'Till the resurrection morn.

—Written by his Mother,
Mrs. Lillie Coward

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COOK. On April 3, 1944, the soul of Mrs. Sallie Cook answered the summons from above, and went on to her new life. She was born September 18, 1866.

For many years Mrs. Cook was a member of Traveler's Rest Church. She was a devoted wife, Mother, step-Mother and friend. Her beautiful character will always be a blessing to all who seek the noble things of life.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Arthur Cook, one daughter, one step-daughter, three step-sons, eleven grandchildren, four sisters, and two brothers. She will never be forgotten, for she was always doing good.

—Written by her loving granddaughter,
Mrs. Jaunita Mazerac

OUR DARLING

God walked in the midst of his garden
And gently viewed the place;
He saw it would make Heaven brighter
If He added one dear sweet face.

He reached down and plucked from earth's treasures
Our loved one to fill the space;
A Jewel beyond earth's value

One who cannot be replaced.

We praise God for lending her to us,
And teaching us her pure love;
Before He decided to take her
Into his blest home above.

We love her more than ever,
As she lives in this Beautiful Home;
And long to go there to greet her
When our work here on earth is done.

Protected and loved and cherished,
While time here on earth unfolds;
The beautiful child in the Beautiful Home
Walking the streets of pure gold.

Dedicated to precious Little Vallie Grey Chesson, who departed this life April 28, 1941.

—The Family.

MY VISION OF ASCENSION

I see no cross reared high
On fated hill,
No ranting thieves of time
From out the past,
Or haunting future scenes
To chill with dread
My sense of life;
For me—no mortal's tomb
In darkness yawns
To seal my doom.

I see the stone removed,
My Eastern morn
Bursts bright and fair with joy,
The risen Christ beheld,
I flee the tomb
Of false and erring selfhood,
And, unfettered, free,
I feel ascension's power
And live ascension's hour—
Eternity.

—Laura Hoagland Pierce

SPREADING FLOWERS

Decoration day will soon be here. The day when we shall place flowers on the graves of our departed loved ones. In doing so our minds will, with regret, go back to occasions when we failed to pass flowers along their pathway while they lived, and wish from the depths of our hearts we had done more to make their lives happy. Such thoughts make us realize a flower is a far greater gift to the living. A little smile or a word of encouragement are among the flowers we can spread.

To both the regular and occasional contributors to the Baptist Columns, let me give you a flower of thanks for your inspirational messages. Especially do I thank Elder Griffin for "Notes and Quotes."

From the stand Brethren J. B. Bloss and J. J. Staab and others have brought heart-searching messages which brought the writer's life to a higher plane of living.

Let me pass a flower by saying "Thank God for ALL of you."

E. W. Mitchell,
Shannon, Ga.

ANNOUNCEMENT

As I feel led to go into full-time evangelistic work, and since I am not able to go to the foreign field, I still have the vision for lost souls, and believe God will use me in calling others into the worthy work. He will use me in an evangelistic way, as well as in helping to support the mission cause. I offer my services wherever needed for the holding of Evangelistic meetings.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. J. A. Card,
St. Paul, Arkansas

LOOK AT THE OTHER FELLOW'S SIDE!

If sometimes your fellow man
Does something you don't understand,
Don't judge him harshly or be unkind,
Just stop and think, and try to see the other fellow's side.

It may be a neighbor or friend
Does some little thing you can't see in,
Don't be so quick to condemn and cast him out.
Just give him the benefit of the doubt.

It may be father or husband or wife,
Just think that they alone live their life,
Whatever they do, try to be sure they think it's alright,
So take time to consider, and look at the other fellow's side.

Maybe you think they shouldn't do this or that,
But try to see there's a motive for their every act,
The other fellow may not see things just the way you do,
But be sure he thinks what he does is justifiable and pure.

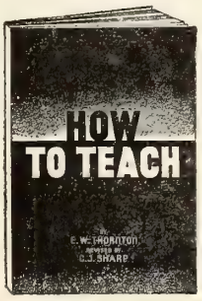
You might have been misjudged one time or other,
You wouldn't want to do the same against a comrade or brother.
It's best to consider every angle, then be sure you're right,
And always try to look at the other fellow's side.

Just try putting yourself in the other fellow's shoes,
Then you won't be so quiet to condemn when you think it could have been you.
Try to learn the wherefore and the why of every situation,
Then that will be time enough to give your condemnation.

Mrs. L. A. Adams

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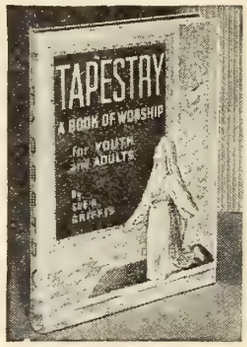
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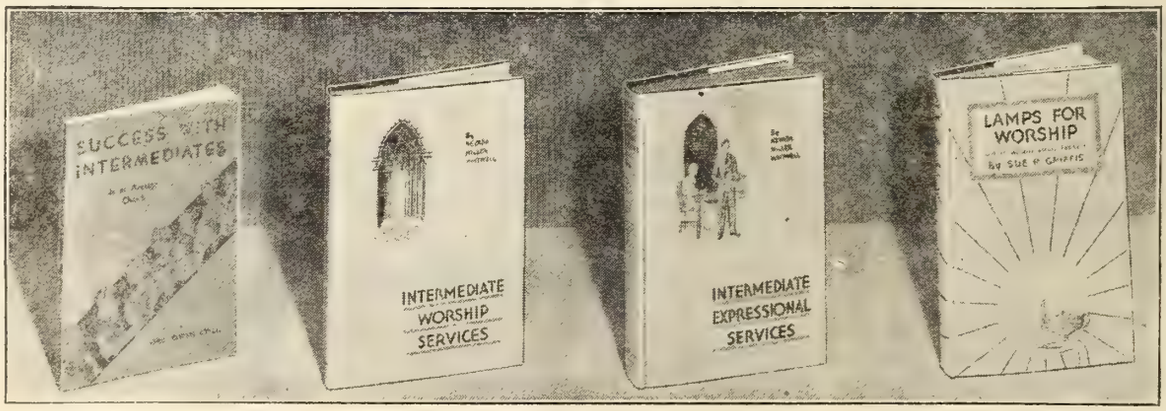
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A WORD OF THANKS FROM BRO. L. H. WETHERINGTON

We went to see Brother Luke Wetherington Sunday afternoon, and found him cheerful, talkative, and in a good mood. He was able to sit up a few moments in his bed while he conversed with several of his friends sitting about him in the room.

Brother Wetherington asked us to express through the columns of the Baptist paper his sincere thanks to the people for their many prayers to God for him. He said that he felt many had been praying for him, and that God had heard their prayers, for he felt much improved in his condition since he had the stroke on the night of April 29th. His physician, Dr. Barker of New Bern, is administering unto him special medical care and attention, and is hoping to be able to bring about considerable improvement in a short while.

Brother Wetherington is asking that the good people continue to pray to God for him that he might get well again, and be able to be up and to go about his work. He shall be glad for his friends to come to see him whenever they have the opportunity to do so.—Editor.

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EDITORIAL

Sunday, May 14, is Mother's Day in the United States of America. In the churches special Mother's Day programs will be given in honor of Mother. Both the old and the young will take part in this memorable celebration. Special music, suited for the occasion, will be given in connection with the Sunday morning services. The pastors will deliver their sermons in honor and praise of the mothers of this great nation.

Many of the sons and daughters away from home and in the Armed forces of this country will be thinking of their dear mothers on this memorable day. They will write messages back home to Mother, expressing their love and appreciation of all the loving care which their mothers gave to them when they were at home, and enjoying the pleasures of the quiet home life.

This Sunday, Mother's Day, will be a time when those of us, who are privileged to be at home, and to go to our churches for the Sunday morning services, to worship the Lord in a special way by paying tribute to Mother, and to offer up prayers to Almighty God in honor, praise and thanksgiving for our dear mothers. May all the churches throughout the land hold the day in sacred memory, in their services, to our loving mothers, and worship God with hearts full of love and gratitude for His blessed Son who gave to the world the plan of salvation by which everyone who will may accept it and be saved.

LOVE

Pfc. Viron Minchew,
U. S. Army Air Forces,
Biggs Field, Texas

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God" (I John 4: 7).

Love is something most people have experienced, and yet there are not many people, if any, that can explain love. To me there are several types of love. Let us take, therefore, a picture of some of the different types of love.

First, in this picture of man's love for each other, we find that a young man sets out in his early youth, seeking a companion to love and to help him carry on his life work. But we find that this type of love brings on, sometimes, sorrow and hatred to the lover, because he becomes jealous, and sometimes he commits murder, or he runs off and leaves his companion, because the love that he had he knew was not of God. Of his own flesh, therefore, his love for his companion died or perished with him.

Second, we can picture in our minds a true love, a love that will live on even after the soul has taken its flight. Now, let us see what John says, "He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love." We see in this verse that a man or a woman who has no love for the works of God does not know God. To me, if a person does not love the works of God, he cannot love God, and he will never enter into the kingdom of heaven which has been prepared for those who love the Lord. We are also told in the tenth verse of First John that God sent His only begotten Son that we might live, not that we loved God or that we were worthy to live, but that God loved us. We should, therefore, love Him, and love one another.

Friends, let us take warning, for if God so loved us that we ought also to love one another. I feel that if we did love one another, as God has loved us, then we would love our enemy and we would all pray together that God would touch the very hardness of their hearts that they might also learn that love cannot be won by fighting one another, but that a true love can and will be won, if we will work together; if we will pray together, and the most of all if we will learn to love that which we once hated. If we hate we are not of God, because we are told that "He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love."

Friends, let us turn over a new leaf, and start now. Let us forget the love of the world, that so often comforts us. Let us learn to live in love, and to pray that all might love. Let each one of us pray without ceasing.

MY JOY, WHILE AT THE FREE WILL BAPTIST TEMPLE

While here at home I am lonely and blue,
still looking to God,
He will carry me through:
New friends I meet are so nice and kind,
but remembering those that I left behind.

Those messages God sent, were food to my soul,
they will linger with me
while I'm growing old;
The Sunday School lessons were words sent from God,
they will carry me on
as the long road I trod.

That young people's meeting how it surely did grow,
I hope and I pray, may it ever be so;
If all will take part, they surely will see,
'will be a help to you
as it was unto me.

Now I have wandered back, to the Cabin on the hill,
with loved ones at home
I now linger still;
Through sunshine or rain, as I work I will pray,
that we all again shall meet,
in the "temple" some day.

—Miss Myrtle Whiteaker

Bible Women of Renown

By Lizzie McAdams

The purpose of this message is to glorify God in the spreading of the gospel to all parts of the world. By the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we feel that it will accomplish the purpose whereunto it is sent.

The Apostle Paul gives us a beautiful and solid foundation, upon which to build the message, in his First Corinthian letter. It can reach back to "Genesis" of the Bible, and reach forth to the Book of Revelation. In fact, it would be wise, in the very beginning of this message, to quote the two verses on which so much depends. There would be no "violence" done in reading the entire chapter: 1 Cor., chapter 1, and stop and study both the 27th and 28th verses; so they are herewith set forth verse 27, "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty." Verse 28, "And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are."

Now, with these verses well studied, it prepares us to peruse the history of the Bible women. Many have stumbled over the question concerning where Cain got his wife, but it is far more important to know where Seth got his wife, for from her lineage comes the Christ. Seth's wife is not mentioned just the same in the background. God sees a mother that He can trust, and later we hear a voice calling Noah into the Ark for safety. Very little is said about the early women, but as we come on down the line of human history, we see Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel who were outstanding mothers of nations. Then, as we further dig into the Scriptures, we find such women as the mother of Moses, Aaron and Miriam. And did you know that the sister of these great leaders was a profetess? This will call for some explanation, perhaps, as many are often enquiring of late concerning the meaning of prophecy. No better definition can be found that in the case of the prophet Jonah, when God sent him to Ninevah. He went through the streets of the city, and preached with a loud cry, "yet forty days and Nineveh shall be destroyed." It was a future message from God to the people through his prophet, who was warning them of the pending wrath that would be poured out upon them unless they repent. We find that from the king to the peasant there was mourning and repentance, and the city was spared. So, prophecy is a message from God, unfolding future events to us.

It must have been a great joy along with the responsibility, when God spoke to Miriam to unfold to the wandering Israelites their future destiny. The next character we have in mind is Deborah the prophetess, and wife of Lapidoth, who lived in Mount Ephraim. This wonderful woman was not only a spiritual leader, but a polished Judge, and had authority from God to go with Barak to battle, which she did and won the victory. Then, the land had rest from the enemy for forty years under her leadership. Read Judges, chapter 4 for complete information.

Another precious soul, worthy of praise, is the mother of Samson, who was also a judge in Israel. How she and her husband must have rejoiced as the angel visited them, and told of the promised son that would become the strongest man of all ages. This will be found in Judges, chapter 13. I should also like to give a beautiful picture of God's unfolding plan by your reading the Book of Ruth. Certainly, we must not leave out the noble woman Hannah, who was the mother of the great prophet Samuel. He was outstanding among the prophets of his day. She is indeed a true example of motherhood. Please read I Samuel, chapter 1.

The next woman of fame to which I call your attention is Huldah the prophetess, who prophesied during the reign of Josiah, king of Judah. Study carefully the 22nd chapter of II Kings, and you will find that the Book of the Law had been lost, or forgotten for some time in the Temple (for that was where it was found, but no one seemed to be able to understand or handle it). Hilkiah the high priest was at a loss as to know what to do, and he sought Shaphan the scribe, and he ran to the king very much alarmed over the peculiar book that was found. The king could not master it, so he selected a group of men along with the high priest, and Saphan the scribe to go to Jerusalem to Huldah the prophetess for light and understanding. She immediately expounded to them the truth of the matter. Then they understood that God's wrath would be poured out upon the people for their idolatrous worship. They then took the report back to the king, and he gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem, and they met in the House of the Lord. Then they gave to the people the message, and cleaned out the Temple. They destroyed the idols, broke up witchcraft, and turned to the Lord with all their hearts. Please read chapters 22, 23 of II Kings. It is shown in Isaiah, chapter 8 that his wife was a prophetess, but like some of the twelve apostles, nothing more is said.

If everyone's full life work was chronicled, the Bible would be books instead of "THE BOOK." Last but not least, the last Old Testament character as a woman is Anna the prophetess, who was in the Temple holding fasting and prayer when Jesus was born. Along with her, are mentioned two devout men: first Zacharias, the Father of John the Baptist. You will notice that he was rendered speechless when he failed to believe the angel's divine proclamation concerning the birth of a son in old age. According to God's Word, he remained speechless until after the birth of John. So, all that was left for Zacharias to do was to write a few essays, and to get someone to read them for him. But we do not

even have record of that much, until we hear him speak after God had loosened his tongue, and that he begins to prophesy, and to tell of the great forerunner of the Christ. The second is Simeon, an old servant of God, who had come along to the Temple, when Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to present Him to God. He took the Christ child in his arms and uttered a beautiful prophecy concerning the future victory that would come through the life of sacrifice of the Saviour. The message was more to Mary than to anyone else, it seemed, and it must have been a wonderful time, when Anna the prophetess came in with the great message of redemption for all Jerusalem. It was a message of salvation through Jesus to all Jerusalem. What a great place this elderly woman was filling for God! In the evening of her life she was only fulfilling Psalm 92: 14, "They shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing," This is a brief sketch of our Old Testament women. In our next article, you will read of the New Testament women, who had a great part in carrying the Gospel of Christ to a lost and dying world.

(To be continued)

A MESSAGE TO MOTHER

(Dedicated to all mothers who have sons in service)

Dear Mother, this is just a little,
Of the pile I'd like to say;
To gladden your heart and brighten
your smile,
Wherever you are today.

I'm thinking most about you,
And wishing I was there;
To kiss those care-worn cheeks of
yours,
And stroke your silver hair.

I'd love to whisper in your ear,
And touch the gentle hand;
That has grown old with the toil of
years,
To raise me from youth to man.

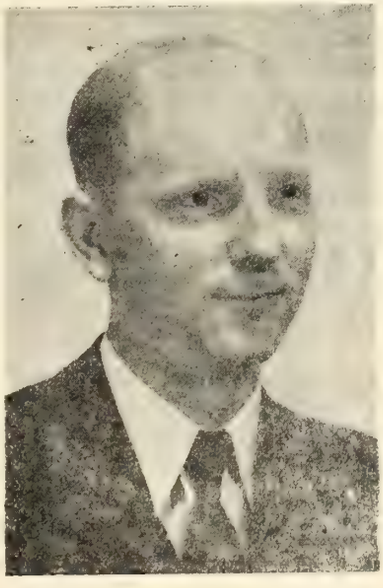
I know you must be lonely,
As on you strive alone;
But some day I'll be back with you,
In the dear old "Home Sweet Home."

But from my heart I'm wishing,
With a love sincere and true;
That you'll be blessed with comfort,
Until I'm back with you.

Mrs. Eugenia R. Cooper,
Columbia, N. C.,
Route Two

CRAWFORD A MEMBER OF THE DUKE BIBLE INSTITUTE SUMMER SCHOOL

The Reverend Robert Crawford, the Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Bap-



REV. CRAWFORD

tists, has been elected by the Duke University faculty as a member of the Bible Institute Summer School of that institution. He will take his place on the faculty as an instructor of rural church problems, programs and achievements.

Brother Crawford was elected, at the sitting of the National Free Will Baptist Association last July, to fill the place made vacant by Rev. L. R. Ennis, who resigned the National Executive Secretary's position due to ill health. Brother Crawford has filled this office well since his election, and is doing a good work for the denomination as its Executive Secretary. He will be at Duke University for the time the Summer Bible Institute continues in the performance of his duties there as a member of the institute faculty.

It is expected that Brother Crawford will make a tour among the churches of the state of North Carolina, and to visit the North Carolina State Association, immediately following the closing of the Duke Summer School, for the purpose of presenting the cause of the National work of Free Will Baptists to the North Carolina churches.—Editor.

TO MY MOTHER

By Martha Snell Nicholson

When I was just a little boy
I used to seek your arms
For refuge from my little woes
In childhood's small alarms.

I found their tender shelter sweet,
And now that I am grown,
My country calls, but Mother dear,
I do not go alone.

Nor unprepared—I buckle on
The armor of the Lord;
Deep in my heart are promises
And lessons from His Word.

His everlasting arms shall be
My refuge, my defense,
Though battles rage, my soul will
trust
In God's omnipotence.

O living Christ, my strength, my
stay—
No depth of deepest sea,
No bursting bomb can separate
My mother's Lord from me!

This poem is one of four written by Mrs. Nicholson for servicemen and now issued in a four page leaflet. The author desires that parents who have sons overseas should have copies of the leaflet. They may be had free of charge from Mrs. Martha Snell Nicholson, 1406 Lagoon Ave., Wilmington, Calif.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin,
Field Secretary North Carolina State Association of F. W. Baptist

Meeting at Spring Hope

According to promise to the pastor, Rev. B. F. Ringgold, I am to preach in a series of evangelistic meetings at the Spring Hope Free Will Baptist church, in the Truitt section of Craven county, beginning Monday night after the Second Sunday in May. We, hereby urge that our friends who know the Lord join with us in prayer, that God will bless the meeting in a special way, that souls may be born into Christ.

Continue at Bladenboro

At this writing we are still preaching at White Oak Church, Bladenboro, N. C., and God is blessing. In every service there are several that go to the altar for consecration and seeking to know more of the Lord, while others have accepted Christ as a personal Saviour. We are scheduled to close here Sunday evening, May 7th, and return to our home Monday, May 8th.

On To Stony Creek

Every auxiliary in the State Ladies Aid, Missionary Circles, or by whatever name the local auxiliary is called, should make arrangements to attend the Women's Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina, which convenes with the Stony Creek church, May the 25th. These auxiliaries that form the State work are doing a great work for the denomination, not only in North Carolina, but throughout the nation, where Free Will Baptists are located, and in the foreign field. All pastors should encourage these women in their laudible undertakings. Churches that have real wide-awake auxiliaries are prosperous organizations. So, every pastor should co-operate with the auxiliary work, and thereby, help to expand the church activities to the praise and glory of God, both at home and abroad. "On to Stony Creek" May the 25th, and all for the Glory of God.

An Annual

The Executive Committee of the State Association of Free Will Baptist, in session at Goldsboro, April the 21st, voted to start the publishing of an "Annual" for North Carolina. A Committee was appointed for the work, consisting of M. L. Johnson, L. H. Wetherington, and J. C. Griffin. It is as a member of this committee, together with the office of Field Secretary. that I urge every conference and association in the state to get right behind this movement and make such a work possible.

The Annual is to be composed or compiled by placing all the minutes of every annual body of Free Will Baptist in one book. The work so arranged that we could have a complete "Directory" of all ministers and officers in the state, together with all the activities; thus giving to us a much needed work, for information, and essential helps in our relationship to each other throughout the whole State.

Every Conference and Association should be interested to the extent that each would be ready to contribute its proportionate part of the expense of such a work. We believe that this work could be made to take the place of the individual minutes. In fact we know it could. For each Annual body would have its own minutes, complete, and at the same time have the minutes of every other Conference and Association in the State. This could be printed with economy, according to my judgment, as only one cover would be needed while the individual minute has its own cover—ten sets of minutes must have ten sets of covers.

Another thing that would mean much to us, as a denomination in having such a work; it would give to us a history that would be of interest to us, and those who come after us. Right now we are seeking for historic facts about our denomination. They are hard to get. Records have not been kept. History has been made, but records fail to produce much that has been done. We hope to have a united effort upon the part of all in this work.

Educational Offerings

According to the "Five-Point Program" of the State Association, of North Carolina, special offerings and donations are to be made for Christian Education in all Free Will Baptist churches and their auxiliaries throughout our state, during the month of June. Our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee has made a good start. The increase for the past three years has been encouraging, both in financial support and students. North Carolina has much to be proud of in the student representation in the Bible College. Recently we were permitted to visit the school and therefore we have a first hand information regarding our fine young people from North Carolina. We are encouraged with the future outcome of young men and women who will take their places among the very best of leaders in our denominational activities. We were made happy to know that worldliness and all conformity thereto was not allowed among the students. It takes a clean life—a life that is Spiritual—led and governed by the Spirit of Christ, to fill the required standard, as set forth by Brother L. C. Johnson, the staff of teachers, and the Board of Trustees. If you want to live carnal and follow the world, you need not go to the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Well, we will get back to the OFFERINGS AND DONATIONS which we are expected to make during the month of JUNE, here in North Carolina. We will have to do our best, if we compete with interest that is being manifested by many others. But, our best should not be made to do as well as others. We should do our best for the Glory of God. Anything below our best will be hurtful to us. But our BEST will be to the good of the cause of CHRIST. So, again as one who is deeply interested, and as Field Secretary of North Carolina, I urge every Sunday School, every Ladies Aid, every Mission Society, every church and every individual to

make a special offering to the Bible College during JUNE, 1944.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

April 29, 1944

The following is a report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Receipts

April 1, Balance on hand	$799.33
Receipts for April	70.80
Total to account for	$870.13

Disbursements

Expense for April	$ 10.84
Checks to Retired Ministers (for May)	100.00
Check to National Board	14.99
Total paid out in April	$125.83
Balance on hand May 1, 1944	$744.30

Receipts Itemized

Central Aux. Convention	$41.50
Free Union L. A. S.	2.00
Western Aux. Convention	5.00
Bethany Aux.	7.30
Ist Union of Western Assn.	15.00
Total receipts for April	$70.80

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

MOTHERS

We thank God for our Mothers,
We thank Him for His care;
For leading us to the Saviour
Our joys and sorrows to share.

We thank God for our Mothers,
Who taught us how to pray;
Taught us to live for Jesus
To serve Him all the way.

We thank God for our Mothers,
Who consecrated their lives to God;
By their daily walk with Jesus
The path of service they trod.

We thank God for our Mothers,
Their children they'll forsake;
Teaching us to live for others
No sacrifices too hard to make.

We thank God for our Mothers,
Honor to them we'll show;
Living lives for our Master always
While on our journey here below.

When this life is over,
And when we've gone on before;
We want to meet our Mothers
On that bright eternal shore.

Mattie M. Beacham,
Arapahoe, N. C.

SUFFICING GUIDANCE

The flesh indeed is weak and frail;
Sore trials our patience oft assail;
So in our weakness we'd falter and fail;
But through Christ we shall prevail.

His Holy Spirit will help us every day
To gladly follow in the narrow way,
And show us the need to watch and pray
That we'll be guided to that eternal day.

Sometimes our burdens seem so great
We could say our lots we almost hate;
But since 'tis our appointed estate
We should trust and meekly wait.

For our heavenly Father doth know
What upon his children to bestow.
'Tis wonderful how He blesses us so
As onward through life we go.

He will help us more of his goodness to see,
Help us from all sin to be free;
And help us ever in humble submission to be—
Following Him who died on the tree.

He will guide us till our pilgrimage is done
And our battles through Him are won.
So let our praise to Him be here begun;
Then we'll praise Him where we'll need no sun.

For there his glory is so bright
It doth banish all gloom and night.
Then let's trust Him in the Christian fight,
And so make futile all of Satan's might.

Our strength indeed is small,
But Jesus could drink wormwood and gall.
Jesus, Savior, All in All—
He tenderly watches lest we fall.

—Mrs. Sudie Dowty Brinson

GOING TO MEET MY MOTHER

I'm going to meet my mother
In that land beyond the grave,
Where she lives with Jesus,
Who our souls did save.

I'm going to meet my mother,
Who for me did pray
That I might live for Jesus
And follow in the narrow way.

I'm going to meet my mother,
Who guided my helpless feet
To follow the path of Jesus
It's many trials to meet.

I'm going to meet my mother,
Who assured me God is ever here,
And that our guide is Jesus
Who will assuage our every fear.

I'm going to meet my mother,
Who was so very dear;
She taught me to think of Jesus
When forebodings do appear.

I'm going to meet my mother,
Who not to me alone did teach;
But her lowly deeds through Jesus
Many a longing soul did reach.

Yes, I'm going to meet my mother
In that beautiful land above,
Where we'll ever be with Jesus,
And all is peace and love.

Oh, I'm going to meet my mother
On that bright celestial shore!
There we'll ever reign with Jesus
And sing His praises evermore!

I'm going to meet my mother,
And bid you prepare to go
To meet us around the throne with Jesus
Where there is no cruel woe.

—Mrs. Sudie Dowty Brinson

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions
Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

PROGRAM

Program of the Eighth Annual Session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to be held with the Flat River Church, Flat River, Missouri, July 11-14, 1944.

Monday, July 10

9:00—General Board of the National Association
4:00—Close of General Board meeting

Tuesday

8:00—Song and Praise Service — Local Church
8:30—Introductory Sermon by Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C.
—Business Session — Election of General Officers

Wednesday Morning

9:00—Devotional
9:15—Welcome address and Response
9:40—Moderator's Address
10:00—Appointment of Committees
10:20—Report of the General Board
11:00—Song and Praise
11:15—Association Sermon — Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee
12:00—Noon

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Song and Praise
1:45—Report of Treasurer, Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville, Kentucky
1:50—Report of Credential Committee
2:00—Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention. President, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Missouri
2:40—Report of Statistician, Rev. C. F. Bowen, Wake Forest, N. C.
2:45—Report of Free Will Baptist College, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Ashland City, Tennessee
—Address: "The Spirit of Knowledge," Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro, N. C.
3:30—Report of the Executive Secretary, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.
4:00—Close

Wednesday Evening

8:00—Song and Praise
8:30—Missionary Symposium, Miss Laura Bell Barnard, Glennville, Ga.

Thursday Morning

9:00—Devotional
9:15—Report of Promotional Secretary, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville, Texas
9:30—Report of Board of Publication and Literature
—Address: "The Power of the Printed Page," Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.
10:00—Report of Board of Superannuation, Rev. F. C. Zinn, Fredrichtown, Mo.
—Address: "The Support of the Ministry," Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C.
10:40—Report of National Sunday School Convention, Mr. W. E. Coville, Nashville, Tenn.
11:00—Song and Praise
11:15—Sermon, Rev. Floyd Cherry, Lake Butler, Fla.
12:00—Noon

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Song and Praise
1:45—Report of Home Mission Board, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Columbus, Miss.
2:15—Report of Special Committees
3:00—Final Report of General Board
3:30—Miscellaneous Business
4:00—Close

Thursday Evening

8:00—Song and Praise
8:30—Sermon, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.

Friday Morning

9:00—Song and Praise
9:15—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board, Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C.
9:40—Miscellaneous Business
11:00—Song and Praise
11:15—Closing Message, Rev. L. E. Colliver, Ashland, Ky.
12:00—Noon — Benediction

WAR STORY

There have been war stories, but this one defies any other description than "miraculous."

Dear Sis:

I don't know where to start first. So many things have happened since last I wrote. Well, to begin with, I have escaped death at the hands of the enemy in a way so amazing I am still in a daze. You remember I told you I was going over armed with the Bible too? . . . That Bible is the reason I am still here and able to write this letter to all America.

Here is the story: My buddy and I were sent out on duty with our equipment in the work I told you before was our job. We had just received information—the most important for weeks. But we were discovered by the enemy. I gave my buddy the information we had collected, told him to beat it, and prepared myself to face the enemy. It was the first time I had been face to face with the necessity of pointing my gun at a man to shoot the life from his body. I though fast; then I said, "Lord, it's your responsibility now."

As I reached for my carbine a shot from one of them struck me in the breast and blasted me down. But my buddy had not obeyed my orders. He had not gone. Thinking I was

dead he jumped for me, grabbed my carbine as well as his own, stood astride my body, and blasted away with both guns. He was hit, too—his knees with three bullet wounds. But when he finished there was not one of the enemy left.

He was amazed when I rolled over and tried to get up. The force of the bullet had only stunned me. Dazedly I wondered why. I pulled that little Bible out of my pocket and in utter muteness looked at the ugly hole in the cover. . . . It had ripped through Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, through Samuel, Kings, and kept on going. Where do you think it stopped? In the middle of Psalm 91, pointing like a finger at this verse: "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come night thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked." Sis, when I read that verse it raised me clear off the ground. I did not know there was such a verse in the Bible. I'd been reading mostly in the New Testament. I read the rest of that chapter—the first part was ripped apart. In utter humility I said, "Thank you, precious God."

When I got my buddy back to the post he said, "Lute (he called me Lute), I've had enough. This convinces me. I want to get right with God—starting now." He wouldn't let them tend his wounds. He said, "Nothing matters now but this." He fell on his knees, with his three wounds—and he prayed. His body became almost numb. But he would not give up. When the Lord Jesus heard his cry and came in and saved him, he moved. That soldier went all out for God. He ran outside and shouted to the whole camp.

Since that time I have talked with the boys, held meetings, and prayed with them. Twenty-five of the men have come out for God. God has even reached my general. It took a long time. He was so dignified. But he was grounded, and came through. The Spirit of God was surely present in power.

I tell you Sis, prayer is going to win this war. Not guns alone. Fervent, agonizing prayer I know is. God is bringing them in one by one. The whole company will be a company of praying men. God has given me assurance. Think of it—120 praying men and one general in one regiment! When that happens, this unit will be unconquerable. Pray, Sis! Pray as you have never prayed before. Tell everyone to pray. Tell all America to go to its knees!

Until nations and people have paid in blood and tears for thrusting God out of their hearts, out of their homes, nations and lands, this war will not end. Tell them to send Bibles, and more Bibles! A Bible will gave a soldier the confidence that God is with him. Try to get this letter on the air, in the papers, in anything that is printed. Make copies of it. Send it from coast to coast. Tell them the Army wants prayer—and Bibles.

And you complacent, bridge-playing, fox-trotting, cocktail-drinking mothers—why didn't you teach your sons about God instead of handing them a cigarette, a cocktail glass, and a dance program? Get on your knees and ask God to forgive your sins and save you. Then pray for the Army—pray, pray, pray! And you dignified preachers—why didn't you teach your people to pray, to follow God, instead of standing before them in your silken robes and reading them a ritual!

I could go on, but I am so tired, so weary. But, in all, so happy to see them coming to God one by one. So tell them to pray—and keep praying. And when you send things to your boys, send Bibles. They want to hear God speak.

Your loving brother,

BRUNS

(Lieut. Bruns Meredith)

—Published by request.

OUR UNIFIED PROGRAM IN ALABAMA

Dear Brethren:

Until 1911, the Free Will Baptist Church was one of the flourishing denominations. After the merging of Free Baptist and Northern Baptist, we were crippled for many years.

Our church is now taking her place in the world again. I have watched her grow with swiftness for the last ten years.

At the Alabama State Association in Alabama City in November, 1943, we adopted a State Unified Program. If this is carried out, it will help us to take our place in Alabama as a denomination. In a few years we can have an Evangelist and tent in every Association in the State; we will have the Orphanage at Eldridge, Alabama, paid for, and operating on a cash basis. We will be doing a hundred times more for our college in Nashville, Tennessee and fifty times more for Foreign Missions and for the worn out preachers.

The Unified Program

Thirty per cent goes to V. C. May, Alabama, for orphanage, 25 per cent will be retained in the treasury for State Missions, 25 per cent will be sent to Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville, Kentucky for National Unified Program, 20 per cent will be used for Superannuation. 75 per cent of this 20 per cent will be retained in the treasury for disabled preachers now; the other 25 per cent of the 20 per cent will be sent to the treasurer of the National Superannuation Board, Rev. J. O. Fort, 808 W-27th St., Bryan Texas.

This money will be used to insure all the preachers who are members of the State Association, and who can be granted insurance by the company, provided the individual who is insured will pay half of the insurance. Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Box 204, Cordova, Alabama, is treasurer of the Unified Program. Send money to her.

If you prefer to give your money to either one of these and leave the other out, it is your privilege.

This program carried out for five years will show you what it is worth.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Treasurer,

Rev. K. V. Shutes,

Cordova, Alabama

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF ILLINOIS

The Women's Auxiliary met on April 21, 1944, at Ina Free Will Baptist Church for their Semi-annual meeting. The meeting was opened with singing and prayer. The devotions were led by Sister Opal McClerrin. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the treasurer made her report.

The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Emma Moore, 3200 Sheridan Street, Springfield, Ill. R. F.; First Vice-President, Opal McClerrin, Thompsonville, Ill., R. R. 4; Second Vice-President, Emily Malone, Mulkeytown, Ill.; Third Vice-President, Helen Settle, Ina. Ill.; Fourth Vice-President, Jaunita Smith, Whittington, Ill.; Fifth Vice-President, Mary Jane Mays, 1309 Forrest Ave., Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Treasurer, Mary Rainy, Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Recording Secretary, Rosa Conner, Whittington, Ill.

Requests for prayer were made, and we then met in the altar for a season of prayers. Sister Edwards gave us a very inspiring message, using as her text, Gal. 2: 20. A bountiful dinner was spread in the basement of the church at the noon hour.

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 in the afternoon with singing and prayer. Then, the reports of the different presidents were heard, which were very interesting. A splendid offering was taken for the Unified Program. The delegates were appointed for the National Convention as follows: Bertha Burton, Jaunita Smith, Claudia Britton, Delphia Nangle, Mabel Ketterman, Lucille Hall and Opal Wells.

A beautiful picture of "Christ at Heart's Door," was presented by our president to Rescue Auxiliary, as a reward for securing the most subscriptions to our Free Will Baptist papers. Union Church, south of Thompsonville, Ill., was selected as our next meeting place. The next meeting wil be held on October 20, 1944.

We were very much pleased to have had with us Brother J. R. Davidson from Ashland City, Tenn., who brought us a brief message at this time. He read his scripture lesson from I John 1: 7. He also gave us a fine talk concerning the progress of the college in Nashville. Brother Davidson is an able speaker, and his heart is very greatly in the work.

May our women everywhere get a greater vision of our auxiliary work.

Emma Moore, President,

Mabel Ketteman, Cor.-Secy.

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LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid of Smith's New Home church met the fourth Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Bessie Howard. The meeting was called to order and scripture reading was by the president, then the Lord's prayer was repeated in concert.

The topic of our lesson was explained by some of our Aid Members, which was very good. Special song, "Does Jesus Care." Prayer was given by Mrs. Bettie Howard. Minutes of our last meeting were read and the roll was called with fifteen members present and four visitors. We are always glad to have visitors meet with us.

Amount of dues collected, $4.80. Flavoring money received, $10.50; Broom money, $5.60; and Birthday money, 30c. Total received, $21.20. As March and April were Mission months, we decided in February we would save our Sunday eggs during those months and give for Missions, so the members that were present, turned in $25.00 for this worthy cause.

It was moved that we represent at the State Auxiliary Convention in May with $2.00. Mrs. Evelyn Whaley and Mrs. Josephine Jones were elected delegates to go.

The members that were present reported the following: Bible chapters read 129; sick visits, 46; milk, 110 quarts given away; 3 cards; 11 trays and two flowers.

We decided to meet with Miss Estelle Smith in May. Benediction was given by Mrs. Rachel Taylor, after which refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. J. J. Blizzard,

Corresponding Secretary

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AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

I should like to urge all local and district secretaries of the Women's Auxiliaries to send in their reports before May 15, 1944. If by any chance anyone has not received her report blank, please write to me immediately for one.

I should like to stress to the District Vice-Presidents that it is very important for you to get your reports to the State Vice-Presidents right away, so that they will have a good report for the Convention which will convene on May 25, at Stony Creek Church, Wayne County, North Carolina.

Here are their names and addresses: First, Mrs. Clarence Bowen, 911 Green Street, Durham; Second, Mrs. J. C. Griffin, 240 N. Pasteur Street, New Bern; Third, Mrs. J. H. Oglesby, Bridgeton; Fourth, Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Stantonsburg, Route 1; Fifth, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill; Sixth, Mrs. T. E. Beaman, E. Simmons Street, Goldsboro, North Carolina. The Field Worker, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, Greenville, North Carolina.

Mrs. Olive Smith, Secy.,
State Auxiliary Convention,
Fayetteville, N. C., Route 2

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PROGRAM

State Auxiliary Convention will be held with Stony Creek Church Thursday, May 25th, 1944.

Theme: Steadfastness in the "Go Ye."

Morning Session

10:00—Opening hymn, "How Firm a Foundation"
—Devotions by Mrs. Bagley Morris
—Greetings — President of local auxiliary
—Response — Mrs. Archie Willoughby
10:30—Business session
—Reading minutes of Executive session. Adoption of program, roll call of officers, recognition of ministers and visitors.
—Registration of ministers and delegates
—Message by the President
—Appointment of Committees
—Special music (to be supplied)
11:00—News from the Orphanage—Rev. Jas. A. Evans
—Report of Field Secretary
11:15—State Association news by Rev. J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
11:25—Congregational singing
11:30—Convention message: "Stedfastness in the "Go Ye," Mrs. Ballard
12:00—Recess

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions — (Missionary), Mrs. Marie Gaskins
—Report of Third Vice-President
1:15—Memorial service — Mrs. M. A. Woodard
1:45—Reports of Fifth and Sixth Vice-Presidents
2:00—Reports of Secretary and Treasurer
—Report of First, Second and Fourth Vice-Presidents
—Reports of Nominating Committee
2:45—Report of Finance, Resolutions and Petitions Committees
—Election of Officers
—Recommendations by Vice-Presidents
3:30—Adjournment

Note

Due to the shortage of paper, we are not having any programs printed for distribution. If you would like to have a program, please save this and carry it with you to the Convention.

Stony Creek Church's Location

This church is located about five miles Northeast of Goldsboro. Those coming by way of Goldsboro, follow the Wilson Highway to the Blue Top Service Station and turn right. This dirt road will lead you directly to the church. If coming from the Wilson direction turn to your left at the Blue Top Service Station.

Mrs. Oliver Smith,
Secretary of State
Auxiliary Convention

ANOTHER FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED

The State Home Mission Board of Mississippi launched a revival campaign in Amory, Miss. It started on the Fourth Sunday night in April, with the Rev. M. L. Hollis as Evangelist. A large crowd was present for the first service and the interest grew from service to service until there was not room to seat the great crowds under the tent. Large numbers stood around on the outside of the tent and listened attentatively to the Gospel as it was preached.

A church was organized with fifthree (53) charter members. A nice lot was bought and paid for right in the fastest growing section of this beautiful little city of five thousand souls. More than five hundred dollars was raised in cash to start on the church building with several hundred dollars pledged to be paid when work started on the building. We had the blue print made and everything ready to start work on this building which is to be a solid brick construction with Sunday School rooms, Baptistry and every accommodation that an up-to-date church might need. Building committee, officers and finance committee were all appointed and set to work before the tent was taken down. This bids fair to be one of the best Free Will Baptist churches in this section of the country. Pray for this work, and if you have some of the Lord's money that you would like to be used for His glory and the building up of the Free Will Baptist Cause in the Home Land, send your offering to Mr. Clyde Frances, Amory, Miss. He will mail you a receipt for it, and the Lord will surely bless you.

Mr. and Mrs. Nice were in charge of the music during this meeting and they did a wonderful job of it. The Amory Quaret was with us most every night and rendered some great numbers in song for us, which was greatly appreciated by all who were present. We are in South Mississippi now, at Waynesboro in a tent campaign, pray for us here that many souls may come to know the Lord and other churches established.

–By Mississippi State
Home Mission Board

"HE BECAME POOR"

By William M. Runyan

While oceans crash on granite coasts,
Or wash the silvery sands;
While cloudbursts flood the chasmed vales,
Or showers caress the lands;
Forget not that the Word, made flesh
For man by sin accurst,
Created vast and watery deeps,
And yet He cried, "I thirst!"

While suns and suns wheel on in space
Before the gazing eye,
And stellar splendors tell the soul
Of Christ's infinity,
Remember, He who made the worlds
A gleaming maze of light
Was made a Sacrifice for man
At noonday—turned to night!

In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world that we might live through him. 1 John 4: 9.

We love him, because he first loved us. 1 John 4: 19.

St. Claire Bible Class
Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

PAUL IN CORINTH

(Lesson for May 21)

Lesson: Acts 18: 1-4; 1 Corinthians 13.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

The Golden Text (I Cor. 13: 13) furnishes us with the central truth around which our lesson revolves. It teaches us the **supremacy of love**—"the greatest of these is love" (R. V.) The Apostle arrived at this truth after bitter experience. It would be true to say that he did not know what love was until he came **face to face with Christ.** As a strict Pharisee (Acts 23: 6) he would think he was faithfully fulfilling the greatest of the commandments—"Thou shalt love the Lord * * with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength" (Mk. 12: 30), when he was persecuting the saints (Acts 26: 9). But he mistook zeal, ambition, pride, prejudice, for love. He never knew love till he saw it in the face of his Redeemer. In His tender, forgiving look he realized its meaning, and found he was **bankrupt** of love. He would recall how he had seen love shining forth in the countenance of the martyred Stephen, in the faces of the saints he had persecuted so cruelly. Yes, in the crucified and risen Christ, he saw love in all its strength and beauty, and cried out from the depths of his soul, "the Son of God, who **loved** me, and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2: 20). He ever delighted to dwell on the love of God in Christ (Rom. 5 :8; 8: 39; Eph. 2: 4; 4: 32; 5: 2; II Thes. 2: 16; Tit. 3: 4), and was ever entreating believers to **pattern after** God, to love as He had loved them (Eph. 4: 32; 5: 2). There is no power in the world so **potent** as love. It was the revelation of God's love in Christ (John 3: 16), which captivated our hearts, broke down our rebellion, and transformed us from rebels into loving subjects of King Jesus. In the love of God we see illustrated **love's supremacy.** God loved the world and gave His Only Begotten Son to redeem it.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. Love will outlast eloquence and speaking in other tongues (I Cor. 13: 1).

2. Love will outlast profound preaching and powerful miracles (vs. 2).

3. Love will outlast the benefits of physical benevolence (vs. 3).

4. Love is not affected by petty annoyances (vs. 3).

6. Love never tries to make itself look big against others (vs. 4).

7. Love is not discourteous or uncivil toward others (vs. 5).

8. Love finds it impossible to bear grudges (vs. 5).

10. Love never tries to find evil in anyone else (vs. 7).

11. Love will outlast preaching, teaching, human languages and human understanding (vs. 8).

12. Love will outlast the present dispensation of our spiritual infancy and childhood (vss. 9-11).

13. Love will outlast the darkness of man's day, and continue into the brightness of the Day of Christ (vs. 10).

14. Love will outlast everything in the present world (vs. 13).

15. Someone once said, "You are not very holy, if you are not very kind." The Christians in Corinth were not very holy. To-day we have read what Paul wrote to them.

There are many more truths in this lesson and our **Advanced** and **Senior** Quarterlies have them for your careful consideration. Won't you underscore those you deem most helpful?

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Once we heard a great choir singing "The Messiah." How it thrilled our heart! Once a great conductor, Reichel, was leading a choir in the singing of "The Messiah." The choir had sung through to the point where the soprano solo takes up the refrain, "I know that my Redeemer liveth." The soloist sang her part perfectly. After the final note, all eyes were fixed on the leader to catch his eye of approval. Instead, he silenced the orchestra, walked up to the singer, and said, "My daughter, you do not really know that your Redeemer liveth, do you?" "Why, yes," she answered as she blushed. I think I do." "Then sing it," cried Reichel. "Tell it to me so that I will know and all who hear you will know that you know the **joy** and **power** of it." Again, the orchestra began to play. This time she sang the **truth** as she **knew** it and had **experienced** it in her own soul, and all who heard wept under the power of it. The old master approached her with tear-dimmed eyes, and said, "You **do know,** for you have told me!"

—Selected

"More love to Thee, O Christ,
More love to Thee!
Hear Thou the prayer I make,
On bended knee;
This is my earnest plea:
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee,
More love to Thee!"

—Hymn

ANNOUNCEMENT

As I feel led to go into full-time evangelistic work, and since I am not able to go to the foreign field, I still have the vision for lost souls, and believe God will use me in calling others into the worthy work. He will use me in an evangelistic way, as well as in helping to support the mission cause. I offer my services wherever needed for the holding of Evangelistic meetings.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. J. A. Card,
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NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday Schools of the newly organized Piedmont Association, of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, met in Kannapolis, North Carolina, on Saturday, April 29, 1944, at 2:30 P. M., for the purpose of setting up the Piedmont Sunday School Convention.

By vote, the delegates asked Rev. O. M. Hilborn, pastor of the Caroleen F. W. B. Church and Moderator of the Piedmont Association, to take charge of setting up the convention. Then, the convention proceeded to elect its officers as follows: E. W. O'Dell was called as president, and Brother G. P. Shepherd as vice-president. Brother L. V. Wiggins was elected as secretary with Sister Hogans as corresponding secretary. Brother Ben Bailey was elected as treasurer.

After this the convention proceeded to set and adopt rules and regulations for the good of the convention. On Sunday, April 30, at ten o'clock, E. W. T., the convention met back with Ben Avenue Church. There were seven Sunday Schools represented: namely, Arrington Heights, Lexington, N. C.; Kannapolis, Mable Avenue; Mt. Holly, N. C.; Washington Street, Gastonia; Caroleen, at Caroleen; Goshen of Belmont, and Ben Avenue Church.

There were five singing classes present, and about seven quartets, with several solos and duets, which were very fine. The church was filled with a large crowd of people, and many were on the outside who could not find room in the church. A speaking system was set up for those on the outside so that they might hear plainly the music in the church.

A most splendid luncheon dinner was spread out on the church lawn at the noon hour and everyone certainly did enjoy the good things to eat. At one-thirty in the afternoon we gathered back in the church, and splendid singing was given by the different groups. This continued until four o'clock.

The next convention will be held with the Free Will Baptist Church in Caroleen Church on July 29, and 30, 1944, and all Sunday Schools are urged to attend these conventions.

E. W. O'Dell,
Belmont, N. C.,
Route 1

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PROGRAM

Second Annual Session of the Free Will Baptist League and Sunday School Convention of the Progressive Association which will convene with the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church, at Cordova, Alabama, on June 3-4, 1944.

League Convention

Morning Session

10:00—Session opened by the President, Rev. A. J. Lambert. Parrish, Ala.
10:15—Welcome address by Miss Florene Sides; Response by Mrs. Murry South, Parrish
10:30—Reading of letters
—Seating of delegates
—Recognition of visitors
11:00—Special Music by Sulphur Springs Quartet
11:05—Address: "The Mission of the Church Through the League" By Rev. A. J. Lambert
11:30—Song by Congregation
11:35—Convention Message by Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.
12:00—Adjournment for Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Song by Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd, Nashville, Tenn.
1:35—Address: "The Ideal League," By Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, of Nashville, Tenn.
2:00—Business Session
2:30—Round Table discussion on "Problems of the League and Solutions," led by Rev. K. V. Shutes
—Assignment to homes by the local pastor

Saturday Evening Session

—Devotional by Rev. A. J. Burgess, Alabama City, Ala.
8:00—Message by Rev. H. A. Pitts, Brilliant, Alabama

Sunday School Convention

9:45—Sunday School
10:30—Song and Prayer
10:40—Reading letter and reports of various Sunday Schools
—Seating of delegates
—Recognition of Visitors
11:00—Message: "The Value of the Sunday School to the Church and the World," by Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Nashville, Tenn.
12:00—Adjournment for Lunch.

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions led by Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
1:15—Address: "The Ideal Sunday School Officers" by Rev. K. V. Shutes
2:00—Discussion of Six Point Record System
2:30—Business Period
—Appointment of Delegates to National Sunday School Convention
—Election of Officers
—Report of Committees
3:00—Adjournment

"God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. . . . God hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son . . . Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death . . . that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man. . . . For if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Acts 17: 30; Hebrews 1: 1, 2; Romans 10: 9).

Boys and Girls Corner

"WHEN THE BELLS RANG"

Marianne Ketchum

There was a little old woman, and a little old man. Right across the street lived a boy named Dan. The little old woman was feeble and lame. The little old man was feeble and lame, too. For many, many weeks they had stayed at home and been able to walk no farther than their front yard. Yet they did not mind that very much. They were happy at home. In fact, there was only one place they wanted very, very much to go.

Every Sunday morning the church bells rang. One morning Dan, who lived across the street, called "I know what the church bells seem to say. They seem to say, 'Come, come, come, come. Come to church to-day. If you would be happy, it's the only way.'" Every Sunday morning after that, when the church bells rang, the little old man softly sang, "Come, come, come, come. Come to church to-day. If you would be happy, it's the only way." Then they sat by the window wistfully watching Dan and his folks going to church.

One Sunday morning the little old woman was playing hymns on the piano and singing. "Sometimes I used to play the piano in Sunday School," she said. "How happy I was when I was doing it to help the people sing! Now no one but we two hear the hymns we sing. I will open the window wide so the people in the houses near by, and the people going to church can hear the hymns, too."

Dan who lived across the street heard the hymns. He said, "The little old woman, and the little old man want to go to church. Since they cannot go to the church, why can't I bring the church service to them some way?"

All the morning he thought about it. He asked his best friend to help him. That afternoon Dan and his friend took some old Sunday School papers across the street to the house where the little old woman, and the little old man lived.

"Good afternoon," said Dan politely. "We knew you could not go to church, so we thought we would bring the church to you."

"How in the world can you do that?" asked the little old woman, and the little old man, astonished.

"I don't know exactly," replied Dan, "but I thought if you felt able and wanted to, you could play the piano, and we could all sing hymns, and then we could all talk about the Bible."

"Why, thank you, we would be very, very glad to," said the little old woman and the little old man.

They all sang, "Come, come, come, come. Come to church to-day. If you would be happy, it's the only way." They sang "Jesus Loves Even Me," and "Jesus loves me, this I know."

The little old woman took a Bible calendar which was so old that Dan and his friend had never seen one just like it. They talked about the picture of Jesus in the Temple when He was twelve years old, and the one of Jesus blessing the children, and saying He wanted them to come to Him. They talked about the picture of Simon Peter and his brother, Andrew, in a little boat casting a net into the water to catch fish.

"I wish I could have lived then and been one of His disciples," said Dan, "but how could anyone fish for men instead of fish?"

"We can still be disciples of Jesus," said the little old woman, and the little old man. "Disciples of Jesus are those who do exactly what He wants them to do. Back then, He wanted them to go from town to town with Him. Now He is up in Heaven but He watches us just the same. If we go to church, and pray, and have faith, and do everything else the Bible says to do, we will be Jesus' disciples. He will be very much disappointed if He sees us doing wrong, and very happy if He sees us doing right. Of course we cannot catch men with a net in the water. When they caught fish, they gave them to someone to do whatever he wanted to do with them. Now how can we get men, and boys, and girls, and give them to Jesus to do what He wants to do with them? How can we get them to do what He wants them to do?"

"Perhaps we could talk to them so they will do what Jesus wants them to do," said Dan. "Perhaps we could tell them how fine Sunday School is so they would go every Sunday, too."

"When you asked your friend to come here for an extra Sunday School, you were a 'fisher of men,'" said the little old woman. "If you can find any boys and girls who do not go to Sunday School anywhere very often, ask them to go to Sunday School."

"I will," promised Dan.

"Come, come, come, come. Come to church to-day.
If you would be happy, it's the only way."

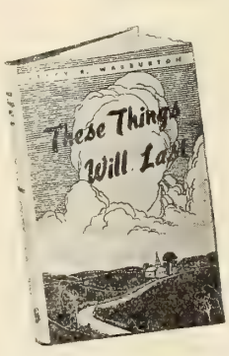
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SAWYER. The death angel came and took away Brother John A. Sawyer to go to his heavenly reward. He died on April 14, 1944. He was 62 years old, and had been sick for several weeks before developing pneumonia.

Everything was done for him that loving hands could do, but God always knows best and took him home to be with Him.

The Free Will Baptist Church at Gum Neck has lost a very faithful member. At the time of his death he was deacon in the church. The doors of his home were always open for strangers and ministers of any denomination to come in and be welcome.

He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, one daughter, three sons, several grandchildren, and a host of friends. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. A. Hales of Columbia, North Carolina. The body was laid to rest in the family cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

John A., it was not far you had to go,
You have followed the paths we all must go.
Your sorrow and suffering are now over,
Your life-crown has been won.

—Written by a friend,
Mrs. C. F. Swindell,
Columbia, N. C.

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JONES. On December 28, 1943, just after a happy Christmas with her family in the home, Mrs. Mamie Murphey Jones was called to her eternal home. Although she was in declining health the Lord spared her from a long illness of suffering. She was able to be up and to help perform some of the household duties almost to the last.

Mrs. Jones was born October 6, 1879. While she was still a girl she accepted Christ as her Saviour and became a member of the Grimsley Free Will Baptist church in Greene County, N. C. Until her death she lived a consistent Christian life and was an active member of her church. We are very conscious of her absence when we meet in Grimsley church, for she was almost always present. Her quiet, sweet manner endeared her to those who knew her. A true companion, a loving mother, and a faithful Christian is the tribute we offer to the memory of Mrs. Jones. This memory will live on in the minds and hearts of those whom she leaves behind.

Two sons and two daughters survive her, and between them and their mother was devoted companionship and love. May our heavenly Father shower his rich blessings of comfort and understanding upon them in their bereavement.

—By a friend,
Mrs. M. A. Woodard

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ROBERTS. On April 8th, the Lord called my step-father, Mr. Lawrence Hertford Roberts, to come up higher. He was taken ill on Friday, April 7th, with a stroke of paralysis. All was done for him that could be done. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Saunders, and he was laid to rest in the family cemetery.

He was a member of the F. W. B. Church of Arapahoe, a devoted Christian, and a loving father.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, five children, four step-children, thirteen grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three brothers.

He was seventy-three years of age.

Daddy has gone away,
His work is o'er;
He's safe with Jesus,
On that Happy shore.

Life's trials are o'er
The victory is won;
'Tis sad to part,
God's will be done.

—By his step-daughter,
Mrs. Neta Roberts,
Arapahoe, N. C.

NEWS FROM ALABAMA

Greetings to the Baptist Brethren:

I take pleasure at this time to write you a few lines, and to express my thanks for the Free Will Baptist of which I am a subscriber. I should like very much to see published thru the various papers the **fundamental** doctrines for which we stand. It is true that we have our various minutes of the denomination, but we as Free Will Baptists are too much apart on what the Original Free Will Baptists have stood for down thru the years.

Now, I am merely suggesting this, and do feel that we would be benefitted by the same. We have a very nice band of Christians here at Red Bay, Ala., and we are enjoying a prosperous church year to-date, with additions to the church and the church on a full time basis. We are doing our best to place into effect a more uniform program and results are forthcoming along this line.

I should like to submit the following report in brief of our last business meeting and the first quarterly church conference. The Sunday School attendance at the beginning of the year was 35, at the end of the quarter we had on roll 42. We received in cash for Quarter $45.78. Balance in treasury, $37.79.

Ladies Auxiliary reported No. of members at beginning of year 12. No. of members at close of quarter, 14.

Amount of money received for quarter, $239.74.

Amount on hand at close of quarter, $156.49.

Church Treasurer report — Money on hand first of year, $29.18.

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Yours in the Master's service,

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OPPORTUNITY

It was the writer's happy privilege, through the goodness of the Lord, to attend the Third Union Meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Conference which convened with Daily's Chapel. The Union sermon was delivered by Rev. D. Hansley. His main thought was: "Man's Final Destiny."

A bountiful dinner was spread on the church grounds at the noon hour, and much rejoicing and handshaking took place while the large crowd, gathered about the long table, participated in the good things to eat.

In the afternoon session the churches made their reports, with all in the district reporting except one. Most of the churches gave interesting reports concerning the activities of their work. The afternoon message was brought by Brother Q. Hansley of Sherron Acres. His main thought was: "Fully Able to Possess the Land." He told us of the beginning of the work at his church and what it had accomplished in just a few years. It encouraged us in our experience with the work here in this life to press on toward the goal.

Brother James A. Evans, Superintendent of the Middlesex Orphanage, brought an interesting report of the Home and how it is progressing. The entire day at the Union was very pleasant and profitable to everyone who attended it.

We will make a few statements concerning the work here at May's Chapel. The Spirit of the Lord is still working. After the Sunday School hour, Brother Jesse Barrow brought us a splendid message on the subject: "God's Gift and Satan's Wages." His text was based on Romans 6: 23. Our mid-week prayer services are very good. We are hoping and praying that it will continue to be on the upward move for the glory of the Lord.

Mrs. Mae Rouse,
Dudley, N. C.

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"Be still and know that I am God!"
Be still? O Soul, how can it be?
When dangers threaten as a flood—
Temptations trouble as the sea!

"Be still and know that I am God!"
Be still? O Saviour, I would flee
When suffer I thy chastening rod.
In silence shall I stand with Thee?

"Be still and know that I am God!"
Be still? O Master, cares oppress!
Life's tasks are heavy as I plod
Heart-sick and faint with weariness.

"Be still and know that I am God!"
Be still! What peace, what solace thine.
Thy rest, my rest, by grace bestowed;
Thy yoke and thy light burden, mine.

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NOTICE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE CAMPERS

This is to give final notice to those who have been hoping that the Camp Committee of the Young People's Camp of North Carolina that we have not been able to secure a suitable camp for this season for a Camp. We are, therefore, giving this final notice that there will be no Camp this year for the young people of North Carolina.

The Business Manager of Camp Leach informed us early this spring that they were doing considerable repairing and building on their camp up to the first of June. They also stated in the correspondence that they had arranged their camp programs to run consecutively each week until the first week in September. We were, therefore, unable to get a week in which we might hold Camp there this year.

The Camp Committee

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHER

O Mother dear, as I sit and turn
The pages of a weary life;
I behold the day as you sat and prayed
For your children in sin and strife.

O Mother dear, as I go away
From my friends and home so true;
Wherever I go, whether fast or slow
I'll always be thinking of you.

O Mother dear, as you fade away
Into the mist of decaying years;
I can see the light that shone so bright
From your smile which abolished all fear.

O Mother dear, the end has come,
The time to part is now at hand;
So, goodby, Mother, we go home to rest
In that fair and happy land.

Mrs. Tella Cowan,
Robersonville, N. C.

EDITORIAL

THE GREATER CHURCH

In the realm of Christianity there is either progress or retroaction—no standing still. This is applicable to the local church, the district, state or national organizations of any religious denomination. **The Greater Church** or Denomination, in visualizing a greater service for God and humanity, must of necessity call for greater efforts, responsibilities and achievements both of the laity and the ministry. Through divine Providence time and Christian service will bring into full realization **The Greater Church** for the glory of God.

In the Free Will Baptist denomination, **The Greater Church** of tomorrow will certainly call for more half-time and whole-time pastorates, both among the rural and the city churches. Those churches that are now running on half-time must move up to whole-time pastorates. Many of them now need full-time pastors, living in their midst, for the purpose of rendering whole-time service every week to the year. With the rendering of his greater and more efficient service in his church and community, there will come greater financial support both of pastor and for the different denominational causes. As he and his church people develop a greater local church organization, greater will the church become for the salvation of lost souls and the strengthening of the cause of righteousness.

As this will be true with the half-time church which resolves, with purpose and determination to go forward, to go on whole-time services, so will it be true with single-time churches, if they will resolve to move up to half-time services. Then, with them, one pastor can serve two adjacent churches, by living close by them, better than if they were several miles apart and he living at a great distance from them. The pastor's time and talents should be given during the week, as well as on Sunday, to his church people. Many calls come, from time to time, from the homes of his church people, which demand his Christian services. In view of this fact, churches moving up to, either half-time or whole-time pastorates, will have rendered to their membership greater pastoral services. When hundreds of such churches in the denomination move up to half-time and whole-time pastorates, then in a few years **The Greater Church** will be developing into a greater Christian organization. And that is what God should like to see come to pass, during the next decade, with a great number of Free Will Baptist churches throughout the United States.

There is another important call or demand which **The Greater Church** shall make upon the church people. That call is for a better trained leadership. Vision and understanding are necessary in God's kingdom work, as well as they are needed in all other useful vocations of life, if **The Greater Church** is to be realized. The church people as a whole want proper and efficient Christian leadership both in the local church and in every department of the denominational work. It must come before this **Greater Church** can be fully realized in the Free Will Baptist denomination. Both the laity and the ministry shall have to labor co-operatively to bring this to pass during the coming years. The Free Will Baptist Bible College, in Nashville, Tennessee, can and will do its part, by giving adequate instruction in Christian education, in helping to bring about this **Greater Church.** It will expand and develop into greater usefulness for the Free Will Baptist cause, during the coming years, in proportion to the moral and material support which the church people are willing to give to it.

In the third place, this **Greater Church** shall demand a liberal and far-reaching missionary program. With more efficient and a greater extension of Christian services in the half-time and the full-time churches, together with the other churches, and with a better trained leadership for all, there will develop a greater missionary spirit among the church people. In like manner, this will help to bring about **The Greater Church.** That is what God wants Free Will Baptists to do for the cause of righteousness in the world.

Without the missionary spirit greatly manifested for the lost in the world, certainly no church or denomination can become a great church for the glory of God. Christ's great command, "Go ye," applies to all Christian organizations, and no church can hope to become **The Greater Church** without first maintaining a liberal and far-reaching missionary program. Neither the laity nor the ministry can boast of a great church which does not maintain a strong missionary program as one of its main phases of denominational work. For the Free Will Baptist denomination to ever become a great church, it must establish and support, through the passing years, a liberal and far-reaching missionary program.

Fourth, there is another demand which **The Greater Church** shall make, as time passes, of its constituency to help make it that church. This is the unification, standardization and practices of both the laity and the ministry of the doctrinal principles and practices of that church or denomination. Certainly, this applies to the Free Will Baptist church to a very great extent. But it should not be the case. The ministry and the laity should stand together on the doctrines of the church, for there is strength in unity and co-operation. Nothing should be contained in the doctrinal principles and practices of the church, which are contrary to the teachings of the Bible. Moreover, a church cannot become **The Greater** Church, when there are existing diverse opinions, many divisions, and divergent practices in the Christian activities of that church or denomination. In the holy Trinity there is unity. In the church as a body of believers in Christ, there should be un-

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Prodigal Parents

By Roy L. Smith

A bright faced well-groomed woman was ushered into my study and given a seat on the other side of my desk. Though a perfect stranger to me, I recognized immediately that she was in great trouble for anxiety showed plainly through her feigned composure.

"I would like to see somebody get my boy into Sunday-school," she said by way of opening the conversation. "He is just seventeen years old and has always been such a good boy until lately. He has started running around with the wrong crowd and his school work is falling down. In fact, he is a changed boy. He is unmanageable about the home and he has taken up some bad habits. The boys he is running with are a bad lot, and though he hasn't gotten into any trouble yet, I live in dread every moment of every day. I have been so worried I didn't know what to do and then I though if we could only get him into Sunday-school. He used to go when he was a little fellow, but he hasn't gone now for several years."

It was just another version of the old, old story. I suppose every pastor hears it every week. But it was very evident that this mother came from an excellent home and without a doubt her son was a splendid lad. Her presence spoke of culture and education. The boy could, by no means, be considered an underprivileged lad.

"Where do you go to church?" I asked when she had described the case to me. "We do not go anywhere regularly," she said. "My husband was an Episcopalian when I married him and I was a Methodist. He had been accustomed to the ritual of the Episcopal church and could never feel at home in a Methodist service so we dropped out after a while. We are both quite broad-minded on the subject of religion. We feel that one church is just as good as another and so we go first to one church and then another—wherever we think we are going to hear something good. We like to go where we get something, you know."

"How long has it been since you were in any church service?" I asked next. The woman dropped her eyes for a moment; then smiled in an embarrassed sort of fashion but replied with a certain note of defiance in her voice, "It has really been quite a while. But I have been so very busy, and Sunday is about the only day my husband and I have a chance to be together. We like to drive out into the country or take our dinner to the woods. We have such a happy home. We have never had a minute's trouble until this affair with our boy. I would do anything to get him into Sunday-school. I think it is the only thing that will save him."

"Very well," I said, "this looks like an easy problem. We have an excellent class of women in our Sunday-school and the men have a good discussion group under the leadership of one of the ablest attorneys of the city. Now you arrange for your husband to be here with you next Sunday morning at nine forty-five and I will see that the men welcome him. Some of the women will meet you and help you get acquainted. Or, if you prefer to be together, we have a great class of men and women. Then we will take the boy over to the Young People's department and get him started."

I could see that the plan did not suit her. Perhaps I had assumed too much when she said, "I would do anything to get him into Sunday-School.

"I don't see how we could do that. My husband comes home so tired on Saturday that I do not have the heart to ask him to get out as early as that. And I just haven't the time I can give. I am an officer in the lodge, the program chairman of my study club and all the other things do not leave me time. I just can't get to Sunday-school myself."

"Then you did not mean what you said about being willing to do anything. If you wanted your boy in Sunday-school badly enough you would resign from your office in the lodge and surrender your whole study club if necessary. If your husband really cared about that boy he would be able to get to Sunday-school at nine forty-five on Sunday morning. He gets to work much earlier every day of the week and some mornings goes out at four o'clock to play golf before work.

"If you ever get that boy into Sunday-school you are going to have to take him. He dropped out of Sunday-school several years ago because he lost courage over going it alone. He was the only one of the family who did go and he did not want to seem peculiar.

For several years this boy has had no religious leadership from those whom he held in the highest respect of all the people he knew in the world. He has thought of his father as the greatest man in the world and that 'greatest man was not in Sunday-school so absence from church must be a part of greatness. He has thought of his mother as the best in the world and that 'best little mother' has repudiated her boy for her lodge and her club.

"Now, after these years of neglect, you come to me, saying, 'I would like to see somebody get my boy into Sunday-school, and I say to you, 'I would like to see somebody get that boy into Sunday-school.' The only two people in all the world who can ever do anything for that boy are his parents. If he ever gets back into Sunday-school they will have to take him. Do not ask me to do anything until you are ready to do anything—even ready to go yourself."

That mother's story is typical.

Our children did not make the world in which they are growing up. They inherited it and are compelled to live in it, and no generation of

youth was ever thrust into a world so difficult, complex and bewildering. Movies, radios, jazz bands, automobiles and roadhouses create a new set of problems and temptations. Youth faces the task of learning how to live, somehow, in a world crowded with excitement and speed, without losing its soul.

Multitudes of young people are being lost in this new world in exactly the same way that Jesus was lost on the way from Jerusalem up to Nazareth—by parents who go complacently on their way supposing them to be in the company of the good and worthy. We are deceived by the fact that they live in the same house with us, not realizing that they are actually living in another world—a world of strange ideas, different standards, new purposes, fantastic morals and foreign languages.

We have multiplied organizations and endowed social agencies and to them we have delegated the responsibility of rearing our children. There is more than merely a bit of clever humor in the lad's remarks: "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Boy Scouts will take me up."

The surest way to lose our children is to attempt to rear them by remote control; to expect the Sunday-school to furnish them with the religious leadership we are not willing to take time to give, ourselves. We expect the Y. M. C. A. and the public schools to give the sex instructions we are too busy, or too timid to give ourselves.

Christianity is not a set of opinions to be held or dismissed lightly, like an old suit or wornout car. Christianity is a way of life, without which millions of men and women are making shipwreck of their lives. The woman who came to me had been given her training by a Christian home. She and her husband were giving to their son everything except the thing that had made them what they were.

The problem of America is the problem of prodigal parents.

—In F. W. B. Messenger

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary, North Carolina State Association

Back Home

After spending two weeks with the church at Bladenboro, I am back home (May the 12th, time of this writing) praising God for the blessings received while in Bladen. God blessed us with specials while in the midst of those dear people. Nothing makes us happier than to see large numbers receiving the blessings of a real old-fashion Gospel meeting, when people are finding the Lord Jesus, and confessing Him. This we had at Bladenboro. I do not know how many church members were reclaimed and converted. I do not count conversions by heads, nor handshakes, but a goodly number confessed and I have every reason to believe that all confessions were real. Fifteen were baptized, and three accepted and confessed Christ the closing night. They were to be baptized later, and four or five joined the church who had been out of church affiliation, as I remember, and a large number of members testified to blessings. Praise the Lord. Everybody was so nice to us. We could not begin to visit all the homes to which we were invited.

Back to Our Former Subject

We started a series of messages on "THE ONLY FOUNDATION," but left off while we were away from home in order to write upon other vital matters, about our State and National work. So, now we resume our writing on the above subject.

II. The Distinguished Characteristics of the Foundation

1. For Its Strength.

A strong foundation is of utmost importance. Many buildings creak and give way because the foundation is weak and faulty. Many organizations and systems are short-lived because the foundation is not substantial. "If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do?" said the Psalmist (Psa. 10: 3). There is nothing but a failure with no foundation.

The FOUNDATION of the church of Jesus Christ is OMNIPOTENCE itself. The assurance in the "GREAT GO YE COMMAND" is sufficient. Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28: 18, 19).

Why should any person, who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ, doubt sufficient grace to perform any work assigned to him with such a blessed promise as follows, such a blessed assurance. Which means, if we take it for its face value, absolutely, "I AM ALL POWER, AND I WILL GO WITH YOU."

"But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God, and the wisdom of God" (I Cor. 1: 24). With these scriptures before us we can say, without a shadow of a doubt, that the strength of the FOUNDATION of the CHURCH of Jesus Christ is Omnipotent, and we can sing with joy;

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said
You who unto Jesus for refuge hath fled?"

Job says, "With Him is wisdom and strength" (Job 12: 13). Not only is there strength, but strength that is wisely—supremely sufficient—for knowledge needed by believers. Why worry about what to do, and how to do it? "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God," (James 1: 5). This wisdom is all powerful. Never makes a mistake. Never fails to assert itself when tried by the faithful.

But may we just look briefly at some of the many promises given to us by the inspired writers of the Scriptures.

"Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained

strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger" (Psa. 8: 2). "The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psa. 27: 1). "The Lord will give strength unto His people" (Psa. 29: 11). "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness. Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defense to save me. For thou art my rock and my fortress" (Psa. 31: 1-3). "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psa. 46: 1). "He hath shown strength with his arm" (Luke 1: 51). "In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge is in God" (Psa. 62: 7).

Yea, with these and thousands of other blessed assurances, which God hath caused to be written declaring His matchless, wisdom, love, strength and willingness, to assert His Omnipotence, in His divine protection of all those who put their FAITH in THE LORD JESUS, why should we worry? Accept Jesus Christ; confess Jesus Christ; live for Jesus Christ; and if necessary, die for Jesus Christ; and there need to be no fear of the devil and his hellish powers. Then we can sing,

"In every condition, in sickness, in health,
In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth;
At home or abroad, on the land, on the sea,
As your days may demand, shall your strength ever be."

Many believers in Christ are often "shaky" as to the outcome of the dreadful war. "Post war conditions" are bothering many. I know that there will never be the sunshine as pictured by politicians. Post war days (if there are any) will be dark days. But if we live and remain on this earth the ALL-SUFFICIENT GRACE OF GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF THE SITUATION. God's People HAVE A SURE FOUNDATION.

"When thru fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

I am praising God for the writer of "How Firm A Foundation." He knew the truth of God's Word. There is inspiration in knowing that the OMNIPOTENCE of the LORD JESUS CHRIST is underneath His Church. When we get on the solid FOUNDATION, by faith, and begin to build we have more than a myth; more than reformation; more than a profession. Yea, we have God, the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, beneath us, around us, over us, and in us. Hitlerism has come, and it will go. Communism has come but it will go. Fascism has come and it is going. Through all ages organizations, backed by mortal man, minus God, have come and gone. If Jesus tarries long others will come and go. But the CHURCH of Jesus Christ is here to stay until Jesus steps over the battlements of heaven and sounds the trump of God; then the bodies of those who have been resting in Christ, through all ages, together, with the living saints of God shall arise from this earth to "meet the Lord in the air." The STRENGTGH OF THE FOUNDATION—The One, and Only, Foundation, GUARANTEES OUR RAPTURE.

(to be continued)

Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Isa. 50: 10.

MISSIONS

R. C. Wiggs, Director-Treasurer

We have just completed our drive for Missions in the state of North Carolina, and we are very well pleased at the progress we have made over that of previous years in the same length of time. There was sent in to your treasurer the amount of $1,041.-96. You will find following this article a tabulated account of all that was sent in during March and April.

We are praising the Lord for you that have seen the need of missions. We hope that you who did not send in your money during this special drive will do so in the near future. We want every one and every church to have a part in this great work in spreading the Gospel.

Remember that I am always ready to receive your donations.

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MISSION REPORT FOR MARCH AND APRIL

North Carolina

Macedonia Women's Aux.	$ 2.00
Mrs. Mildred Little, Newport News, Va.	5.00
Rose of Sharon, W. A.	1.00
Brice's Creek Church	15.00
Dublin Grove, W. A.	1.00
Sweet Gum Grove Church	10.00
Davis Free Will Baptist Church	27.00
Ayden, Sunday School	2.00
Beaufort Church	8.75
White Oak Church, L. A.	2.00
King's Cross Road Church	6.87
Ephesus Church, Beaufort Co.	7.50
Kinston Women's Aux. and Church	20.00
Pleasant Plain, Western Association	30.00
Reedy Branch S. S.	29.32
Marlboro Church	16.50
Union Grove Church, Wayne County	10.00
L. A. S. White Oak Church	15.00
L. A. S. Gum Neck Church	10.00
L. A. S. Core Creek, Cove	

City, N. C.	5.00
L. A. S. Free Union, Greene County	5.00
Grimsley's Church	24.29
Rose of Sharon Church	10.00
Snow Hill Church, Duplin Co.	7.00
Malachi's Chapel, Adult League	5.00
Prospect L. A. S.	4.00
Macedonia L. A. S. No. 2	2.00
Spring Branch Church, Central Conference	16.69
St. Mary's Church, Wilson County	13.00
Corinth Church, Samson Co.	2.50
Union Chapel, Chocowinity	4.00
Christian Chapel	8.05
St. John's Church, Wayne County	2.30
May's Chapel	2.00
Sidney Church	6.65
Rock Spring Church	7.00
Hickory Chapel, Jr. League	3.00
LaGrange Church	17.00
Sandy Plain Church	10.00
Sandy Plain S. S.	5.00
Oak Grove L. A. S., Craven County	4.00
Holly Springs Church	5.00
Dawson Grove Church	3.00
Hickory Chapel, Hertford Co.	32.81
Mrs. D. O. Wilder	5.00
Bethel Church, Pamlico Co.	15.00
Woodington Church, Kinston	20.00
Mt. Tabor S. S.	6.49
Pleasant Hill Church	1.20
Free Union League, Pinetown	1.50
Pearsall's Chapel	20.00
Pearsall's Chapel S. S.	5.00
Johnston Union Church, Cape Fear	14.00
Prospect Church, Harnett Co.	23.01
Cape Fear Auxiliary	6.25
Shady Grove Church, Cape Fear	50.00
Smith's New Home	7.00
St. Delight Church, Eastern Association	8.00
Powhatan Church	15.00
Micro Church	25.00
Total for March and April	$644.67
Half for Home and Half for Foreign	$322.33

Foreign Missions, March and April

Balance brought over from February	$ 4.50
Mrs. Arthur Mason	5.00
George Webster	15.00
LaGrange Church	5.00
Holly Springs L. A. S.	2.00
Edgemont Church, Durham	20.00
Shady Grove Church, Cape Fear	5.00
Swannanoa Sunday School	10.47
Mt. Zion, W. A., Nash Co.	3.30
Core Creek Church	23.46
Antioch Church, Wayne Co.	7.40
George Webster	15.00
Bridgeton Church	30.00
Sea Level	6.00
Black Jack Church	39.00
Rain's Cross Roads Church	10.50
Rose of Sharon, L. A. S.	1.00
Hickory Grove Church, Pitt County	8.26
Piny Grove Church, Johnston County	5.83
Cabin Church	10.00
Friendship Church, Greene County	5.00
Edgemont Sunday School, Durham, N. C.	20.00
Holly Springs Church, Cartaret County	16.26
Mrs. Stox, Winterville, N. C.	2.00
Black Jack, W. A. Jr.,	2.00
White Oak Church	7.50
St. Delight Church	3.00
Sunday School Convention of the Second Union Meeting of the Central Conf.	50.00
Spring Hill, Wayne Co.	3.00
St. Mary's Church, Wilson County	7.00
Rev. J. C. Griffin	5.00
Cape Fear Union	3.00
Brought Forward from Missions	322.34
Total for March and April	$675.82
Sent last Month to National Treasurer	167.24
Total sent National Treasurer for April	$508.58

Home Missions for March and April

Antioch Church, Wayne Co.	$ 8.40
Cape Fear Union Meeting	5.40
Holly Spring, L. A.	2.00
Union Grove, W. A.	5.00
Core Creek Church	13.00
Bridgeton Church	10.00
Brought from Missions	322.34
Total for March and April	$366.14

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SAVED BY FAITH

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, that He is a rewarded of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11: 6).

A poor wretched little girl
At the minister's door stood and knocked;
She had come through the storm
And taken the rain every drop.

The minister was ready to retire,
When he heard the knock at the door;
Down the stairway he went
Stood the little child he had never seen before.

"Are you the minister?"
She sadly to him replied;
"Mother is very sick," said she,
As she spoke and began to cry.

"Mother has been a sinner,
And she is afraid to die;
Will you pray for her now
Before you go up to retire?"

No quicker than these words to the minister
Were in tears kindly said;
He went with the lonely child
To her dear Mother's bed.

The Mother looked up to the minister
In these words to him she replied;
"I've been a sinner all my life,
And I want to be saved before I die."

By the bedside the minister
Knelt down and prayed;
"Dear Lord, have mercy on this dear Mother
That she may now be saved."

The Mother grew paler and weaker
As she was passing away;
But she looked to the minister as he prayed
She looked up and said, "By faith
I've been saved today."

—Mrs. Etta Rose

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HIGHLIGHGTS OF N. C. FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION - INSTITUTE

By Raymond T. Sasser
President

The fifth annual session of the N. C. Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute convened with the Goldsboro Church, Friday, April 21st, 1944.

The theme of the convention was "VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST," text, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." To the delegates, ministers and visitors who were in attendance, the convention was a source of inspiration and enlightenment in the solving of many Sunday School problems.

The Institute-Forum, "Problems of your Sunday School — Victorious Planning to overcome them," was conducted by Rev. J. A. Evans. In this forum many Sunday School problems were discussed by the delegates, and various solutions were offered. A Round Table Discussion, "How may we reach the Standard of Efficiency in our Sunday School?" was conducted by Rev. R. P. Harris and Rev. L. E. Ballard. After this discussion, in which many problems of becoming a standard Sunday School were answered, the Digest of Reports Committee announced that the Micro Sunday School was the only school representing that had achieved the Standard during the past year. Nine other schools had achieved one or more years of work in the Three Year Program of Progress, these schools are Elizabeth City, Goldsboro, Davis Shore, Reedy Branch, Wilson, Ayden, Selma, Friendship, Lewis Chapel.

Forty-one schools reported, twenty ministers were registered, twenty-nine delegates and a conservative estimate of at least one hundred and fifty visitors were present for the two sessions of the convention.

The Convention Message, "Victory Through Christ" by Rev. J. C. Griffin left a vivid impression upon the hearts and minds of those present. Through faith in Christ, victory over the most difficult Sunday School problems can be easily achieved.

Perhaps the highlight of the convention was the report of the Assembly Ground Committee. In the short period of only three years the Sunday Schools of North Carolina have backed this movement wholeheartedly. The committee reported total receipts to-date had amounted to $901.33. Upon their recommendation, which was unanimously carried by the convention, the committee has been authorized to negotiate for the selection and purchase of a suitable Assembly Ground Site.

The motions as adopted by the convention states that this assembly ground site will be available for the denominational use of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. It was the expressed desire of the convention that a suitable assembly ground might be established and made available for the use of our young people's camps, for ministers' retreats, Ladies Auxiliary Conventions, State Association, as well as for the institute and convention work of the State Sunday School Convention.

The treasurer of the convention, and also treasurer of the assembly ground committee, Bro. Fountain Taylor, Richlands, N. C., is holding his books open to receive funds from any school which did not send them to the last session.

The convention also voted to request each Sunday School to continue the present plan of contributing 10c per Sunday to the Asembly Ground Fund. Schools with over 75 average attendance are requested to contribute $10.00 per year.

The Assembly Ground Committee has as its chairman, Rev. R. B. Spencer, who was elected to succeed Rev. M. L. Johnson who resigned. Bro. Spencer has had several years of experience in working with young people's camps. Through his leadership we are expecting a great forward assembly ground movement during the next twelve months.

Bro. Fountain Taylor and Mrs. L. E. Ballard have served on the committee since the movement was begun. Through their efforts, backed up by the combined support of the executive committee of your state convention and the loyalty of the Sunday Schools of the state we anticipate an early attainment of our goal —An Assembly Ground.

It has been my happy privilege to have had the opportunity to serve as your humble servant since the organization was perfected five years ago. Through the splendid efforts of our executive boards, and the united support of our Sunday Schools we have seen our convention grow from five schools representing at the first convention, to 41 schools representing this year. We have seen the convention adopt a program both progressive and educational, and launch out on a drive that many said was impossible. Through the cooperation of our Sunday Schools, and the leadership of the Holy Spirit we will continue to go forward. Your continued support and prayers are solicited.

The officers elected for the coming year were as follows:

President, Raymond T. Sasser, Goldsboro, N. C.

Vice-President, Charles Simpson, Wilson, N. C.

Secretary, Mrs. Ginevra Hardee, Greenville, N. C.

Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Irma Godley, New Bern, N. C.

Treasurer, Fountain Taylor, Richlands, N. C.

Directors

Organization, Rev. R. P. Harris, Enfield, N. C.

Denominational Enterprises, Rev. W. L. Moretz, Swannanoa, N. C.

Records and Reports, Mrs. Bruce Barrow, Kinston, N. C.

Publicity, Earl Glenn, Durham, N. C.

Literature, Rev. J. Albert Harris, Enfield, N. C.

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PROGRAM

Second Annual Session of the Free Will Baptist League and Sunday School Convention of the Progressive Association which will convene with the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church, at Cordova, Alabama, on June 3-4, 1944.

League Convention

Morning Session

10:00—Session opened by the President, Rev. A. J. Lambert, Parrish, Ala.
10:15—Welcome address by Miss Florene Sides; Response by Mrs. Murry South, Parrish
10:30—Reading of letters
—Seating of delegates
—Recognition of visitors
11:00—Special Music by Sulphur Springs Quartet
11:05—Address: "The Mission of the Church Through the League" By Rev. A. J. Lambert
11:30—Song by Congregation
11:35—Convention Message by Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.
12:00—Adjournment for Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Song by Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd, Nashville, Tenn.
1:35—Address: "The Ideal League," By Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, of Nashville, Tenn.
2:00—Business Session
2:30—Round Table discussion on "Problems of the League and Solutions," led by Rev. K. V. Shutes
—Assignment to homes by the local pastor

Saturday Evening Session

—Devotional by Rev. A. J. Burgess, Alabama City, Ala.
8:00—Message by Rev. H. A. Pitts, Brilliant, Alabama

Sunday School Convention

9:45—Sunday School
10:30—Song and Prayer
10:40—Reading letter and reports of various Sunday Schools
—Seating of delegates
—Recognition of Visitors
11:00—Message: "The Value of the Sunday School to the Church and the World," by Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Nashville, Tenn.
12:00—Adjournment for Lunch.

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions led by Rev. G. W. Franks, Cordova, Ala.
1:15—Address: "The Ideal Sunday School Officers" by Rev. K. V. Shutes
2:00—Discussion of Six Point Record System
2:30—Business Period
—Appointment of Delegates to National Sunday School Convention
—Election of Officers
—Report of Committees
3:00—Adjournment

ROCK FISH UNION REPORT

Our Union meeting convened with Highland Pines Church, Rockingham, North Carolina, on April 29, 1944, at 9:30 A. M. The meeting opened with song and prayer. Rev. C. W. Bennett was in charge of the devotions.

Rev. M. L. Baxley was elected as moderator for the Union this time. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The devotional committee was appointed for the next quarter, and they are as follows: Mrs. Carpenter, Innman and Sister Lee. This committee reported that Rev. Joe Melton to preach on Friday night, Rev. Steve English on Saturday morning, Rev. M. L. Baxley to preach Saturday night, and Rev. W. B. Carter on Sunday morning.

The roll of ministers was called, and 15 were present from the Rock Fish Union meeting. The visiting ministers were Reverends Paul Jenkins, R. W. Allman, I. P. Smith, G. A. Bostin and George Lambert. All of these were from Kannapolis, North Carolina, and of the Western Association. They were all given a welcome in the union meeting.

It was moved and carried that we continue the Ministerial Conference one week before the annual. This meeting is to be in charge of the Rev. W. B. Carter. It was moved and carried also that the clerk send a "write-up" to the Baptist paper for publication two weeks before each quarterly meeting, that each one may know where, and when the meeting will be held.

Rev. R. W. Allman brought the eleven o'clock message which was enjoyed by all present. We then adjourned for dinner which was spread on the church grounds.

In the afternoon we re-assembled in the church for the business, and Brother Paul Jenkins conducted the devotionals. As a licentiate was to be ordained, Rev. W. B. Carter gave the charge, reading from First Timothy, third chapter. At this time Rev. Henry Sellars sang a special song entitled "Inside the Gate." All the churches were represented by letter and funds but one. An offering for the Orphanage was taken to the amount of $5.59. The Union raised it to ten dollars.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church for the kind hospitality shown the Union meeting. The next union will meet with Oakdale Church, Rockingham, North Carolina. The meeting adjourned with song and prayer.

Rev. M. L. Baxley, Moderator,

Rev. C. B. Hopkins, Clerk

He will keep the feet of his saints. 1 Sam. 2: 9.

Order my footsteps by thy word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

AUXILIARY REPORT

Leeds, Alabama

As we have not sent a report of our Auxiliary work before we wish to give a brief history of it.

We were organized June 21, 1943, by Sister Lizzie McAdams, our National Field Worker. We have enjoyed our work and wish to mention three outstanding benefits of it.

First, Material Benefits

During the remainder of 1943 after organizing, we painted the inside walls of our church and sent $20.00 to our orphanage fund and some to the national treasurer.

Since January 1st, 1944, we have painted our church floors, stained the benches which were not already stained, added a rail and curtains around the pulpit, a runner for the aisle, 2 chairs for the pulpit and a beautiful picture of Christ, which is immediately noticed when anyone enters the church. The picture, curtains and runner were donated personally by Mother Isbell, an elder member of our church and auxiliary.

The following financial report is for 1944:

Cash Received

General fund	$36.06
Penny fund	12.39
Jehoiada Chest	4.10
Special offering for chairs	4.62
Flowers	6.42
Books	2.85
Postage and M. O.	.50
Dues	1.00
Total	$67.94

Disbursements

Penny Bank	$12.39
Jehoiada Chest	4.10
Paid on chairs	10.55
Paint for seats and floors	30.13
Flowers	6.42
Books	2.85
Postage and M. O.	.50
Total	$66.94
Balance cash on hand April 30	$1.00

Second, Spiritual Benefits

When our auxiliary was organized, we did not have a mid-week prayer service. We now have auxiliary meetings at the church on Tuesday P. M., prayer service at the church on Wednesday nights and a cottage prayer service on Friday nights.

The Lord wonderfully blesses in these services and a soul has been saved in our prayer service. We are all drawn closer to God and each other in these services.

Third, Fellowship and Co-operation

There is a fellowship and co-operation in all branches of the church work that we have not before known in our church. No one holds back and waits on the others. Everyone seems anxious to do his or her best for God and fellow members. We feel that God is with us and we ask an interest in your prayers.

We are small in number, with an average of six at our auxiliary meetings, but we are expecting to grow numerically, finacially and spiritually.

May we also mention the Quarterly Conference which met with us on April 30th.

The delegates from the various churches met at 9:00 A. M. There was a song service and business session. The Sunday School met in the basement of the church for classes at 10:00 A. M. At 10:40 the auxiliary reports were given and talks made by members of the different auxiliaries represented.

After a 5-minute intermission, a good sermon was given by Rev. McDonald of Pratt City and Rev. Edge of Pell City.

A nice basket lunch was served by the ladies and enjoyed by all.

After the noon hour, there were made the reports of the various committees. Then a wonderful talk on the State Orphanage was given by Rev. J. J. Stabb of North Birmingham and Rev. H. M. Black, Adamsville, who is our pastor. An offering of $60.65 was given for the Orphanage by the congregation. It was voted for the Quarterly Conference Treasurer to pay $39.35, which made a total of $100.00 to be sent to the Orphanage.

We also had a wonderful service Sunday evening. Rev. Jesse Drummunds brought a wonderful message and was followed by Rev. Isbell, after which, there was communion and foot washing service. There was great rejoicing with some shouting the praises of God during this service.

We extend to any of you who may visit Leeds, Alabama, a cordial invitation to come and worship with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thelma Davis,
President Auxiliary,
Belview Church,
Leeds, Alabama

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ALBEMARLE AUXILIARY CONVENTION REPORT

The convention met with Sound Side Church in Tyrrell County, North Carolina. The theme was: "Steadfastness." The meeting was opened with singing and prayer. The scripture reading was by Mrs. H. S. Swain, and prayer was offered by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. The president, Mrs. William Webster, made a few remarks for the good of the convention, and expressed gratitude for the privilege of holding the convention with Sound Side Church.

Mrs. A. C. Horton delivered a very fine message on the subject: "Steadfastness in Devotions." Rev. W. A. Hales also brought an interesting talk from the subject: "Steadfastness in Study." He also read a letter from his son who is in services in the Armed forces of this country. Following this Mrs. Horton and Mrs. Ballard sang a duet for us. At the request of Brother Hales, prayer was

offered for his son in the armed forces.

Mrs. John Copeland brought a message on the subject: "Steadfastness in Prayer." Mrs. L. E. Ballard made a very interesting talk on the subject: "Go Ye." A special offering was taken for the Orphan child's spring clothing. It was $25. Another offering was taken to help pay for a new stove at the Orphanage. We received $32. We were very glad to have had Mrs. J. D. Meeks from the South Norfolk Church with us in the convention.

The afternoon session opened with song and prayer. At this time the society from the South Norfolk was voted in the convention, and the Junior society from the Elizabeth City Church also.

The list of churches was called and the following responded:

Mt. Tabor	$ 5.04
Sound Side	3.00
Free Union	8.00
Elizabeth City	5.50
Shiloh	2.50
Malachi's Chapel	6.50
Free Union Mission Circle	2.00
Elizabeth City Mission Circle Senior	1.40
Elizabeth City Mission Circle Junior	1.00
Total	$29.90

Disbursements

Convention expense	$ 2.50
Superannuation	2.75
Missions	6.00
Education	2.50
Extension work	1.00
Orphanage	10.25
Ten cents per capita dues to the district	3.40
Twenty cents per capita dues to the State	4.00

The vice-presidents made their reports either in person or by letters. This was the best report as a whole that we have had. We want to say thanks to Mrs. Ballard for this one hundred per cent of the reports. The treasurer made her report and it was accepted. A motion was made and carried that we meet twice each year instead of once. Sound Side Church gave a very interesting program. Miss Alice Webster was elected to represent the Albemarle District at the State meeting in May, and Mrs. D. H. Furlough to be her alternate. It was moved to send five dollars to the State convention.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this convention. The convention closed to meet with Mt. Tabor Church on the first Thursday in October, 1944. Then the convention was closed with song and prayer.

Mrs. William Webster, President,

Miss Alice Webster, Secretary

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ity of purpose, of plan and of practice, so that the whole organization shall be able to work toward effecting, or doing its part to bring about **The Greater Church.** When radical and inconsistent with the fundamental principles of the church, all divergent individual opinions should give way to harmony and unity of purpose, and let wholehearted agreement in thought and purpose rule both in the hearts of the laity and the ministry. This will help to build that **Greater Church.** And this is what God would like to see accomplished.

ORPAANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C. ffl

RECEIPTS FOR APRIL

LAND FUND

Eastern Conference

Bridgeton	$ 10.00
Wintergreen S. S.	21.00
Sts. Delight Bible Class	25.00

Central Conference

Free Union (Beaufort Co.)	5.00
Sweet Gum Grove	150.00
Hugo S. S.	10.00
Howell's Swamp	23.36
Gum Swamp	64.33
Little Creek	35.20
Friendship	18.50

Western Conference

Marsh Swamp	5.00

Cape Fear Conference

St. John's L. A. S.	3.00

French Broad Conference

Cedar Hill	60.00
Total	$ 399.39

CHAPEL FUND

Western Conference

Mt. Zion Church	$ 7.41
Marsh Swamp	5.00

Eastern Conference

Gray Branch L. A. S.	5.00

Central Conference

Pleasant Hill	12.25
Total	$ 29.66

CLOTHING FUND

Western Conference

Marsh Swamp L. A. S.	$ 25.00
Kenly Auxiliary	25.00
Rains Cross Roads L. A. S.	20.00
Adult S. S. Class of Little Rock S. S.	25.00
Hansley's Chapel Missionary Society	25.00
Friendship L. A. S.	25.00
Micro L. A. S.	25.00

Eastern Conference

Bridgeton L. A. S.	25.00
Arapahoe L. A. S.	25.00

French Broad Conference

Walnut	25.00

Central Conference

Greenville Aux.	25.00
Gum Neck L. A. S.	25.00
Saratoga	25.00
Sunbeam Bible Class of Malachi's Chapel	25.00

Pee Dee Conference

White Oak Ladies Class	25.00

Miscellaneous

By Mrs. Sam Howell	25.00
Low Gap	21.50
W. G. Wilson	5.00
W. H. Ivey	25.00
Total	$ 276.50

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St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

PAUL ENCOURAGES THE CORINTHIANS

(Lesson for May 28)

Lesson: II Cor. 4: 5, 16-18; 5: 1, 5-8.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8: 9).

Jesus Christ was rich. There are no words that can describe the nature of His riches, no fevered imagination ever took its possessor upon a flight of fancy that was a title as astonishing as the measure of His meanest possession. His capital City is paved with gold: the walls thereof are formed of every precious stone in the catalogue of fair and gleaming jewels which man so highly prizes.

He was rich by His own works; He created all things. He could say, "The cattle on a thousand hills: the silver in the mountain rocks and the gold in hill or plain: it's all mine: I made it!"

He was rich by inheritance: being the only Son of the living God He had access to all His Father's treasures. With angels to minister to His slightest wish, the wealth of Croesus was not fit to compare with the meanest and smallest of His possessions.

His wealth, though measured in terms of infinite grandeur, is mentioned in the text only as a background for the fact that **He became poor.**

He chose to be born in a stable, in the family of humble peasants. He could have been born in Caesar's palace—He chose Bethlehem's manger instead. In the days of His youth He wrought with saw, with hammer, and with plane, earning bread by the sweat of His brow. The hands that were nailed to the woeful Cross were seamed and ridged with the callouses which come from toil long before the nails of iron pierced His palms. At his death His estate consisted of the garments that clothed His form at the hour of His execution: and His body was laid to rest in a borrowed tomb. During His life He often hungered, or pillowed His head upon the surface of the earth He had created: and once the Heaven that had been His Home heard His sad lament: "The birds of the air have their nests and the foxes of the ground have their holes: but I, the Son of Man, have no place to lay My head!"

—Selected

If you could gather into one pile all the gold and silver ever minted by the governments of earth since history began; if you added to that every pearl ever garnered from the floor of the sea and crowned your treasure heap with every precious stone that ever delighted the eye of man: with all that fabulous mountain of intrinsic value you could not buy one minute's worth of the peace of God which fills every Christian's heart!

II. Sentence Sermons

1. A true preacher of the Gospel has but one theme, namely Christ Jesus the Lord (II Cor. 4: 5).

2. Physical deterioration is no hindrance to constant spiritual rejuvenation (vs. 16).

3. Affliction will be followed by glory; affliction is but light, glory is a weight; affliction is but for a moment, glory is eternal (vs. 17).

4. Faith gives us a spiritual sight that enables us to see the invisible and eternal things (vs. 18).

5. Christians are more sure of a future life than they are of physical death (5: 1).

6. The guarantee of the future life is the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit (vs. 5).

7. The Christian's expectation for the future is based on revealed knowledge, and not on human guesses (vs. 6).

8. Physical death for the Christian means the removal of the spirit from the body into the Lord's presence (vs. 8).

9. The revelation of God's plans for us engenders in us a love for Him that will not desist from serving Him (vs. 14).

10. We represent Christ as really in the world as our ambassadors represent our country in foreign lands (vs. 18).

(Please note how the First Topic in the **Advanced Quarterly** enlarges on the first Sentence Sermon. Read the **Senior Quarterly** on number Eight.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Molding Influences

The steel that has suffered most is the best steel. It has been in the furnace again and again; it has been on the anvil; it has been tight in the jaws of the vice; it has felt the teeth of the rasp; it has been ground by emery; it has been heated and hammered and filed until it does not know itself, and it comes out a splendid knife. And if men only knew it, what are called their "misfortunes" are God's best blessings, for they are the molding influences which give them shapeliness and edge, and durability and power.—Beecher.

Highways for Christ

When President Garfield was shot he was taken to a quiet, isolated house where he could have absolute quiet and rest in his fight for life, and a special railway was constructed to facilitate the bringing of doctors, nurses, and loved ones to his bedside. The engineers laid out the line to cross a farmer's front yard, but he refused to grant the right of way until they explained to him that it was for the President, when he exclaimed, "That is different. Why, if that railroad is for the President, you can run it through my house." Are you willing to give Jesus right of way, that you may be just as a highway over which He shall come to your town and into the lives of your friends and neighbors?—The Sunday Companion.

No Soul Sleeping in the Grave

Read I Thessalonians 4. According to verse 14 the **spirit** part of dead saints will come from heaven with the Lord Jesus Christ and then be reunited with their resurrected bodies (vs. 16).

GOD KEEPS AN HONOR ROLL

John 12: 26

By Sarah Smith Reed

We bought an honor roll,
And now, tonight, we hang it high
In loving tribute to the ones who serve our country
In this present awful war.
We dedicate it to our God.

We welcome you who've come because
Some loved one from your home is represented
With the more than fifty names inscribed thereon.
One's family ties are strong, and well we know
Your hearts will stir, as you remember other days
When these dear ones were small
And held your hand, lest they should stumble
On their path into this house of God.

Perchance, in intervening years
Their feet found other paths and did not come so often
To this place.
Perhaps, they never even came to know
The Christ of God as Savior of their souls.
Then, do not for one moment think
That nobly dying for their country
Would warrant entrance into heaven;
For that is not God's plan.

I would some heavenly artisan
Could take the names of all and just so simply
Write them on the Book of Life.

God keeps an honor roll.
A slain Lamb's blood has made its pages fair,
And written there are names of all
Who fell in love with Jesus at the cross,
Accepted His salvation, and believed in Him
As Saviour of their precious blood-bought souls.

Then, can we not, in persevering faithful prayer
And patient watching at the throne of mercy, wait
Until some day a letter comes that reads:
"Dear Mom, I now know Jesus too,
And mean to follow Him, no matter where"?

Then, when the Worthy One will take the Book and open it,
We'll see recorded there, in wondrous shining script,
The names of these we honor now,
Your boy . . . and mine.

—In Moody Monthly

Plan Early for a Successful School



Announcement Poster

To be placed in store windows, public buildings and in front of your church, to announce the vacation school to your community. Beautifully printed in red and blue on heavy stock. Size, 18 x 24 inches. Price, each, 25c.; $2.50 a dozen.

Announcement Dodger

Same design as Poster, but printed in black ink on white stock. Should be passed throughout community. Size, 5½ x 8½ inches. Price, 35c. a hundred.

Bulletins (Set of Four)

To help maintain interest of the community and secure co-operation of the parents, we have a series of bulletins to be sent home each week as the school progresses, telling of any particularly interesting features, coming events, closing-day plans, etc. Package containing twenty-five each of bulletins No. 1, 2, 3 and 4, price, $1.00.

Vacation Bible-school Buttons



An attractive celluloid button having a blue background with white lettering. See that each pupil receives a button as soon as he enrolls in your vacation school. Price, per dozen, 30c.; per hundred, $2.00.

Enrollment Card No. 392

This card explains itself. Spaces are provided for recording name and address of pupil, his age, Sunday school he attends, his parents' names, date enrolled, etc. Size, 3 x 5 inches. Price, per dozen, 10c.; per 100, 75c.; per 500, $3.00.

Vacation Bible-school Certificate

No. 431. Printed in soft colors. Size, 12½ x 9⅜ inches. Price, per dozen, 35c.



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(Second Year.)

Teachers' Manual. Price, $2.00.
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Outfit, consisting of manual and set of pictures. Price, complete, $2.75.

(Third Year.)

Teachers' Manual. Price, $2.00.
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(First Year.)

Teachers' Manual. Price, $2.00.
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Poster and Sand-table Cut-outs (set of twenty-two). Price, $1.75.
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Outfit, consisting of manual, a picture set, one set of cut-outs and one mounting book. Price, complete, $4.75.

(Second Year.)

Teachers' Manual. Price, $2.00.
Pictures (set of twenty). Price, $1.00.
Poster and Sand-table Cut-outs (set of six). Price, 50c.
Primary Mounting Book (for pupils). Price, each, 20c.; per dozen, $2.25.
Outfit, consisting of manual, a picture set, one set of cut-outs and one mounting book. Price, complete, $3.50.

(Third Year.)

Teachers' Manual. Price, $2.00.
Pictures (set of twenty). Price, $1.00.
Primary Mounting Book (for pupils). Price, each, 20c.; per dozen, $2.25.
Outfit, consisting of manual, a picture set and one mounting book. Price, complete, $3.00.

Junior Course

(First Year.)

Teachers' Manual. Price, $2.00.
Pictures (set of twenty-four). Price, $1.25.
Sand-table Cut-outs (set of twenty-six). Price, $2.00.
Pictures (small) for pupils' notebooks. Price, per set, 10c.
Outfit, consisting of textbook, picture set, cut-outs and one set small pictures. Price, $4.75.

(Second Year.)

Teachers' Manual. Price, $2.00.
Pictures (set of twenty). Price, $1.00.
Sand-table Cut-outs (set of six). Price, 50c.
Pictures for pupils' notebooks. Price, per set, 10c.
Outfit, consisting of manual, picture set, cut-outs and a set of pictures for pupils' notebooks. Price, complete, $3.25.

(Third Year.)

Teachers' Manual. Price, $2.00.
Pictures (set of twenty). Price, $1.00.
Pupils' notebook (loose-leaf). Each, 18c.; per dozen, $1.80.
Bible Dictionary for Juniors. Each, 20c.; per dozen, $2.25.
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Intermediate Course

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(Second Year.)

Teachers' Manual. Price, $2.00.

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Boys and Girls Corner

JESUS RESTORING LIFE TO A LITTLE GIRL

Jairus was an officer among the Jews. He had charge of their synagogue or church. His little daughter was a great favorite of the people. Everybody loved her, she was such a happy little girl and always so kind to every one. One day, when she was about twelve years old, she became very sick—so sick that all the doctors shook their heads and said: "She can never get well."

Jairus at first was crushed with grief. Then he remembered Jesus. He believed that Jesus could cure his little girl. When he found the great Teacher, he fell at the Saviour's feet and said: "Oh, Jesus, my little girl is at the point of death. I pray thee that thou come and lay thy hands upon her, that she may be whole and live."

Jesus did not wait a moment, but started right back with him. Before they could get away from the crowd, messengers came from Jairus' home, saying: "Thy daughter is dead. It is of no use to trouble Jesus further; you have found Him too late."

Jesus did not pay any attention to the messengers. He turned to Jairus and said: "Fear not, only believe." On they went to the home. There they found a sad sight. All the neighbors and friends were gathered in the house, weeping and wailing because the little girl they loved was dead.

Jesus tried to quiet them. He said: "What makes you cry this way? The child is not dead, but sleepeth." The people only laughed at Him. They had seen the little girl; they knew she was dead.

Then Jesus took the father and mother and Peter, James and John, three of His disciples, into the darkened room where the little girl's cold body lay. He put His warm hands on the cold little hands and said: "Arise." As the parents knelt in grief by the foot of the bed, to their amazement they saw their little girl open her eyes, raise herself from the bed, and then walk toward them. Jesus had restored the breath of life to their daughter! They gave their hearts to Him.

—Bible Story.

OBITUARIES

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SEABURY. Our Heavenly Father called from our midst on January 24, 1944, Sister Ida A. Seabury. Her departure from us was a great loss to her church, community, and friends, but it was Heaven's gain. She lived to a ripe old age—born July 11, 1866, at Alma, Kansas. She died at her daughter's home in Kansas City. She was a faithful member of the Drifton Free Will Baptist Church at Drifton, Florida. She was a tireless worker for her Lord. After moving to Drifton several years ago she established a mission there. From her faithful efforts she was largely responsible for our church at Drifton, a monument to her. She was a faithful church worker, never knew when she had done enough, and also a loving mother.

Her efforts with us are finished but her work will live forever.

The Golden Gate was opened wide,
A gentle voice said come;
The Angels from the other side
Welcomed our loved one home.

—W. F. Clark, Pastor

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HESTER. On March 19, 1944, Keith Hester was called from this world of suffering to a life that knows no pain. He told those who visited his bedside that he was ready to go. He was 43 years old when he died.

Brother Hester leaves a wife and five children. His first wife, the mother of his children, preceded him to the grave almost ten years ago.

Brother Hester was a member of White Oak Grove Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. W. L. Jernigan, in the church. His body was laid away beneath a mound of beautiful flowers in Roanoke Cemetery to await the resurrection.

He also leaves two brothers and three sisters to mourn their loss. May they all be reunited some day in that land which knows no suffering.

—Mrs. W. G. Wilson,
a Member of the Church

OUR BLESSED SAVIOUR

Our Saviour hungered as man,
But He fed the hungry as God;
He wearied, yet He is our rest,
When we are beyond the sod.

He paid tribute yet He's the King,
Was called a devil but cast them out;
He prayed and also answered prayer,
He is our King without a doubt.

He wept although He dries our tears,
Was sold for thirty pieces of silver;
Now He's ready to redeem the world,
From our sins He can deliver.

To the slaughter like a lamb was led,
But He was the Good Shepherd;
He died but destroyed death,
That we might live forever.

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On the fifth day of April we observed Fellowship Day at our church, Union Grove, Durham County, North Carolina. The majority of the neighboring churches and friends attended the fellowship meeting together with us.

Fortunately we had the Orphanage class with us to give us a fine program in the morning. Everyone enjoyed the program very much. We enjoyed the fine dinner spread at the noon hour on the church grounds.

After the lunch was over, Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark delivered a wonderful message to the people gathered for this fellowship meeting. We raised $100 for the orphanage class, and we were proud of the fact that we could help them to this amount. Just previously to this we had run a campaign among the children, and they raised $60 for the Building Fund at the Orphanage.

We sincerely do hope that in the future we will be able to do more for the Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina.

Sincerely,

B. Ferrell

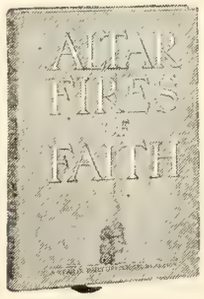
If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9: 23.

O for a strong and lasting faith,
To credit what the Almighty saith;
To embrace the message of his Son,
And call the joys of heaven my own.

Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. Mark 9: 24.

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Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Rom. 6: 12.

REPORT OF THIRD UNION

The Union meeting of the Third District of Eastern North Carolina, held its regular session with Dailey's Chapel on Saturday, April 29, 1944.

Devotions were conducted by the Moderator. Temporary committees were appointed. Prayer for the success of the Union was offered by Rev. R. C. Kennedy.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of ministers was called with nine present. All visiting ministers were recognized and given a cordial welcome with us. Those present were Rev. James A. Evans and Rev. Q. Hansley.

Rev. D. W. Hansley delivered the Union sermon. He used for his text John 3: 16. After the message we adjourned one hour for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with singing and prayer. The list of churches was called and all were represented except one.

A short talk was made by Rev. Q. Hansley. Rev. James A. Evans brought a very interesting message about the Orphanage. An offering was taken for the Home which amounted to $54.71.

The reports of the committees were approved.

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Rev. S. A. Smith, Moderator

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My Father's Voice in Prayer

In the silence that falls on my spirit
When the clamor of life loudest seems,
Comes a voice that floats in tremulous notes
Far over my sea of dreams.
I remember the family altar,
And my father kneeling there:
And the old tones thrill with the memory still,
Of my father's voice in prayer.

I can see the glance of approval
As my part in the reading I took;
I remember the grace of my mother's face,
And the tenderness of her look;
And I know that a gracious memory
Cast its light on that face so fair,
As her cheek, flushed faint—O mother, my saint!—
At my father's voice in prayer

'Neath the stress of that marvelous pleading
All childish dissensions died;
Each rebellious will sank conquered and still
In a passion of love and pride.
Ah, the years have held dear voices,
And melodies tender and rare,
But tenderest seems the voice of my dreams—
My father's voice in prayer.

—Mary Hastings Nottage

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BROTHER WETHERINGTON NO BETTER

We received a message from Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, stating that Brother Wetherington's condition is no better. He has special medical care given by his physicians and special nurses. All is being done for him that loving hands can do that he might have a speedy recovery.

In her letter Mrs. Wetherington has made the following request: "Please thank everyone through the Baptist paper for all letters, cards, telegrams, flowers, gifts, and every expression of sympathy that have been made on our behalf by our many good friends. It has all meant so very much to us in these hours of trouble."—The Editor.

A FOOL'S STATEMENT

An old farmer for the first time in his life saw a circus marching in procession down the street of his town. Among the other extraordinary animals, there came clumsily straggling along a big dromedary. The farmer gazed and gazed and gazed, transfixed with astonishment, until the dromedary had long passed on. Suddenly he came to himself, shook his head and sagely remarked, "Shucks, there ain't no such animal." The farmer was either above or below conviction. Even the sight of that living form was not sufficient to convince him that it was there. It is of such people the Lord says, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." The light is blazing all around him in the stars of heaven and the landscapes of earth and the beauty and order of creation, the blessings of the gospel, the intuitions of his own soul, and the testimony of thousands of ransomed voices, and yet, like the fossil farmer, he turns around and says, "There is no Christ, no hell; there is nothing but 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.' "—A. B. Simpson, in Alliance Weekly.

EDITORIAL

THE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY

The Apostle Paul gave some good advice to children in these words: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right" (Eph. 6: 1). In verse four of the same chapter, he gave parents this command: "Provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

While children are to be obedient and respectful of their parents, yet parents are to be careful of the way they rear their children. Growing children are most likely to take to the ways and habits of parents, because they are prone to patter after them. It behooves parents, therefore, to be careful in their speech, in their attitudes and in their manner of doing things, so that their children will form good habits, right ways of doing things, and grow up in the love and respect of everyone.

Parents are commanded by the great Apostle to be careful not to provoke their children to do things that will be hurtful to themselves or to others. How often it is true that parents do say and do things that are harmful to their children! They often provoke them to say and do things which are wrong. Parents are often guilty of such, and blame their children for the very things which they had said or practiced before them more than once. Thus, the greater responsibility is upon the parents for the offense because they have had more mature experiences in life conduct than have their growing children. God is looking to them to be the correct guides to their children, and to train them, not only to respect and honor their parents, but also to love God and treat all people with respect and courtesy. But how often do many children show the other attitude!

Are they responsible? Do they have the greater understanding than do their parents? Is not the tree known by the fruit it bears? Is not the grown man or woman in the community know by others according to the way they live? Is it not most likely true that the sons and daughters of careless and unconcerned fathers and mothers are prone to be types of their parents? On the other hand, correct Christian training in the home is most likely reflected in the lives of the sons and daughters who go from that home into life activities. Who is largely responsible?

TYPES OF PREACHING

There is an old axiom which runs thus: "So many ministers, so many types of preaching." Some believe in much loud speaking, with a great deal of noise, to arouse some from their slumbers, and to quicken their minds to a sense of their duty. This is the storm and stress method. Probably, that is what is necessary for some people to get religion, or to be awakened from their long years of slumber in the dark shades of sin. For them the preacher or evangelist must put on a great display of physical and mental activity, a great show in the pulpit, before they will say, "That is a preaching man."

Another type of preaching is the calm, persuasive, purposeful preaching. The minister drives home to his congregation the scriptural truths of his message in a clear and logical manner that they might sink deep in the hearts of his hearers, and move them to deep meditation and worship unto the true and living God. The people go away from the church, that is the majority of them do, feeling that they have felt a deep sense of real worship to the Lord. They took home with them in their hearts much of the plain and meaningful thoughts given to them in the message.

There is still another type of preaching which arouses some people. This kind of preaching is a complaining and condemning kind. All is wrong and the Devil has everything going his way. With a great deal of criticising and condemning, the minister puts things in a tension, and some go away from the church all wrought up and nervous. Well, probably that is what some have to have to be able to see what is in store for them, lest they repent. But if much of this is done, they usually stay away from church, for fear they will get an other scoring when they go back to hear that same preacher again. It has been said, nevertheless, by some that it is best to be "scared out of our sins" than to continue on to live with them. There are others who say that "scared out sins," and "scared in religion," soon swap places, and the thing has to be done all over again. Whatever is the correct point of view, the truth is some types of preaching suit some people best, and other types of preaching is best suited to other people. The way people are trained and the way they have been accustomed to see and hear things, are the ways they usually act, or respond to situations.

LaGRANGE CHURCH TO REVISE LIST

It was decided at our last Quarterly Church conference, which was held in March, to revise the church list.

As there are many names, on our church roll, of members who have not attended the church services in years, we are asking all members of this church to be sure to be present on the First Sunday night in June at 8:30 P. M. If it shall be such that you cannot attend, write a letter to the church clerk, telling her if you still want your name on the active list.

We are hoping that all members will plan to be present for this important meeting.

Mrs. Mary A. Hardee,
Church Clerk,
LaGrange, N. C.,
Route 1

Divine Fellowship

By J. R. Davidson
Ashland City, Tennessee

Text: First John 1: 1-7.

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life: (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

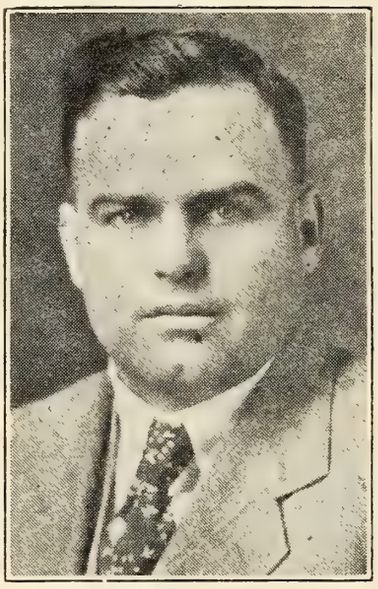
"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

The Book of First John is a family letter from the Father to His children. It is one of the most intimate communications in the entire Bible, the Song of Solomon alone being equal. The world is viewed as without no legitimate inroads, while the sin of the children is treated as the child's offence which was answered by the sacrifice of Christ upon the cross.

Some difference may be recognized between the writings by John in the Gospel that bears his name and those of this Book; In Saint John we are led across the threshold of the Father's house, while in First John we are made at home there. Hence, the fellowship of the Father's House is made the privilege of His children.

Conception of this Fellowship

No doubt this fellowship is one of the privileges which the Triune God had in view when the plan of redemption was conceived. Note the record of this conception in Ephesians 1: 3-12. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good



Rev. Davidson

pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved. In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: that in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him; In Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will: that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ." Thus God, through His perfect foreknowledge, wisdom and power conceived a production, even before the foundation of the world, which wrought a redemption with such wonderful fellowship as a fruit thereof.

The Spring of This Fellowship

The very spring of this fellowship is revealed as in the Son of God in First John 1: 1, 2. "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; (for the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto you)." The greatest price ever paid for anything was sacrificed in the deal through which the spring of this fellowship is made possible through the spring of life opened in our hearts. Speaking relative to this spring in His message to the woman at Jacob's well Jesus said, "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give Him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water SPRINGING UP INTO EVERLASTING LIFE."

The Circumference of this Fellowship

Only for the truths revealed in God's Word we would be compelled to strain our imagination to conceive anything of the bounds of this fellowship. Verse 3a of First John one tells us that that which has been seen and heard by others is declared unto us in order that we might have fellowship with them. The thought carries our minds into history of the former redeemed, hence we come to a comprehensive appreciation of the Divine Fellowship as it associates us with the saints of history. Other portions of the Word emphasize the relationship of the present redeemed,

and of those who are to be redeemed; and John tells us as he speaks further in verse 3 that, "our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." We thus accept the quality of our fellowship as pre-eminent.

The Endurance of this Fellowship

The very eternity of the Father and the Son as declared in the Word are readily revealed as tied up with this Divine Fellowship. The last clause of First John 1: 3 declares the following: "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ." There being no grounds to fear a cessation of the sundry activities of the Triune God. Which is eternal nature, there certainly is no reason for any one questioning the perpetuation of this fellowship. Other fellowships are of short duration, and, in reality, come to an end, but our fellowship with the Father and the Son, consequently with each other, is an eternal reality.

Visible Fruits of this Fellowship

No doubt there are many fruits which might be pointed out as products of this fellowship, but I am thinking in particular of that which is declared in First John 1: 4. "And these things write we unto you, THAT YOUR JOY MIGHT BE FULL." Much of this fruit is not utilized because of the fact of our failure of appreciation of this fellowship, and of our failure in appropriation of the things which associate therewith. Of all classes of people in the world true Christians should reveal fullness of joy. An experience with God, and with each other, which makes for happiness will produce fruit that this world can not gainsay.

The Model of this Fellowship

Since earth could not, and can not now, furnish a model there was no other source to which God could go but to Himself for the model of such fellowship, thus we hear His offer of Himself in First John 1: 5. "This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." Note the declaration, "GOD IS LIGHT, AND IN HIM IS NO DARKNESS AT ALL." It certainly follows that if He, in Whom there is no darkness at all, lives in us as He desires He expels the darkness which was in us and we become surety to the fact that the "True Light Now Shineth."

The Test of this Fellowship

The two laws known as negative and appositive, known to operate in every revealed thing, play up in this test of the Divine Fellowship portrayed in First John 1: 6, 7. The negative law says, "If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." Further light may be seen in the admonition recorded in the second chapter and the fifteenth and sixteenth verses. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." This world system is declared to be against our fellowship with God, and surely it makes definite inroads into the fellowship, one with another, when we give room in our hearts for the world; and, this world may be fairly represented in our self-will.

But looking to the positive side we hear John say in the seventh verse, "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." Do we get the real truth stated here? "IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT" (Follow the Pattern) "AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT," fellowship with each other is the result. That is, said John, "WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP ONE WITH ANOTHER." This is seen to be in harmony with the law of the Light of Jesus as recorded in Matthew 5: 16. "Let your Light Shine," said Jesus. Do we not see that He means for us to allow the law, in course, in operation, and, that we are not called upon to force its operation. It follows, that, if we walk in the light as directed the law of fellowship with each other, and of communication to others, is in full process of operation.

Relative to our fellowship which is a fruit of oneness with the Father, and with the Son, and which carries over in its effects concerning our relationship one with another, Jesus gives vent to His heart's pulsations in this very thing as His ideal. Let us look at John 17: 11, 13. "And now am I no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom Thou hast given me. And now come I to Thee; and these things speak I in the World, THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE MY JOY FULFILLED IN THEMSELVES." So we see that our fellowship with the Father, and the Son; and with each other was one of the chief concerns of our Saviour in the final hours of His earthly ministry. No doubt Jesus realized the fact that our successful corporate witnessing depended upon this fellowship, and, no wonder it was of such concern to Him.

I am persuaded that co-operation is an over-worked term among us as we think of our labors together with Him, but if only our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ, and we are walking in the light as He is in the light we do have fellowship one with another, and, with this type of fellowship all of the enemies' forces can not hinder our necessary co-operation in spreading the message of Christ. May we, therefore, concern ourselves first of all for our fellowship with the Father and the Son, along with our walk with them in the light as led by the Spirit, that we may have cause to rejoice in the fullness of His joy, beholding the fruits of our fellowship one with another.

God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us. Heb. 6: 17, 18.



The Board of Directors

SOUTH NORFOLK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Reverend H. Edgar Harden and his church in Norfolk have furnished the Baptist readers with two nice pictures, one of the Sunday School group and the other of the Church Board of managers. This has been done at the request of many of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist people, since they are becoming more and more interested in the Norfolk Church, and its future prospects as a Free Will Baptist church in the city of Norfolk, Virginia.

Those in the first picture are the Board members; namely, left to right, Robert M. Gradeless, Church Clerk, and S. S. Supt.; Rev. H. Edgar Harden, Pastor; J. M. Martin, Deacon; Wilton Dail, Treasurer and Trustee; J. D. Meeks, Elder; George Swindell, Elder; D. R. Harris, Deacon and Chairman of the Board; Absent from the picture (because of Defense duties) are C. T. White, Trustee; H. R. Sawyer, Deacon; Worth Atkinson, Trustee.

These Board members have the church at heart, and are doing all they can to have a church building erected on the new church lots as soon as possible. Great interest is being taken by the entire congregation in having a church building of their own as soon as the money can be raised, and the building can be constructed. Many of the members are from North Carolina F. W. B. churches.

The second picture is the group of S. S. workers. They are moving forward in the work with a great deal of concern for the building up of a large Sunday School during the coming months. Those looking upon the picture will notice that there are quite a large number of young men and women in the picture, and that the children constitute about one third of the whole number. There is opportunity for much growth in the Sunday School, as soon as the new church can be built to furnish adequate Sunday School rooms for the different classes.

There is opportunity for splendid growth in the church and Sunday School in the city of Norfolk. Any financial help from anyone will be greatly appreciated by the pastor and the membership of the church and Sunday School so that the construction of the building will not be delayed. It is needed very much now to take care of the present crowded conditions where the services are held.

—Reporter



The Sunday School

NEWS FROM TRINITY CHURCH

We want to state that Trinity Church, Beaufort County, North Carolina, certainly did appreciate having the Albemarle Union meeting to meet with us on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in April, 1944. This was the first time we have had the opportunity to entertain the union since we built our new church.

The Union meeting and the fine work it is doing certainly did us good to have it with us this time, and we hope to be able to have it to convene with us sometime in the near future. It made us to realize what a good work is being done by this union meeting.

A large crowd of people attended the Union, and especially on Sunday for the Sunday School convention. There were six of the ministers who were present. We had a visitor from Ayden, North Carolina, Rev. J. E. Wooten. He almost seemed like one of our home folks, as he once lived in our community and taught school here. We certainly did welcome him to be back with us for this grand occasion.

It seemed that all who attended this Union meeting and Sunday School convention did enjoy themselves very much. We are glad to say we now have our new church built and paid for, though our congregation is small. We have $200 in War Bonds to build Sunday School rooms to the church when we can be privileged to do so by the government. We are hoping that we will have our church fully equipped when the Union meeting shall convene with us again in the not distant future.

Mrs. Clifton Cooper

A NOTE OF THANKS

I wish to express my thanks to the many people who prayed for me. I got along well with my operation and I am doing very well now.

I did send a note of thanks through the mails for the Baptist paper some time ago, but it got lost in the mails, and did not get in the paper. I am writing this notice, for I do want you dear people to know how I appreciate your prayers for me when I was so very sick.

I have received many blessings in so many ways that I am not able to say just what they are. I do not know how to thank the Lord for all of them. But I do praise His holy name for having blessed me so greatly. My home church and friends have done so much to help make my burdens much lighter that I cannot tell how I feel.

I underwent the operation well and I feel that it was due largely to your prayers to the Lord for me. I have faith in God that He will do for His faithful ones whatever is needed for their good.

May the good Lord bless and keep everyone of you who prayed for me. Please continue to pray for me that I may be found faithful to the Lord, and doing His will.

Mrs. W. F. Thigpen,
Daughter of Rev. R. C. Kennedy,
Pink Hill, North Carolina

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary, North Carolina State Association

The Only Foundation
(continued)

2. For Its All Sufficiency.

The all sufficiency of God's marvelous grace is expressed in many places in the Bible, but to my mind, one of the greatest passages is found in the words of the inspired man of God; when he said, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency, in all things, may abound to every good work: (As it is written he hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness abideth for ever) (2 Cor. 9: 8, 9).

But in order for "all grace to abound, in all things" one must be resting his all upon the One Foundation, which is Jesus Christ. When we are fixed on the "Rock Foundation" there is no storm that can destroy the building. All that is built as an an-nex will be destroyed—burned—such as "silver or gold, hay or stubble" cannot stand. Every thing must be done rightly; this means absolutely, that all must be done on Christ, in Christ, through Christ, and for Christ. No selfish motives; no half-hearted, measly, fence straddling compromising will suffice. Listen to Jesus, "Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him to a wise man, which built his house on a rock: and the rain descented, and the floods came, and the wind blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock" (Matt.).

Jesus says, "The wise man built upon a rock." Not beside a rock. Not just close to a rock. This builder left no sand between his building and the rock foundation. A great many people begin to build close to the "Rock of Ages" but leave a lot of quicksand between. This results in failure.

There is perfect security in building for Jesus as long as we "Build on Jesus." So, often we find those who have ceased to build on Jesus. They may not own it, but if you watch closely, you can find a lot of leaving off, and a lot of putting on, of that which does not harmonize with the perfect FOUNDATION. I find every now and then those who have ceased to build on JESUS CHRIST and are building on their own selfish motives. Their preaching is selfish; their teaching is selfish; their giving is selfish; their fellowship is selfish, and even their smiles are selfish.

The building, if built on Jesus, belongs to God; Christ is the owner; the Foundation Himself; therefore His church is here to stay, until He shall come to claim His own. Man's only hope of security is found in Jesus.

This eternal Book was with the children of Israel in the wilderness and they drank of Him, but displeased Him afterwards, and a great many died and never reached the promised land, but the church went on. All the faithful received the all sufficiency for every need, before and after they entered the land of promise.

"Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all of our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea: And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted" (I Cor. 10: 1-6).

These Israelites murmured; they lusted after evil, therefore, whatever they did, was done with murmuring. We cannot build on Jesus when we are lusting after evil. This kind of material does not work on, nor fit in with the FOUNDATION.

The National Association

Did you notice the program of the National Association in the issue of the 10th of May? The program calls for the opening hour Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, and to run until Friday noon. This is the usual time given to the Association. It calls for a greater sacrifice owing to the fact that a great many of the ministers and delegates will have to be away from home for two Sundays in order to be on hand in the starting and remain for the closing. But why not take all the time that is needed to carry out the necessary plan of the Association. "A thing that is worth doing is worth doing well," according to one poet, and certainly this holds good in spiritual matters.

All of us North Carolinians that get there for the beginning should leave North Carolina (the eastern part) at least by Thursday morning in order to get in for the Sunday School Convention, with a little time to rest before entering into work of the convention. Monday is given over to the Sunday School work. The Women's Auxiliary begins, according to custom, Tuesday evening, and the Association proper begins Tuesday evening. However, the General Board meets Monday at 9:00 a. m. The program states that the time is July 11-14. The place is Flat River, Missouri.

I have seen no notice to that effect, but all who are planning to attend should write the Moderator, Rev. James F. Miller, Flat River, Missouri, at least four or five days before leaving for the Association.

Who Should Attend?

The general officers, the members of all standing boards, or committees, the duly appointed delegates of Free Will Baptist organizations, which actively promote and support the work of the Association, and all ordained ministers and missionaries who belong to general bodies which are affiliated with this National Association. Article III.

Representation

"Representation to the National Association is to be by states. Each state association shall be entitled to five delegates to be elected from the laity, regardless of the number of district associations in the state; but in addition to the five delegates, each

state shall be entitled to one delegate from each district association within the state association. Said additional delegates shall be elected by their respective district associations. Districts in states that have no state associations, and those whose state organizations may not be affiliated with this body, shall elect and send their delegates direct to the National Association." — Article IV, Constitution.

Finance

"Each State Association representing in this body (The National Association) shall send the sum of $10.00 with $5.00 extra for each District Association composing the said State Association or Convention. Districts or subordinate associations representing directly, shall send the sum of $5.00 with their report."—Article V., Section I.

Representation from North Carolina

In North Carolina there are twelve annual bodies—conferences, associations and yearly meetings. Eight of these are affiliated with the State Association. This gives to the representation thirteen delegates. Then every minister, who is in good standing in the state, is entitled to a voice in the National Association. Under the ruling of Article V, Section I, North Carolina is required to pay $50.00 for expense of the National Association. With this fee to give an accurate report as to membership of laity, ministers, gains or losses, finance received and disbursed, etc.

THE GREATNESS OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

"Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist" (Matt. 11: 11).

John was great in his separation unto Christ. He lived apart from the people in a vow of separation unto God. The angel Gabriel said of him, "He shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink." Does not God expect a similar separation of us today? Hear Him as He calls, "Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord." Again as He calls, "Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach." One of the greatest hindrances in soul winning, is the fact that so many professing to know Christ, fail to live that separated life, Christ hath said, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, if any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (Jno. 2: 15).

John was also great in his testimony. Christ said of him, "There is another that beareth witness of Me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of Me is true." John testified of Christ as being the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, To John, Christ was "He that cometh after me is preferred before me; for He was before me." John also bore witness of Christ, saying, "That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world." John also said, "Whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose." One of John's greatest testimonies concerning Christ was, "I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God."

John was great in his humility. He not only said he was unworthy to loosen the latchet of Christ's shoes. He also said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord." Notice what he said, "I am not Eiljah, I am not that prophet, I am but a voice." He also said of Christ, "He must increase, I must decrease."

John was also great in his fidelity to the faith. He never wavered when the truth cut to the heart. He preached what God laid upon his heart regardless of what happened. He demanded the people to bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and then he would baptize them. He stood before Herod and told him of his sins, but never courted his plaudits.

Although it cost John his life he never wavered from the truth. It will cost us many trials and persecutions when we preach the gospel as John preached it. We notice in 1st John 2: 6, where he says, "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." When we as Christians come out from among the world, and live that separated life as God has commanded of us, than He has promised to receive us. Then His blessings will be upon our lives.

Rev. R. W. Allman,
Route 3,
Kannapolis, N. C.

HIS PASSION

By T. O. Chisholm

It was night when they came with their torches and weapons,
To take Him away to be tried, to be killed;
All the powers of darkness were turned loose upon Him—
They seized Him and smote Him; they did as they willed

The night was so chill, and His body was weary,
For rest, food and sleep had for long been denied;
And of those He had chosen was none that stood with Him—
Alone, all alone, He must be crucified.

But why was He thus by His Father forsaken?
He never did wrong, He was stainless and pure.
'Twas because as an offering for sin He must suffer,
The judgment of God upon sin, must endure.

He, "the light of the world," "the desire of all nations,"
Was making a way of escape from our sin;
Lo, the veil has been rent from the top to the bottom;
The holiest of all we may now enter in.

"It is finished"—the work of eternal redemption;
Atonement was made which includes every one;
God the Father, "not willing that any should perish,"
Has provided a way in the death of His Son.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Dear Readers of The Baptist:

I have been requested to submit a report of our Sunday School work to the paper.

Our Superintendent, Mr. Carlton Rice, is a consecrated leader who has led us on to higher goals, in the kingdom work. We are hoping through the Grace of our Lord Jesus, to go forward in His name to even higher goals, for his glory.

The report is as follows:

Attendance today, May 14 ____110
Offering ____$22.75
Attendance last Sunday ____110
Offering last Sunday ____$12.03
Collection a year ago today ____$5.88

Submitted by a member of the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Sunday School.

—M. M. B.

TRINITY REVIVAL AND CHURCH REPORT

From Sunday, April 23, through Sunday, April 30, Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, of Nashville, Tennessee, enjoyed a splendid revival indeed. Our brother, Rev. K. V. Shutes, of Cordova, Alabama, was our evangelist during the entire meeting, except the first Sunday.

From the first service Bro. Shutes brought inspiring and helpful Gospel sermons—messages that resulted in a real revival for the church and the conversion of a number of believers. During the revival there were ten who confessed Christ as their personal Saviour, nine of whom asked for baptism and membership in the church. Moreover, there were five who asked for membership in the church by letter.

The entire church was highly pleased with Bro. Shutes' preaching and revival efforts, and the pastor was happy to have one of his former Bible School mates with him in the revival. The Lord's blessings be upon Bro. Shutes and his work is our prayer.

Church Report

It has been a year since we have given the readers of the **Free Will Baptist** a complete report of the activities of Trinity Church. Our last report included and ended with April of 1943. Therefore, this report begins with May, 1943, and closes with April, 1944.

During the twelve months of which we speak, we have received 24 applications for membership in our church, fourteen of whom were for baptism, and ten moved their membership from other churches. Three of the fourteen have not yet been baptized, but including these three our church membership stands at 78. During the time of our organization we have lost one by letter, four by erasure, and two by death.

During these twelve months we have had Sunday school every Sunday, with an attendance of from 30 to 125. The average weekly attendance for the year was 68. Mr. P. E. Compton is our superintendent, and a fine one.

Also, I believe that we have had League every Sunday evening, with an average attendance of 33. And our prayer meeting is always good.

Moreover, our finances have been better than we dared to ask or to expect. Mr. Harry Brannom is our church treasurer, and he reports the total cash receipts for the twelve months in the amount of $3,615.20. Mr. J. H. Piddock is our Building Fund Treasurer, and he reports a total of $396.61 for the year. Consequently, our total cash receipts for the year is $4,011.81. And these figures do not account for $150.00 or more that has been raised by the individual Sunday school classes and used as the classes saw fit.

But the best of it all is the Christian spirit that prevails among our membership and friends. No, that unity and co-operation so necessary for greatest results, and that abiding love that is greater even than faith and hope, and that fellowship that only those who "walk in the light, as he is in the light," can have, are not experienced in their fullness among our people. Nor do we expect them thus to be experienced among mortals. But those fine Christian characteristics, which bind God's people to Him and to one another, are manifest among the people of Trinity Church in a superlative degree that you will hardly find surpassed in any church.

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8: 31).

Yours by His all-abounding grace,

I. J. Blackwelder,

219 Cleveland St.,

Nashville 7, Tenn.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor

New Bern, N. C.

YEARLY AUXILIARY REPORT

The Oak Grove Church, Craven County, wishes to make its annual Auxiliary report through the columns of the Baptist paper.

Enrollment ____18
New members ____2
Deceased members ____1
Average attendance ____8
Bible chapters read ____2595
Sick visits made ____195
Trays given ____4
Hospital calls ____12
Flowers taken to the hospital ____3

Financial Statement

Regular dues received	$14.10
Free Will offering	3.57
Sunday egg money	24.73
Birthday dues	4.45
Money from sale of flavoring	24.00
Miscellaneous	1.26
One tither	8.33

Disbursements

To Mrs. Daisy Weatherington a miscellaneous shower	$ 70.00
One funeral design	5.00
A memorial to Rev. W. J. Moore	4.00
To home missions	2.00
To foreign missions	2.00

To Auxiliary convention	5.00
For flavoring	8.33
For light bills	12.00
Church repairs	287.09

Mrs. Dorcas Barrow, President,

Mrs. M. W. Barrow, Secretary

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SHADY GROVE LADIES AID REPORT

The meeting was held at the church on March 30, 1944. The meeting was opened with the singing of two hymns. The group was led in prayer by Mrs. Linton Wilson. The scripture lesson, Acts 26: 19-23, was read by Mrs. Dumas Dawson. Mrs. J. M. Dawson read and discussed the lesson. The topic was "Stedfast in Personal Service." The President made a few remarks on the lesson.

The President presided over the business. The secretary called the roll and read the minutes of the February meeting. There were 8 members and 1 visitor present. Dues collected were 90c. Money raised in other ways was $3.95. Delegates to the Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention was Mrs. Kirby West. Plans for the Week of Prayer to be held at the church April 3-7, were completed.

Activities for the month

Chapters read	180
Quarts of Milk given away	50
Sick visits made	50
Cards sent	3
Trays taken to sick	9

The meeting was voted to adjourn to meet at the church on April 27, 1944. All members are urged to be present.

Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Secretary

YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRAINING CAMP OF GEORGIA

The idea of an encampment for our youth was birthed by the good women of Jakin, Ga. Free Will Baptist in one of their Ladies Aid Society Meetings back in the year 1935. A group of these good ladies came to a Union Meeting at Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist Church and there they approached me about the idea. I readily agreed. So then I was asked to present the idea to the Union. I did and the Union endorsed the idea and agreed to sponsor the work. Bro. Cheshire was the Moderator and by motion was given the power to appoint a committee to head the work. The appointments were made: S. T. Shutes, chairman, Joe Fort and Miss Dot Harvey. The first meeting of the committee was at the home of the chairman, Bro. O. D. Ivey attended and was of much value.

The first session was held at Zion Bible School in 1936 and was an extra good beginning. About twenty students attended. Space will not permit complete details just yet. The committee accepted an invitation to hold the next camp at Patmos in Baker County. The school building was secured and the students took meals at the school but had to stay in private homes over the community. Of course, the people of Patmos Free Will Baptist Church did a good job of entertaining the group. For the next two years we met there. It was in the year 1937 at Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church in Georgia that the State League Committee voted to assume the work of carrying on the training camp. It was also voted to have the State League Convention on the last day of each encampment. From Patmos the camp was moved to Camp Sawyer near Brinson, Ga., in 1939 and has since that time had each year a very successful year. Miss Beth Phillips and Marie Ivey have been carrying on since 1941 as President and Director. Several of the preachers have been very active in the work. In 1943 the Institute sponsored by the National Board of Education for Georgia was held in connection with the camp. The teachers have always been very enthusiastic in the work. Space will not permit the naming of them for each year. One of the best assets of the Church is the camp. For here they are taught in all phases of the church work; first course in Bible Doctrine, second course in Special League training, third course in Special Sunday School work, fourth course in Missions, fifth course in Ladies Aid work and sixth course in Personal Evangelism. Pray for it, work for it and we will soon have our own buildings.

Prayerfully submitted by

S. T. Shutes

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The National Institute will meet with the camp beginning the afternoon of June the 18th, 1944, and running through Friday, June the 30th, 1944.

Place: Camp Sawyer, 11 miles west of Bainbridge, Ga., south of Brinson, Ga., at the power dam.

Fee: ($4.50) Four dollars and fifty cents.

Pray and plan to attend.

Classes will be taught through Friday noon, the last day of camp, then we will have program of League Convention including a business session.

If you have League be sure and send delegation and money so you may come and see what's taught and the way things are done in camp. You who come Friday, June 30th, bring your lunch.

If you want your church to grow and the cause of Christ to advance, Boost the Camp.

We expect elderly adults and preachers to attend. This will be a study period and not a frolic.

What to bring: Flour, meal, sugar, tea, coffee, grits, rice, lard, meat, chickens, canned vegetables of any kind, canned milk, canned fruits of any kind, also fresh vegetables and fruits, what you will want to eat in these two weeks. Plate, cup, saucer, knife, fork, spoon, glass, towels, soap bed linens, pillow, quilt or blanket, paper and pencils. Bring all of these commodities if you have them, if you do not have all of them bring enough of what you have to last two weeks.

For further information write Eld. C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga., or A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Ga.

Yours to serve,

Marie Ivey,
President of Free Will
Baptist League of Georgia

P. S.—At each session of this Camp one or more individuals have found the Christ. This alone should warrant your spiritual and financial support of these Camp Meetings.

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PAUL IN EPHESUS

(Lesson for June 4)

Lesson: Acts 19: 8-10; Eph. 2: 4-10; 3: 14-19.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2: 10).

No other single verse in the New Testament so satisfactorily reconciles the two apparently contradictory subjects of grace and works as does Eph. 2: 10. Like all Scriptural doctrines, works and grace are more complimentary than contradictory; they are parallel rather than opposed. And in this text they coincide to clarify any seeming discrepancy that may appear to exist.

Extreme positions in Biblical interpretation are always regrettable: there is always a middle ground between opposing views where the truth generally lies. Some students are so enamored of the fact that salvation is of grace they can see no place in the Christian revelation for works, while others are so impressed with the duty of performing good works they will not concede salvation apart from works. Here, however, is God's expressed view: those who **are saved should work!**

God has no labor problem to solve, and knows none of the limitations and exasperating annoyances which perplex human employers. When God needs a servant He **creates one for** the specific task that awaits accomplishment. This is the significance of the phrase, "We are His workmanship * *." I do not mean that He starts from zero as He did in the case of Adam; our text clarifies that when it says, **"Created in Christ Jesus."** To give a clear illustration of this principle we cite such a case as Dwight L. Moody. God had a great task of revival and evangelism to be undertaken and successfully concluded, and there was no one capable of doing that needed service. So the Holy Spirit pressed the claims of Christ upon a young clerk in a shoe store, and this man opened his heart to Jesus and was born again. Being now a new creation, the workmanship of the Holy Spirit through regeneration, the young man began the work which God had before purposed that he should accomplish—and the "good works" of the Moody revival resulted.—Selected.

II. Lesson High Points

1. **Paul's Preaching**
(Acts 19: 8-10)

We are to remember that Paul preached the things concerning the kingdom of God. We are told that he preached in an argumentative way; that is, he gave reasons, scriptural reasons, for the things he preached. He answered objections to convince his hearers concerning the doctrine of Christ that they might both believe his preaching and accept Jesus as their Lord and Master. His manner of preaching was that of **disputing and persuading** concerning the things of God's kingdom. He put questions to them, heard their answers, answered their questions put to him, and reasoned with them about things of the kingdom. Paul used persuasion to impress them with the gospel of Christ which he preached, hoping and trusting that they would believe in the truth which he was preaching, and that they would turn, as he had done years before, from Judaism unto Jesus.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

2. **A Pauline Prayer**
(Eph. 3: 14-19)

(1) **That ye may be strengthened** (Eph. 3 :16). We are in need of spiritual strength because we are in conflict with great spiritual powers. And there is provision for our need. Do you know to what degree we may expect to receive spiritual power? It is "according to the riches of His glory," and these are inexhaustible. The means of this strengthening is by His Spirit who is present in the heart of every child of God. If we do not grieve Him He will impart to us these riches of strength which are in Christ. The sphere of strength is the inner man.

(2) **That Christ may dwell in your hearts** (Eph. 3: 17). The Lord Jesus does not expect to be an overnight guest, or perhaps a week-end visitor. He comes to abide in us. He comes to be firmly and permanently settled in our lives (John 14: 23). So far as we are concerned, it is all an act of faith. These things are true, we need but believe it and enjoy it.

(3) **That ye may be rooted and grounded in love** (Eph. 3: 17, 18). The love of God has four dimensions. First, there is its breadth. How broad is it? It is indicated by the outstretched arms of the Lord Jesus on the Cross. They are outstretched in support of His word, "Come." Whosoever will may come. **Second,** there is its length. It has no beginning and no end. Its length reaches from eternity to eternity. There is nothing else that is as long as that. **Third,** there is its depth. It reached down to the agony of Gethsemane, the shameful betrayal and mockery of a trial, even to the awful Cross. **Fourth,** there is its height. It extends up into the very Heaven of Heavens, to the right hand of God where Christ is seated.

(4) **That ye may know the love of Christ** (Eph. 3: 19), but immediately he adds, "which passeth knowledge." It is beyond the possibility of our knowledge. We have learned to know it in part, and the more we learn to know it the more it goes beyond our understanding.

The result of it all is that we might be "filled with all the fulness of God."

—Selected

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Of Jesus John said, "He **must** increase, but I **must** decrease" (John 3: 30). Of Jesus, Paul said, "That in **all** things He might have the preeminence" (Col. 1: 18b). **Among** those who visited Dr. Carey, the missionary, in his last illness, was Alex-

ander Duff, the Scotch missionary. On one occasion he spent some time talking chiefly about Carey's missionary life, until the dying man whispered, "Pray!" As he passed from the room, he thought he heard a feeble voice pronouncing his name, and turning, found that he was recalled. He stepped back, and this is what he heard, spoken with gracious solemnity, "Mr. Duff, you have been speaking about Dr. Carey! Dr. Carey! When I am gone, say **nothing** about Dr. Carey — speak **about Dr. Carey's Saviour!"**

SOME CHURCHES SHOULD BE SPLIT!

By Sam Morris

Almost every day some preacher says to me, "Brother Sam, you are right; I hate the booze business as much as you do, but I can't afford to say anything. It would split my church wide open."

Well, neighbor, it split my church at Stamford wide open. But if I had it to do over I would split 'er again. If preaching against sin splits a church, then the church ought to be split. If denouncing booze, preaching against gambling and dancing and loose morals creates trouble, arouses opposition and splits a congregation "wide open," then God have pity on that church and its pastor until that disruption takes place.

Every one wants peace but, peace at the price of purity and righteousness in the church is not peace. It is betrayal. It is traitorism. It is disgrace. God forbid that any church or preacher should preserve harmony and peace in religious ranks by tolerating, condoning and covering up booze drinking among church members.

About 99 times out of 100 the preacher will excuse his compromise by saying, "Now don't misunderstand me. I am against it and my church knows I am against it and don't approve of it, but I just can't say anything from the pulpit."

Good neighbor, Samuel rebuked Saul. Nathan rebuked David. Elijah rebuked Ahab. John the Baptist rebuked Herod. Stephen rebuked the Jerusalem Pharisees. Paul rebuked Simon Peter at Antioch. They did it openly and unhesitatingly.

Did you never read from your Holy Bible the injunction to Young Timothy: "Reprove, Rebuke with long suffering," and again, "all Scripture is given by inspiration and is profitable for reproof, for correction, for instruction."

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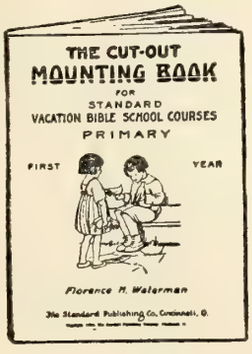
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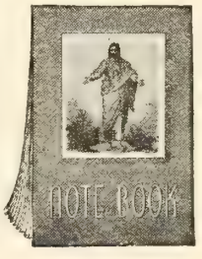
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Boys and Girls Corner

SAMUEL BRINGING GOD'S MESSAGE TO A BOY OF BETHLEHEM

Little David, the shepherd boy, lived in Bethlehem hundreds of years before Jesus was born.

David had seven brothers, but he was the youngest of all. His father owned many flocks of sheep, and David used to go out and find fresh, green grass for them to eat. He always took good care of them too. One day an old lion came into the pasture and took a little lamb. David ran after the lion and caught him and killed him. Another time he killed a bear that was going to hurt his sheep.

He not only took good care of the animals, but he always did what his father told him to do. God was pleased with him and decided to make him king of his people.

He sent a message to David. An old man named Samuel took it. It was the same Samuel who lived in the temple when he was a little boy, and who heard God's voice calling him, and he answered, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." All his life Samuel listened to God and did His bidding.

God had talked to Samuel and said: "Samuel, I want you to go down to Bethlehem to Jesse's house. I am going to have a new king over Israel. He is to be one of Jesse's sons. I want you to take a message to him."

Samuel never doubted God's word, so he started at once. When he reached the house, he asked Jesse to bring his sons and come with him to make ready for a feast. Jesse and his sons went along, but David was away out in the hills with the sheep.

Samuel saw what a handsome, big fellow Jesse's oldest son was, and he said to himself: "Surely, this is the boy who is to be king." But God said: "No, the man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." It was just as if God had said, "Yes, this boy is handsome, but I want a boy whose heart is good."

Then Jesse's other sons went before Samuel, and each time God said: "This is not the one."

Finally Samuel asked Jesse if he didn't have another son, and Jesse said :"Yes, there is David, my little boy, but he is away taking care of the sheep." Samuel asked Jesse to send for him, and when the shepherd boy came, God said, "This is he," and Samuel anointed him. From that time on, God was very near to David and helped him to prepare to be a great king.—Bible Story.

A MOTHER'S THRONE

"My dear friends: This is Mother's day and each one of us will find his way into his own memory field today. We will wander in and out of the paths of the past. You may go into the orchard, the meadow, or the woodlands and gather forget-me-nots for a boquet. What an arm full of flowers with nectar sweet as that in the cups of rose buds and with fragrance that out-match an Arabian garden. You may go where you will this day, but let me go straight to my mother whose long absence makes this world a lonesome place for me after all these years.

In the book of I Kings we are told that when the mother of King Solomon came to see him, he caused a seat (or Throne) to be placed at his right hand for her and he bowed himself down before her. There was never a king so rich nor was there ever a throne that could compare with his throne on this earth and yet he bowed himself in humble reverence before his mother. Certainly Solomon had learned that there was no name on earth except the name of Jesus that was half so sweet as the name of Mother. No, there is no one on this earth like her who can and does share our sorrows and our joys, no one can sympathize with us as she does. She has trod the paths of this life before us. Our life is her life, for she lives in us and when we are happy she is happy.

God expresses his love to us in Mother. O, what relationship there is between us and our Mother. We are flesh of her flesh, bone of her bone, and life of her life. She brought our life into being by her great love for us, Yes, just like Jesus, she loved us when we knew her not. She alone went through deaths valley that we might live. It was she that paid the price for us and none other. Thank God for our Mothers!

A Mother's Care for Us

I can not remember the time but I feel sure that it was her hand that rocked my cradle when every one else were asleep, and through the sleepless hours of the night she was so patient and faithful, and although all others had forgotten, she nursed her sick child back to health and happiness, and then she would try to rest.

It was she that first taught me how to pray, "Now I lay me down to sleep," and in the later years when we were larger she taught us to say the "Lord's prayer," as he taught his disciples to pray, then in the years that followed, she taught us those beautiful stories of Jesus and his love for us, and how he will always abide with us if we will love him. O, my friends, these stories have helped, when men would fail, to lighten our burdens and inspire us to go on with our Lord and Saviour, remembering that he cared for us.

A Mother's Interest in her Child

I remember hearing a great minister preach in a series of revival meetings, and I think he told the story how he was reared on a farm in North Carolina by a poor widowed mother, but that Mother was interested in her boy and she wanted him to accomplish something in this life. No one else seemed to care about him, to them he was just a farmer, carpenter, painter, or a log woods hand, but she was interested in him and wanted him to be a minister of God's word. Thank God it is still the highest calling that come to men on earth. So she took in washing and sent that boy to school and college, and today if he still lives, he is one among the greatest ministers of our land. Abraham Lincoln said, if I am not mistaken, "All that I am and all that I hope to be I owe to my Mother." That is why you are here, no doubt, because back at home you had a Christian Mother who planted the seed of love and righteousness in your hearts.

Yes, Mother puts all that she has

in this life in us to make us what we ought to be, and then when we get grown and go away from home she throws a great mantle of prayer about us that God may protect us from harm and the power of sin. Yes, my friends, our hearts are her Throne. She lives in us and our life is her life. All around us today we can see mothers that are dethroned, who are cast out, and our very hearts ache when we see them go down to a lonely grave many years before they should die because they have been cast away by a wayward child and are slowly but surely dying of a broken heart for that child. God help us to repent.

Mother's Love Is Divine

How often have we seen a dear mother sit at the window until weary hours in the night waiting for the long delayed return of a boy or a girl that was out there somewhere, she knew not where. All others had forgotten them and were resting in sleep, but she could not forget, no she could not sleep, she would wait patiently until that one came in and then with the great burden of care lifted she would go to bed herself. That love is Heaven born. It is divine.

Have we not seen a mother when she had grown old and her locks that were once her delight had now grown gray? The face that was once so very lovely and smooth and blossomed with the rose of life, but now is marked with the cares of life and with the many hardships that come to us in this life, yet we see her go to the prison door and there reach a poor little boney hand through the bars of the door and hold the hand of a wayward son that was condemned by the world. But to her he was her son and her love was the same for him as it was in cradle days when she sung her crooning lullaby to put him to sleep. Others may change but the true Christian mother will not change. Her love is divine.

My friends, is Mother's Throne in your heart? Is it at your right hand? Give her the place that belongs to her. Put her next to Christ. I want every one whose mother is living to go home and kiss her. Write her a letter and tell her that you love her. Nothing else that we could do would make her so happy. Will you do this today?

Many of you like myself can not write to her or we would have to send our letter by the way of the throne of God, but we can thank God for her. We can not go to her knees for love and consolation and advice as we once did, but we can go to one that loves us even more than mother, and He will share, all our sorrows and give us a song for every burden. He was mother's strength, her power, her refuge and He is the same to us, even our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

H. E. Harden

THE ALBEMARLE UNION

Last week I glanced hurriedly through our church paper hoping to see an account of the Union which convened with Trinity Church, Beaufort County.

It was such a wonderful meeting. I realized as never before the glorious calling of this denomination to hold aloft that spiritual torch, which amid the pride and formality of this present time seems rapidly passing from the earth.

On Saturday Brother Ballard brought us a stirring message. He spoke to us about looking-glasses through which we might see ourselves as others see us. The glass of our enemies and friends are nearly always distorted, those who love us have glasses that make us perhaps more beautiful than we really are; those who hate us have mirrors that make us unlovely and often gruesome. Don't take either of these too seriously, lest we be too cast down or too exalted. Then we were urged to stand before God's mirror and see ourselves, naked souls stripped of all disguise. While clinging to the Rock of Ages, do we discern a stain of inconsistency, do we sometimes judge others harshly for things of which we too are guilty. Is there a stain from any other sin. If so, try going all out for God, that you may be washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb.

This thought is good to contemplate in the dead of the night. Any message that leaves enduring thoughts such as these, doubtless has influence on the salvation of the world.

On Sunday Brother Harden from South Norfolk brought us a message both interesting and instructive. He is doing a wonderful work spending and being spent in order to bring a great spiritual awakening there.

I once had a son who aspired to the ministry, I sat there looking at Brother Harden with a mother's appraisal. I could read in his heart the burden of unawakened souls, as well as the joy and Glory of his noble calling.

We want to build a church in South Norfolk. The Union meetings are helping.

If each one of us whose heart burns for the progress of spirituality in the Church, would send a special offering for this cause a church would appear there as if by magic and truth go marching on.

If there were fifty of us who would give $25.00 or 125 who would give $10.00 each a building could be erected soon. If any one is interested in this proposition write to me.

Sunday afternoon late reports had been received, we were ready to adjourn when there came a request for a special song. The quartette sang "Never Grow Old," then followed a wonderful testimony by Sister Ballard. The fire was kindled. Other testimonials followed. After Sister Ballard sang by request "Sunrise Tomorrow" a minister asked all to stand who were looking forward with joy to that glorious sunrise. The house arose with one accord, and we knew our feet were placed on higher ground.

Eight ministers stood before the altar and received the "right hand of fellowship," while the large congregation sang "God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again." Truly the Lord was in our midst.

"Bless the Lord O My Soul. Let all that is within me bless His Holy Name."

The next Union of this district will convene with the Belhaven Church. Come every one, and may we have a glorious worship together.

Jennie Brinson,
Belhaven, N. C.

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When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek Psa. 27: 8.

WALKING WITH GOD AS A BUSINESS

Enoch walked with God. That is what the Bible says. And it doesn't say much else about Enoch, but that is enough. He walked with God in a wicked day. He walked with God when the lights were dim. There was no Bible then. He walked with God by faith. God did not walk with Enoch, but Enoch walked with God. It is one thing for God to walk with us, and it is another thing for us to walk with God. If I walk with a man it means that I am going his way, I am not asking him to go my way. It is the privilege of man to find out the direction in which God is going and it is his privilege to walk with Him. Men say, "Keep up with the age." That is not the business of a Christian. The business of a Christian is to keep up with God in the midst of the age.—Bob Jones, in Here and Hereafter.

MOTHERHOOD

There is a link, unbreakable and bright
That binds the mothers of the earth together.
It shines between them like golden light
Through stormy darkness and through sunny weather:
Their motherhood which helps them understand
The universal heart, and though war's madness
Engulfs the world and blackens every land,
Their hearts are stricken by each other's sadness.

I hold it true that should two aliens meet
Whose sons are soldiers battling one another,
Still would they pause down any lane or street
To speak a word of comfort to each other,
Or blind with tears, bowed down with grief and loss,
Stand mutely there beneath a common cross.

—Grace Noll Crowell,
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Get Somebody Else

The Lord had a job for me,
But I had so much to do,
I said, "You get somebody else,
Or wait till I get through."
I don't know how the Lord came out,
But He seemed to get along,
But I felt kind o' sneakin' like—
Knowed I'd done God wrong.

One day I needed the Lord—
But He never answered me at all,
And I could hear Him say,
Down in my accusin' heart:
"Nigger, I'se got too much to do;
You get somebody else,
Or wait till I get through."

Now, when the Lord He have a job for me,
I never tries to shirk;
I drops what I have on hand,
And does the good Lord's work.
And my affairs can run along,
Or wait till I get through;
Nobody else can do the work
That God marked out for you.

—Paul Lawrence Dunbar

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JUST A WORD FROM AN INTERESTED BAPTIST READER

Dear Readers of the Baptist:

I am very much interested in the Baptist paper. I realize that it affords much pleasure to many of the Christian people who read it. I believe that the Free Will Baptist denomination is progressing in other states, as well as it is in North Carlina.

I have enjoyed reading the letters of the soldier boys in the Baptist paper. Each one of them has my sympathy and prayers. War is so horrible. I think it is time for everyone to love and serve God.

I was very sorry to learn of Rev. L. H. Wetherington's serious illness in last week's Baptist paper. I am hoping that his many friends and church people will remember him and his good wife in prayer to God during the sad hours of his afflictions. My Mother was down five and a half years before her death. Many of the good people thought of us in their prayers, and were kind to us in their generosity. I shall never forget them.

I am still continuing my subscription work, while I am trying to regain my strength, for three good magazines; namely, **The Southern Farmer,** price 50 cents for two years, 5 years for $1.00; **Pathfinder,** $1.00, three years for $2.00, and the **Farm Journal,** 50 cents for two years, or five years for $1.00. Any one desiring to subscribe to either of these papers may send to me their subscriptions, and oblige.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Ida E. Valentine,

Louisburg, N. C.,

Route 4, Box 263

I said, I will confess my trangressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Psa. 32: 5.

EDITORIAL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board of Directors of the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, North Carolina, will hold their regular Quarterly Meeting on Thursday, June 8, 1944, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. All Board members are urged to be present for this meeting. In the event that any Board member will not be able to attend this meeting, the Secretary requests that a proxy be sent to represent the absentee member in the meeting. According to the ruling the proxies must have written statement, certifying that they have been duly named by the absentee members to serve on the Board in the meeting.

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THE ASSEMBLY GROUNDS COMMITTEE TO MEET

The Assembly Grounds Committee, elected by the North Carolina S. S. and League Conventions, and the Committee elected by the Women's State Auxiliary Convention, are to meet very soon to discuss and to lay plans for the selection of a site for the Assembly Grounds for a Camp for the Free Will Baptist people of the State. It is expected that these committees will be able to enter into this matter of the selection of a good Assembly Grounds site, and make a report to the Executive Boards of these State Conventions within the next few months.

Should any interested person desire to make any recommendations or suggestions concerning the selection, location and adequacy of the Assembly Grounds site, for the State of North Carolina, the Committee shall be glad to receive the same. Address all such communications to R. B. Spencer, Chairman, Ayden, North Carolina.

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REV. L. H. WETHERINGTON'S CONDITION

For the benefit of those who should like to know Brother Wetherington's condition at the present time, we can say that his condition had not improved any a few days ago. We have not received any direct message from him for the last three days. However, his many friends are praying that God will see fit to raise him up again that he may go about his regular church work. Those who cannot go to see him, but would like to send a card or letter of sympathy to him and his family, will address him at Clark, North Carolina. Every consideration will be greatly appreciated by him and his good family.

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THE SUBSCRIPTION ROLL

The subscription roll for the month of May shows an increase of 14. There were 140 names dropped, due to the failure of that number of subscribers to renew their subscriptions, while there were 154 who did renew, including those who are new subscribers. Thus, it is shown that for the first five months of this year there has been a small increase each month.

Brother Dunn, the Business Manager, tells us that this is the first time, in a goodly number of years, that we have been able to keep the subscription roll from dropping during the spring and summer months. Let us hope that there will be a steady increase in the roll for the months of June, July, August and September. The editor is very anxious to see the roll reach 3300 by the first of September. This can be attained if a goodly number of the ministers, Sunday School superintendents, and Auxiliary workers in the churches will boost the subscription roll among their people, and solicit new subscriptions from those who do not have the Baptist paper going into their homes.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

In many of the rural churches it is time for putting on the "Vacation Bible Schools" for the young people of the church and community. In many cases plans are already being laid for this great work, and it is expected that much good will be derived from these summer Bible schools. Good courses of instruction can be secured for the work. Splendid directors and teachers can also be secured to teach and lead the children in the work. Such religious training will help to lay a good foundation for better knowledge and understanding of some of the fundamental teachings of the Bible and lead the youth of the church and community to see a greater need for further study of Bible subjects. Such good work tends to build for good citizenship, a better outlook on life and instills in the hearts of the youth a greater love for the Word of God.

MONDAY AT THE FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Ring—R r r r r r rng!

Ho ho hum, it's 6:50 on Monday morning at the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Doors begin to open and close. Somewhere on the third floor a voice rings out in song, when suddenly a radio on the second floor bursts forth to give someone who is not yet awake the start of the morning. There's a hustle and bustle all over the Girl's Dormitory because there's only forty minutes until time for breakfast.

At 7:30 the bell rings for breakfast. Cheery greetings exchanged with sleepy greetings echo all over the dining hall and all is well.

With a sweep of the broom and a stroke with the duster the house is put in order. At 8:15 we all assemble for chapel and start the day with early morning worship together.

At 8:45 Shakespeare or Donald Davidson, the author of **American Composition and Rhetoric,** comes to the front and holds his own until 9:35. Then we go back into the lives and deeds of men who lived two or three thousand years before our day

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At the Judgment--Face to Face with God

Rev. W. F. Clark
Thomasville, Ga.

Eccl. 12: 13, 14.—"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil."

There is one thing I want to impress upon every one; Jew or Gentile, white or black, rich or poor, educated or unlearned, saint or sinner. According to the Holy Bible individuals will stand for themselves at the Judgment to be judged, not for what someone else has done, but for the acts of each individual. There will be no one to witness for you. The judge will have the record before him. No one will plead your cause. We have heard the above words coming from a man of knowledge, a man of wisdom, a man not acquainted with want. A man whose race was run, whose life was finished, saying, "Let us hear all that is worth hearing, the whole matter."

Fear God first, then keep His commandments, for we have a duty to perform. The Bible is full of promises and warnings leading up to the judgment. At the Judgment not Christians, but sinners will cry for the rocks to fall on them and completely destroy them off the face of the earth. They have come to realize what the above scripture means. Every work shall be brought into Judgment, good or evil.

Paul tells us in I Cor. 13: 12—"Now we look through a glass, darkly; but then face to face." We look over, under, and around facts, the truth here, but then face to face with God. We may fool or deceive our friends, even our Mother. We may buy votes and win falsely. We may buy a witness many times and come clear of our guilt unjustly. We can detour around bad places in the road and reach our destination, but, dear people, hear this: There are three that bear witness on earth and three that bear record in Heaven. Our name and life's work, public or secret, are recorded.

Rev. 22: 12.—"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." He is coming prepared with the truth, sufficient to give justice to saint and sinner. Justice will be meted out to every one. Our record will be his only witness.

I have tried to hold you at the Judgment. Now let's go back into civilian life again and hear these words in Rev. 22: 17.—"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." In this Christ is making an appeal to the will of man. Whosoever will, let him come. I have heard many say, "We, even a Christian, will commit sins." I will go a step further. I heard a minister in the sacred stand say that he was sinning then while preaching the Word. I asked God to have mercy on that man.

Brother, what part did the blood of Christ play in your life? The blood cleanses from all sin. Yes, we are in the world, but not of the world.

Paul makes this clear in Rom. 8: 9, "Ye are not in the flesh, if so be that the spirit of Christ dwell in you." Brother, can you make sense out of this. Listen; Sinning Christians, unjust Christians, filthy Christians, intoxicated Christians, lying and cursing Christians, here is the answer at the judgment: Face to face with God.

In Psalm 1: 5, David said, "The ungodly shall not stand at the judgment nor sinners in the congregations of the righteous.

Isa. 28: 17.—"At the Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet." The time is come that Judgment must begin at the House of God and if it begin at us, what shall the end be to them that obey not the Gospel **At the Judgment Face to Face with God.** Everyone will receive his just reward; some will be happy, some unhappy, some comforted, some, of all men, most miserable, and as sure as there is a sun, that sure there will be a judgment. As sure as there is a Heaven, that sure everyone will meet there on that day to be judged **Face to Face with God.** The Judgment is the only way to Heaven or hell. There we will receive our sentence. Here it is: To the Christian, you have been faithful for this Heaven's door is open wide; enter in to the joys of thy Lord, the place prepared for you. To the sinner, hell is ready to receive you. Depart from me, ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels, where the beast and the false prophets are.

Dear friends, in conclusion, let me say again. Now is the accepted time. This is the day of Salvation. So get ready to meet your God **At the Judgment Face to Face** with a smile and have no regrets. Godly sorrow for your sins here is wonderful for the living, if they will act wisely, but regrets and sorrow will be worthless at the Judgment. Brother, hear me: To you I am talking. One day you will meet **Face to Face with God at the Judgment** to answer for yourself and answer for your sins, open or secret.

HAS GOD EVER ANSWERED YOUR CRY?

By Miss Ola M. Moton

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your **hearts** and **minds** through Christ Jesus."

The mighty God, linking Himself with us a real yoke-fellow and coworker. Yes, Hear Him speak: "If ye ask I will do. Ask and it shall be

given you. Every one that asketh receiveth." See, none shall be turned away. Look! Listen! it is the promise of the Lord Himself. Yea it is the God of the universe who says you ask and I will do. The Lord of glory will do if you will only ask. You are backed up with unrivalled wisdom; boundless skill; limitless power, infinite resources are His. Who is it that promises? "The Wonderful Counselor the Mighty God." He who shrouded Egypt in an awful darkness, when His children cried unto Him. He who turned the streams of water into streams of blood; He who laid His hands upon the firstborn of Egypt, and filled her land with death and mourning, all because His children cried unto Him. He who sweetened the bitter waters and quenched their thirst. He who when they hungered sent them bread from heaven. It was God who leveled the towering walls of Jericho by the word of His power; He who walked with His three children in the fierce, fiery furnace, yet kept them even from the smell of scorching garments. Yes, He who stilled the tempest, walked on the water; cast out devils, healed the living, raised the dead. It is this same Mighty God, who says to you and to me, "If ye will ask I will do whatsoever ye ask in my name that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

God is anxious to help us, but He cannot until we are willing to ask for help. "If ye abide in Me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you; Oh! that is the secret. Do we abide in Him? Yes, that is the secret of our receiving. Abiding in Him. The God who holds the sea in the hollow of His hand; the God who swings this globe in its orbit more easily than you could swing a child's toy ball; the God who guides the stars, and directs the blazing sun; the God of Sinai, and of Horeb; the heaven-creating; devil-conquering; dead-raising God, it is He who is ready to hear my prayer. Yes. He says to you and to me **"IF YE ASK I WILL DO."**

As we pray, God works. The eternal God stands as it were an all-powerful servant and says: "If you will only pray I will work. If you will be busy with asking I will see to the doing. Not only does He bestow at our cry, but He acts. While I am praying God is really doing that which I am asking. As you pray God baffles the powers of darkness; as you pray God moves upon the hearts of those for whom you ask. Yes, as you pray God breaks down the barriers. As you pray God stirs men's hearts, He stirs them. "Whatsoever ye ask in my name, I will do."

What a unique privilege that all the power of God is ready and waiting to be put into action at the prayer of the weakest child that trust Him. The very host of heaven is ready to move against the powers of darkness at the call of you. He placed Himself at our disposal when He said: "If ye ask anything in My name I will do."

It is a promise which shows how much more wonderful, than our doing, is His doing called forth by our asking. To have Jesus Christ work thru the Spirit in your home, your church, your community; to have Jesus Christ give secret messages to your lost loved ones. To have Jesus Christ speak, woo, and win, as none else could; to have Jesus Christ with all His tact, wisdom winsomeness; a gentleness and patience of compassion followed with unwearied zeal and tenderest love to bring back to God that soul for whom He died and for whom you are asking. This is exactly what prayer will accomplish for He has promised. "If ye ask I will do." Think a moment of that unsaved loved-one whom all these years you have been pleading with. You have pleaded, argued, and all in vain. You have preached Christ, you have tried to live Christ. Yea, you have exhausted every device and means that love, faith, or hope could conceive. Now that all your doing has failed, how wonderful it will be to bring into that life His doing thru your asking. Hear Him speak: 'My child you know not how to convict of son, but I who work as you pray, can bow down that soul in the very agony of conviction. You know not when to woo, and when to reprove, but I know just when to pour in the balm of love, and when to let fall the sharp quick blow of needed judgment. You cannot follow a soul in daily unbroken pursuit, for you are finite and must eat, rest, and sleep, but I do as you ask I will follow that soul day and night, with sleepless vigilance, thru every second of his existence. Now comforting, now troubling; now giving darkness, now sending prosperity, now adversity; now using the knife, now the healing balm; chastening, troubling; bereaving, blessing; bending, breaking, making. "Yea, I can do all things needful to be done to bring that wanderer to himself, and cause him to cry to Me." "I will arise and go unto my Father."

Jesus Christ Himself is our life. Not a thing, yea not an experience, which may be lost or forgotten, not a hunger to be satisfied to-day and return tomorrow. He is "Christ in you the hope of glory." What a peace, what a comfort. The Lord of the armies of heaven. The One who has all power in heaven and earth, under whose feet are all things; who can save to the utmost, all that call upon Him. Able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can ask or think; able to keep us from falling. The Victorious Christ. This is He who said: "Ask and ye shall receive." "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me." What shall I ask of Him? What will you do with Jesus who is called the Christ? Ask and ye shall receive."

Randleman, North Carolina, U. S. A.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The next session of the Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference will convene with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Georgia, on the Fourth Sunday night in June, 1944. The conference will run through the following week. All ministers of the F. W. B. faith are urged to attend this meeting.

H. L. Catrett, Moderator,
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By J. C. Griffin

Our Greatest Need Today

The one out-standing need of America is "Back to God." America is sinful beyond description. From the core (Washington, D. C.) to the rim. Marriage vows are no longer serious. Women and men in drunken orgies care not for decency nor have respect for others. "When only men smoked they always had respect for women, but women smokers have respect for not one," said a Christian lady some time ago, as we were discussing matters on a train, where women were acting ridiculously. Dance halls, beer parlors, Sunday movies, Sabbath desecration, hunting, fishing, keeping stores wide-open on Sunday for "filthy lucre," adultery, broken homes, vulgarity, profanity, yet a great number, perhaps the majority, of men take the name of God in vain..

One Cause for Such Sinfulness

I believe, from my heart, that a great deal of sin and crime are caused because so many preachers live such a lax life, and compromise with every sin almost in the whole category of sinful indulgencies. Too many preachers are afraid to preach the truth that condemns sinful, questionable, and so-called, "worldly pleasures." I saw a preacher some time ago leading a large number of his little children into a moving picture show. Others sit in beer parlors and drink beer, while there are others who do not do those things; but they are afraid to open their mouths against anything that is questionable for fear that they will offend some church member who pays well.

But for me, I expect to preach against every thing that looks like, smells like, tastes like, blinks like, works like, or has any appearance of sin.

A Young Preacher

A few years ago a young preacher (I thank the Lord that he was not a Free Will Baptist) said to me, "You know that I have not made up my mind as to what branch of the ministry I shall take up, after I am through school," and then went on to say, "If I take up the pastorate I cannot preach against some things that I believe to be wrong, so I am a little inclined to be an evangelist, as I can say things against sin that a pastor cannot say." My advice to this young man was that he had better take up law. God pity the man who cannot preach the truth when he knows the truth. He better be a politician than a preacher. No one expects a politician to tell the truth, especially during a campaign. Of course real "statesmen" tell the truth, but not a crooked politician.

A Good Mixer

Recently, I was reading about, "preachers being good mixers." I am persuaded that God does not want us to be "mixers." He wants us to be "SEPARATORS." "Come ye out from among them." God's servants should be so far away from sociality that is tainted with sin, that the world, "would think it a strange thing that they run not with them." We talk a great deal about the "standard of the ministry" in some of our conventions, and associations, but in order to "raise the standard" it must first start in the heart, with genuine conversion—a sanctification that begins the day of the "new birth" and runs one hundred percent daily, with a willingness to sacrifice before ever preaching a sermon. We must put a SANCTIFIED-ALL ON THE ALTAR. I mean honest to goodness, old-fashion, "SANCTIFICATION," the kind that JESUS prayed for, when He said, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17: 16, 17).

A Changed Heart

"An Italian woman, whose husband had accepted the gospel and joined a Protestant church, was asked, 'Is it true that your husband has changed his religion?' 'No' answered she, 'but his religion has changed him. Formerly he had no religion, but now he has accepted one that must be very good, because it has changed him so. You must have noticed that he does not get drunk.' "—King's Business.

Whether Catholic or Protestant, no one can live right until he gets right. And no one can get right from the out-side. The only life that can be right is the life that has been RE-GENERATED AND BORN OF GOD. Neither the hands of man, nor the prayers of man can make a new heart. It is the work of God. It is God's grace reaching the heart of the person who repents, accepts and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ with all his heart. It is the love of God shed abroad in the heart of the one who truly believes. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus" (Ephe. 2: 10).

State Auxiliary Convention

The Women's Auxiliary Convention which convened with the church at Stony Creek church, near Goldsboro, the 25th inst., was well attended, and well entertained, and the work as a whole was inspiring. The women of our church are putting forth great efforts to carry on for the glory of God. One very healthy sign is that so many of them are teaching "Stewardship" and this "Stewardship" does not fall short of "Tithes and offerings." Because of this kind of teaching, a great number of societies have long since ceased to sell various articles to make money. Shows have not found their desired place into the work of our church. No stewardship in selling articles to make money for the church. Almost any one can sell for gain. But it takes a good steward to take ten cents out of every dollar, then plus it with an offering, and it all placed on the altar as a "worship offering to God."

I have been preaching against short-cut ways of raising funds for the support of the church. God does not want such money. God has not promised to bless such money. But He has promised to do wonderful things when tithes and offerings are made unto the Lord, even, He said, "I will open the windows of heaven

and pour you out a blessing. There is only one way to open the windows of heaven. Read Malachi 3: 1-12.

Vacation Bible Schools

Many churches are planning to conduct Vacation Bible schools this summer. If you have not planned for your teachers, Miss Alethia Etheridge, of Columbia, N. C., who has been attending the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, will appreciate an opportunity to help you in this good work. I think that she is employed up to about the middle of July, so if your school is planned for a later date, why not get in touch with her at once?

Back to the Former Subject

Next week we plan to go back and give some more time and thought to the subject, "THE ONLY FOUNDATION."

Christian Education

The North Carolina State Associational program calls for special offerings for the month of June for Christian Education. Let every church and auxiliary make an offering to the LORD. Make it through your church if possible. Individuals may make special offerings. As our state has no Educational treasurer, money should be sent to Rev. J. R. Davidson, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, (5) Tenn. Let us prove that we love the Lord by our offerings. Pray over the gift before you make it. GIVE IT TO GOD.

HILLSDALE COLLEGE MARKS 100th YEAR OF FOUNDING

By Nick Kerbawy

Hillsdale — (Spl) — One hundred years ago Hillsdale College was founded in a deserted store in Spring Arbor. It was known then as Michigan Central College and had an enrollment of 25 students.

This week plans are complete to celebrate the college centennial coincidentally with the ninety-third annual Commencement exercises, the celebration to start Friday and continue through Sunday, the day of graduation.

Now Hillsdale College boasts 11 campus buildings plus a number of sorority and fraternity houses and the number in the senior class this year almost equals the number of students in the entire college of Spring Arbor days.

Hillsdale was the first college in Michigan, and the second in the United States, to admit women students on an equal footing with men. It was the first institution in Michigan to issue a college newspaper, to introduce a military department, home economics department and a full theological course leading to a degree and ordination.

Unlike all other known church colleges, Michigan Central-Hillsdale was not initiated by any local church or group of churches but rather during an intermission between sessions of the Michigan Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists. Since then, however, the school has been a Baptist affiliate.

Move to Hillsdale

By 1853 officials of the college realized that conveniences of a railroad would encourage student enrollment.

Their desire to change locations brought a period of tension between townspeople and college officials that resulted in litigation which deprived the college of its library and other equipment when it finally was moved.

A spirited contest between Coldwater and Hillsdale resulted in Hillsdale winning when its county subscribed $21,000 as against the $10,000 offered by Branch County citizens.

Two cornerstone ceremonies were observed at Hillsdale, the first on July 4, 1853, on the partially completed college building, which was 262 feet long and 60 feet deep. On March 6, 1874, two-thirds of the building was destroyed by fire, the rebuilding program resulting in five smaller separate edifices erected on a single vote decision of the trustees. The buildings still stand. The second cornerstone ceremony took place in August, 1874.

Dr. Henry M. Ford, an alumnus of 1879, is the only man living who attended the laying of both cornerstones of the college. A resident of Brooklyn, Mich., Dr. Ford plans to participate in the Centennial celebration.

Week-End Program

Opening festivities Friday will emphasize college traditions. The senior chapel and prize awards is scheduled at 10 a. m., in the college Baptist Church. At 7:45 p. m., the Commencement festival in Barber Amphitheatre of Slayton Arboretum will feature crowning of the May queen.

Saturday night at the special Centennial program Ruth Bryan Rohde, former United States Minister to Denmark, will speak.

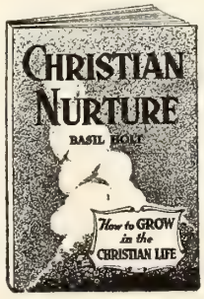
At least six classes have made reservations for reunions. They are classes of 1899, 1904, 1924, 1929, 1934 and 1939. Graduates of 50 years or more are slated to organize a Golden Circle.

Honorary degrees will be presented at Sunday's Commencement. Prof. Preston Slosson, of the University of Michigan, will speak. Some 500 former students now in the armed forces will be honored.—Published by request.

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BIBLE WOMEN OF RENOWN

By Mrs. Lizzie McAdams

The outstanding characteristics of the New Testament begin with Elizabeth and Mary, two of God's chosen mothers, to fill a very important place in His great plan. To begin a story it is wise to know the background, and something concerning the lives of those we are dealing with. In order to get the very best results possible, it will be wise to read the first two chapters of Luke, and to study them as we read.

Elizabeth was a chosen vessel of long standing in the sight of our heavenly Father, for the angel reminded Zacharias that she was well stricken in years but should have a son in her old age. The angel told him that the son would be a great prophet, and that his name would be called John. Read the sixth verse of the first chapter of Luke, and you will see that both father and mother were very devout souls. They had the promise from God that they would embrace a son in their old age, and that he would go before our Lord. He would prepare the way for His great ministry.

Now, six months later the angel Gabriel stood by Mary, using these wonderful words: "Hail, thou that art highly favored. The Lord is nigh thee, blessed art thou among women." There is no doubt but that Mary had lived a pure sweet life from her youth up till the very hour was ready for God to use her and trust His only begotten Son the promised Lamb. She indeed must have been a precious soul in God's sight to have been counted worthy to fill such a place, and to receive such a message. Think how she proved true to such a trust to the very last. It would take too long to write a full history of each life of the noble women spoken of in God's word, but the thing that is worthwhile and most important is that God has a place for every saved woman whether it be great or small.

We do not have a record of every woman that Jesus called to service, but we do find a faithful number that were last to leave the cross, and first to reach the sepulchre. The first resurrection message was carried by the women who came early to the tomb. Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene out of whom He had cast seven devils. She carried the message of the living Christ to the mourning disciples, and they believed it not. They had to go and see for themselves. It matters not where the message of salvation is delivered just so it reaches the souls of the lost. Some of these same women went right on to Jerusalem with the disciples, because it is made very plain in Acts 1: 14, 15. Please read these verses carefully.

When the greatest prayer meeting ever chronicled on the pages of history was held the women were still present. The Apostle Peter in his great discourse said, "But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel, Acts 2: 16. Then in the seventeenth verse, it reads like this: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream;" verse 18, "And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit: and they shall prophesy." Please notice carefully there is no distinction between the sons and daughters, both are to carry the message through this age.

May we now consider Acts 19 where Apollos had been preaching in the synagogue at Ephesus, and when Aquila and Priscilla heard him they took him unto them, and he expounded the way of God more perfectly. This noble man and wife are mentioned a number of times, and Paul highly commends them for the church that is in their house. In connection with these workers read the entire sixteenth chapter of Romans 1. Acts 21: 9 gives us four daughters of one household that were filled with the spirit of prophecy. Paul again highly respects the noble women who faithfully labored with him in the gospel, Phil. 4: 3. Then again this learned man says in Gal. 3: 28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free. There is indeed a blessed thing to know that the great religion of our Lord, and Master has no respect of persons, but all one in Christ. Many have stumbled over the statement made by Paul in his Corinthian letter where he says let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak: but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. Not God's law but the law of Corinth, a heathen custom. The women in heathen countries even today have no freedom, but still are in bondage until the Christian religion sets them free. Paul also says to the men in the 28th verse of I Corinthians, fourteenth chapter, "But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church. It seems that the church was in a great confusion, and Paul had to rebuke both the men and the women by telling them to keep silent. He did not say let all men and women keep silent in all churches, but silence for the time being. In other words, until the confusion was over.

Remember, Paul also warned Timothy of a certain class of women, which are liable to come into all churches, and he says, "I suffer not a woman to teach or usurp authority over men. There is a vast difference in carrying the gospel than usurping authority over men. Many churches have been ruined because some preachers let a society woman run his program. We know that there were certain conditions which Paul had to look into and to keep the churches clean. His message of rebuke was not to the God-called woman or women, but to the class that came in to make trouble. John gives us such a beautiful picture of a woman pastor in his Second Epistle. The church is never spoken of as "the," but "she" and "the elect lady," a servant of the church as Gaius was, Both letters are very much alike and it would pay to study both epistles.

Then, again, Paul speaks of Phebe as a servant of the church at Cenchrea. We often speak of our pastors serving churches in this day and age. Turn to Revelation 22: 17, "And the Spirit and the bride say come, and let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst Come! Who-

soever will, let him take the water of life freely." It would be well for us to study the word "Bride" here for the bride of Jesus is composed of men and women and children. Seeking lost souls can be compared to people fast asleep in a building. When a soul is at stake that soul will rejoice if only a child can point him to Christ. Poor victims rescued from burning buildings will rejoice with the one who first reached him and brought him out safely. Can we realize that time is too short and eternity is too long to take up our time in judging the souls that God has chosen to carry His message of salvation to a lost and dying world.

It perhaps would be as dangerous for us to touch God's "anointed" as it was for the people that touched the sacred Ark and died. Keep in mind that God has chosen vessels among all classes to help Him carry out the great command. Remember this: any chosen vessel is ordained of God to serve His purpose and the ceremonies of men amount to nothing except God is with them. Again we quote Paul in First Corinthians 1: 27, 28: "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise: and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things that are mighty. And base things of the world, and things which are despised, that God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are."

Be sure to study these deep truths, and see which class you are in. Let each person feel that the very smallest place in the white harvest field is a God-given place, and if we do our best with a heart full of love for the poor lost souls for whom Jesus died, then we shall be fruitful, and our work everywhere shall grow. But let us be careful not to judge our brother or sister whom God has chosen.

Henceforth ther is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Tim. 4: 8.

OUT OF PRINT

Several orders of late have come for "The Upper Room Ought" and "Hell, or Endless Punishment of the Wicked," booklets written and published by me, but as our supply of both booklets are exhausted, and owing to the difficulties and cost of printing at present, we will have no more booklets until possibly next year. We appreciate the many calls that have come of late, for the support given, in which 8,000 copies or more have distributed of these booklets.

We are expecting 10,000 copies of a tract, "Do You Know?" to come off the press soon. These are published by the Tract Committee, Eastern F. W. B. Conference.

J. C. Griffin,

New Bern, N. C.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE ORGANIZED

On April 15, 1944, a number of the ministers of the New Piedmont Association met at St. Paul's Free Will Baptist Church, at Marion, North Carolina, to organize a Ministers Conference of the association. After singing and prayer, a motion was made to enter into the conference.

The body appointed Rev. Wade Calvert of North Belmont, North Carolina, to act as moderator of the meeting. Brother Calvert himself was elected as the moderator of the Conference. He is now pastor of the Goshen F. W. B. Church at North Belmont. Brother Loyd V. Wiggins, a layman, was elected as secretary.

At the eleven o'clock hour Rev. L. D. Gray, pastor of Mable Avenue Free Will Baptist Church at Kannapolis, brought a very fine and inspiring message. He spoke from the twelfth chapter of Romans. During the afternoon session there were some fine talks made by Rev. Sherman Oaks and Rev. O. M. Hillum and others. Some good resalutions were acted upon, and we believe a great step forward was taken for the good of the Free Will Baptist work in this section of the country.

Nineteen ministers were present for this meeting. Other Free Will Baptist ministers living in this section are invited to attend the next meeting which will be held on Saturday before the first Sunday in August, 1944, at Goshen F. W. B. Church, North Belmont, North Carolina.

Loyd V. Wiggins, Secretary,

North Belmont, N. C., Box 26

SUNSHINE

Someone scatters sunshine for me
Along life's rugged way;
Making life seem more sweet,
Cheering me whene'r we meet.

Someone scatters sunshine for me
Comforting me when I'm sad;
Making life still brighter
'Tis someone who makes me glad.

If I can scatter sunshine
Filling some's heart with cheer;
To comfort a heart that's aching
Perhaps I may dry a sad tear.

Yes, I'll be helping Jesus,
Living for Him too;
So, I'll be a friend of Jesus
For His service I will do.

—M. M. B.

ATTENTION LEAGUERS!

The State League Convention of North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 4, 1944, for a one-day session at the Hickory Chapel F. W. B. Church, 3 miles east of Ahoskie. Those leaguers who are planning to arrive one day prior to the Convention and spend the night there, are asked to contact or write to Mrs. Archie Willoughby. Let's make this the best Convention in the history of our Leagues.

Earl H. Glenn,

Vice President of State

League Convention

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor
New Bern, N. C.

PEOPLE'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY REPORT

Our auxiliary met on Saturday, May 13, 1944, in the home of Mrs. Frank Bass in its regular monthly meeting. The meeting opened with song, the Scripture lesson was taken from the eighteenth chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, and Miss Mildred Winstead led in prayer. The roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. There were fourteen members and two visitors present for the meeting.

Activities

Amount of dues collected	$3.15
Amount of birthday money	$0.69
Bible chapters read	224
Trays taken to the sick	9
Flowers taken to the sick	11
Garments given to the needy	4
Quarts of milk given to the sick	10
Pounds of butter given to the needy	5
Baskets given to the sick	17
Eggs given to the poor (doz.)	2
Sick visits made	79
Cards sent to the sick	3

The program was interesting, and the following poems were read by different members of the auxiliary: Home of the Soul, Increase our Faith, Moment by Moment, Prayer and Power, I Know Something Good About You, Lessons of the Year, etc.

The meeting closed with song and prayer, and the benediction was pronounced by Mrs. John Winstead.

Rachel Wells, Secretary

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SOUTH NORFOLK AUXILIARY REPORT

The Ladies auxiliary of South Norfolk Church held its regular monthly meeting on May 18, 1944, at the home of Mrs. J. W. Martin. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. D. Meeks, and we opened it with our auxiliary song. The Scripture reading was given by Mrs. Wilton Dail. We were led in prayer by Mrs. Meeks. Mrs. R. M. Gradeless read a selection entitled "Faithfulness of a Little Maiden."

Then the business session was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with 8 members and 4 visitors present. The dues collected amounted to $2.50. Also we received $23.80 in donations, including one gift of $20 from Cliff's Grocery, Old Suffolk Blvd., Portsmouth. At this time there were the different reports made.

Our president having been absent from the last meeting gave us a good report on the Albemarle Auxiliary convention, to which she went and our auxiliary was received in the convention. It was decided at our meeting that we should make a small donation of $5 to the stove fund for our Orphanage, along with 399 Octagon coupons.

The activities for the month were 32 Bible chapters read, two trays taken to the sick, 17 sick visits made, one funeral design, 2 flowers taken to the sick, 4 cards sent to the sick.

The meeting adjourned with the auxiliary benediction. Delicious refreshments were served and the social hour was enjoyed by all present.

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MONDAY AT THE FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

(Continued from page 3)

and call it ancient history. Poor Alexander! He had a lot of ardent admirers until examination day when he very suddenly lost his popularity.

When the bell rings this time at 10:30, we all rush out because the mail has come and everyone wants a letter from home.

The next hour we try to absorb as much education as is possible for one hour. This is the only time we think seriously of education, except for a good outline of the chapter, until the following Wednesday when we are again brought face to face with how much there is that we do not know.

Next comes Old Testament Synthesis. It is a wonderful course—similar to a revival hour almost every day.

At 12:30 we have lunch and the rest of the afternoon is spent in study, practice, music lessons or outside work until 5:30.

What then? Dating period until 6:00 which is the time for the evening meal. Immediately following we have our evening devotions. Then comes quiet hour until 9:15. At 10:30 the last bell for the day rings and all is quiet and still. Another day of golden opportunity for preparing for the service of our Master has ended. Tomorrow is a new day. There is plenty of work to do then.

(Miss) Trula Gunter

REPORT OF GENERAL EVANGELISTIC AND MISSION WORK

By Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Willis,
1417 Youngs Street,
Owosso, Michigan

Dear Co-Workers:

We desire to report at this time to you the work which God has given us to do, and to request your prayers. In the early part of April, we were in a very successful revival meeting at Tarpon, Virginia, near my home town. While with the First Free Will Baptist Church there, God did surely bless in a great way. Sixteen souls were saved, thirteen were baptized and united with the church.

We were privileged to baptize the principal of the Tarpon School, also a great-grand mother who had never been converted, even in her sixty-seven year of life. Mrs. Willis spoke a number of times to the young people, using "felt-o-graphs" with her messages. She spoke also to the students in the Tarpon School.

While in Virginia we were also with the Valley View Church at Clintwood

for one service, and attended the Dickenson County Quarterly Conference. Rev. E. C. Kiser was modertor. Again it was our happy privilege to hear Sister (Rev.) Dye expound the Scriptures. She truly is a called vessel of the Lord. We are planning to be at the Cleveland F. W. B. Church sometime soon. She is pastor of this church.

We closed our revival campaign at McDonald, Michigan, on Tuesday night. This is a small place in the extreme western part of the State, in what is known as the "Fruit Belt." There we used the Town Hall for our services, and we were entertained by Brother Lyle who for some time has been doing missionary work in Van Buren County. God also blessed us while we were there. We visited about fifteen schools with Brother Lyle, who goes into the schools each month with a gospel message.

On Sunday I was privileged to speak in one of Kalmazoo's larger fundamental churches, where Brother Kovi is pastor. I spoke on the subject, **"The Need of Supporting Home Missions."** As we travel from state to state, we see so much which should be done and so little to do with. Let us get behind the **Home Mission Program** and do things for the glory of the Lord. What shall we say about it Free Will Baptists?

We are planning to attend the Workers' Institute in Detroit, and then we will leave for Kentucky for some revival campaigns. The first one is to begin on June 18, 1944, at the Pilgrim Church, where Brother Moyle is pastor. Please pray much for us, for we want the Lord to have His way in the great work. At the present time (May 20) we are in a revival meeting here in Bangor, Michigan, at the "Gospel Church" where Brother Robbins is pastor. We find his church on fire for the Lord. We are in a grand home where God's presence can be felt at all times. Their daughter, Bernice Balzer, left some few months ago, as a missionary to India. Please pray for her.

We are in need of a car at this time, therefore, please pray that God will send us the money for one, also that He will touch my body, as I am not in too good health. I am glad that we are serving a God that can and does heal both soul and body. Amen.

"Because thou hast been my help, therefore, under the shadow of thy wings shall I rejoice" (Ps. 63: 7). He has been our help and we do rejoice in Him.

JOTS AND DOTS

By J. E. Ingalls

"The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?" (Isa. 21: 11).

We will first notice where the call to the watchman came from, Seir or the country of Edom, (Gen. 32: 3). By reading Gen. 36: 43, we find that the people of Edom were descendants of Esau, twin brother of Jacob.

Now it would take too much space to go into all the details concerning the Edomites, so I shall attempt to deal with the above question from a spiritual view. I think most of my readers are aware that most all the cities in ancient days had walls for protection from the enemy built around them.

For instance read Joshua 6: 5, But the walls of Jericho did not provide any protection when the Lord reached down with His powerful strength. Now, we people of today may be relying upon some fancied wall for protection, but if our lives are not in accord with God's plans and purposes, we will some day find our wall crumbling down just like the people of Jericho found theirs.

We will next read Nehemiah 6: 1. We understand that this wall was built with God's approval upon it. We also read in Rev. 21: 17 that even the city of the New Jerusalem has a wall around it.

Here is the main thought I would like to emphasize. It is in answer to the question asked in Isa. 21: 11. The watchman said, "The morning cometh, and also the night." Spiritually speaking I think the morning came when Jesus Christ made his appearance on earth as a tiny babe. The best I can understand from the Scriptures that there had been about 400 years of Spiritual darkness from the last Prophet Malachi of the Old Testament until Christ was born. So, when Christ was born that broke the gloom of the 400 years of Spiritual night, for the Prophet Malachi in chapter 4, verse 2, speaks of Christ as the SUN of righteousness. And another Scripture, I don't remember just where now, speaks of Christ as the day-Star. We all know when the day-star arises that night is most spent. So, when Christ, the day-Star, arose the Spiritual night was at an end.

Now, we will notice that the watchman said that night would follow day. We will try to explain this part thus: What we call death, Christ spoke of it as sleep. Now, the majority of us do our sleeping at night. So, we will consider that the night spoken of here refers to death, for the poet has said, "Work for the night cometh, when man works no more."

—Amen.

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Lesson: Philemon 1: 4-21.

I. Golden Text Illuminated—"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Eph. 4: 32).

"Bishop Warne was preaching to a congregation seated on the ground. He pictured the very people Christ came to serve, and save, seized Him, mocked and spat upon Him, took Him before Pilate; and after judgment took Him to Calvary. Vividly he described the sufferings on the Cross, the desertion of His friends in His agony; and how, in the midst of it all He cried out: 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do'! When the bishop reached this point, an old Hindu priest could stand it no longer. He rushed forward, threw himself at the bishop's feet and exclaimed over and over: 'We want you to leave India! We want you to leave India!' The bishop asked why; to which the Hindu replied: 'Because we have no story like this. We have no Saviour who lived a sinless life, died for His enemies, and prayed for the forgiveness of those who took His life. We have no story like this in all our religions. If you keep on telling this Story to our people they will forsake our temples and follow your Saviour.' " (Evangelical Christian).

"I Can Forgive You"

"What great matter," said a heathen tyrant to a Christian while he was beating him almost to death, "What great matter did Christ ever do for you?" "Even this," answered the Christian, "that I can forgive you, though you use me so cruelly."—New Cyclopadia of Religious Anecdote.

Courtesy and consideration can go a long way to smooth the friction of living, and manners and good breeding are splendid lubricants for all human contacts. But these have their limitations and there come times when all things fail except one—the grace of Christ **always** operates in love and kindness when it is allowed supremacy.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. It is good for Christians to pray for one another (Phile. 1: 4).

2. He who has love and faith for the Lord will also have love toward the saints (vs. 5).

3. It is a blessed ministry to refresh the saints of the Lord in their service (vs. 7).

4. It is far better to beseech a Christian brother than to try to command him (vss. 8, 9).

5. It is a brotherly act for one Christian to make intercession for another who is in need, especially before a brother (vs. 10).

6. A valuable man is worth twice as much if he becomes a Christian (vss. 11, 12).

7. Brotherly consideration for the rights of another is a beautiful Christian courtesy (vss. 13, 14).

8. A servant who is saved is also a brother of his master (vss. 15, 16).

9. What Paul offered to do for Onesimus the Lord has actually done for us (vss. 17, 18).

10. The Lord has sealed His promises with His own Blood (vs. 19).

Please note what our **Advanced Quarterly** has to offer on **Sermons** 1 and 9, and what the **Senior Quarterly** offers on 4 and 7. Then search out at least five other truths beside those given above.

III. Pratical Lessons

We are reminded of mother love in Paul's missionary love for both Philemon and Onesimus. The former was a master, a man of independence, a man of affairs. The latter was a slave, a run-away, a thief, and liable to pay the extreme penalty at the hands of his master.

Yet each was a Christian, won to faith in Christ by Paul himself, and hence Paul's spiritual child. He sought the good of each. As a Christian Philemon must forgive, and Onesimus must make restitution. But, lest the difficulty of discharging the debt should embarrass both slave and master, Paul put his **promissory note** in the very structure of his letter to Philemon, making it doubly valuable as a **letter of credit.** Mother love could do no more. Missionary love could do no less.

Missionary love is sensible and not soft. Paul neither fawned upon Philemon, the rich, nor excused Onesimus, the criminal. Tender solicitude for the child, new born in Christian faith, must, in no wise blind the eyes of paternal justice. Bible love is never divorced from Bible righteousness.

The debt must be paid—by Onesimus, by Paul, or by Philemon's own cancellation. The missionary must go all the way. So spiritually, he has only to fail in one particular. The new record can never be clean while yet a blot remains in the old.

By all means let Philemon and Onesimus get together but only in the bonds of Christ. And by all means let us, as "workers together with Him", see in this exquisite little Epistle a picture of the Church in universal ministry. The missionary will be a winner of souls amongst the poor and the rich. He will insist upon practical goodness. While tenderly affectionate he will not spoil his spiritual children. He will encourage courtesy, denounce pride, and seek to remove all obstacles to fellowship.

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THE FIRST DISTRICT UNION REPORT

The First District Union meeting of the Western North Carolina Association met with Little Rock Church, Wilson County, on April 29, 1944. Rev. Clarence Bowen conducted the devotional services. Rev. R. N. Hinnant presided over the meeting in the absence of the moderator.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of ministers was called. Tilden Renfrow and Charlie Fields were appointed to serve on the finance commitee. Special prayer was offered at this time for "world peace." The prayers were led by Elder J. H. Worley. Rev. R. N. Hinnant preached at the eleven o'clock hour, after which a bountiful dinner was spread on the church grounds, and all enjoyed the good dinner set before them.

Rev. Tilden Renfrow conducted the devotions at the opening of the afternoon session. The list of churches was called. Brother J. H. Worley spoke in the interest of the Orphanage, and the offering taken amounted to $28.42. The Nominating Committee made the following report: Rev. W. R. Williams to be re-elected as moderator, W. F. Pittman as secretary-treasurer, Rev. E. G. Holland and Brother A. G. Askew as program committee. Rev. R. N. Hinnant was made reading clerk and W. C. Sasser, Barnes Kirby, Willie Renfrow the Nominating Committee. The nominations were accepted by vote of the union.

Treasurer's Report

On hand from the last union	$ 1.01
Received today	88.12
Collection for the Orphanage	28.42
Total	$117.55

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	$ 38.42
Kenly Church	10.00
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Missions	5.00
Education	15.00
Church Finance Association, Incorporated	6.00
Union meeting expenses	12.00
Total paid out	$101.42
On hand now	$16.13

The next union meeting will be held at Stancil's Chapel in Johnson County. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union. The union closed with song and prayer.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant,
Acting Moderator.
W. F. Pittman,
Secretary-Treasurer

HIDDEN SINS

"Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults." (Psalm 19: 21).

The dangerous sin is the hidden sin. Reproof does not reach it; rebuke does not hinder it; shame does not point her finger at it. If it were brought to the light man would loathe it and flee from it; but while it is hidden they love it, and dote upon it, and delight in it.

And yet it cannot long be hid. The dead man's bones will soon sent through the whitest sepulchre. The serpent gets through fooling with its charmer, and rears its head and strikes its deadly blow. The smouldering fire breaks out at last; though sometimes God's mercy breaks in and pulls it out to save the man from the consuming flame. Many a time God exposes a man's sins that he may teach him righteousness; drags his wickedness into daylight that he may learn to hate it and forsake it;—blasting a reputation in order to save a soul.

For this mercy of the Most High we may well give thanks. We are far too ignorant of ourselves. We learn too slowly the plague of our own hearts. We do not soon enough detect the heart-wanderings which, through the providence of the Devil, beguile us into deadly sin. Who can understand his errors?

As, it is well that when we have locked up our hearts, with smouldering fires and guilty secrets within them, and have dreamed that all was safe, and pure, and right,—it is well then that some one who cannot be deceived comes to search our hearts and try our reins, and judge and chasten us in mercy, yet in power.

God knows us. He knows what is in us. He knows whither our every step turns, and appears in the seed, sprout, bud, blossom, or fruit; and he hates sin in every form. He tears open the fatal mass, and flinging away the smouldering embers that we hide within, he saves us from the everlasting fire.

Let our hearts ever lie open to this searching, and in our palmiest days of peace and joy let us still cry out, "Who can understand his errors?—cleanse thou me from secret faults."

Lord, fill me with a humble fear:
My utter helplessness reveal;
Satan and Sin are always near,
Thee may I always nearer feel.

O that to thee my constant mind
Might with an even flame aspire,
Pride in its earliest motions find,
And mark the rising of desire!

O that my tender soul might fly
The first abhorred approach of ill,
Quick as the apple of an eye
The slightest touch of Sin to feel!

O make me all like thee,
Before I hence remove;
Settle, confirm, establish me,
And build me up in love.

—Charles Wesley

A NOTE OF THANKS

I have been here in the hospital at Kecoughtan, Virginia, for four weeks. I wish to thank everyone for the nice letters, cards and prayers of the many good friends who have remembered me since I came here for treatment. I do not know how many have remembered me, but quite a few, and I do want them to know in this way that I do appreciate every remembrance shown to me.

Please continue to pray for me that I may soon get better so that I can return to my home. I hope to be able to go home before very long. Again I am asking that the Christian people pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,
C. H. Denton

Boys and Girls Corner

A LOST BOOK FOUND

Long, long ago, away across the seas in Jerusalem, the city which King David built, there lived a boy named Josiah. Josiah was only eight years old, but he was a king. All the people of his country bowed to him, and thousands of soldiers obeyed his commands. He lived in a beautiful palace and wore a crown on his head.

Instead of going to school, as most little boys do, he had teachers who lived right there in the palace. They taught him how to rule his people, and how to lead his army, and all the other things kings have to know. Best of all, one of his teachers told him how God had blessed him and his country, and that God wanted him to be a good king and have all his people do right.

Most of Josiah's subjects were wicked. Josiah's father, who had been king before him, did not love God, and had closed the temple, which was their church. Then the people made ugly idols of stone and metal, and kneeled down and prayed to the horrid images. They forgot all about God and were as wicked as they could be.

Josiah told them they must destroy all their idols and must worship God and be good. But they had been bad so long they couldn't even remember what God wanted them to do. They didn't know where to find out, either, because God's book had been lost.

King Josiah was very sad because his people were so wicked. He decided to repair the temple which had been closed for so long—the temple which was God's house. He thought if he could get his people to come there, they might learn to do better. He sent workmen to the temple to fix all the broken places in it, and to make it clean and beautiful again.

The men would not work without money, but Josiah knew there was some money hidden in the temple. He sent one of his trusted men, Hilkiah, to find it.

Hilkiah found the money, but what else do you suppose he found? Why, a book that had been lost for years and years! He found the book about God, a part of our Bible.

It wasn't the shape of the books we have. It was a long roll of paper like you see in the picture. On it was written all that God had told Moses about what the people must do if they wanted Him to take care of them.

In those days there were no schools. Many big men could not read as well as you can. But Hilkiah found a man who could read. He took the lost treasure to King Josiah and told him what God said in it. Then the king knew what his people must do to please God.

Josiah was king for many years, and all the time he tried to help his people to do the things which he learned in this book that was found in God's house.

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TRUANT BOB

Bob was down by the willow trees fishing for the minnows.

It seemed a shame to hang around home and do chores when the robins were singing and out-of-doors so beautiful.

He asked a robin if it would not be a good plan to go fishing.

"Chee, chee," said the robin.

"That means 'yes, yes!'" said bobbie, so he started off, promising himself a good time.

After fishing a while without any success Bobbie began to feel hungry and started toward home. The sun was hot and he was tired, so he sat down under a tree by the fence to rest.

By and by he heard a short cropping noise behind him, and, turning, he saw something that made him say, "Oh, my!"

There were grandpa's Alderney calves looking at him, and saying as plainly as calves can say, "We're playing truant, Bobbie. Isn't it fun?"

"To think that I forgot to put the bars up," said Bobbie.

Then he made a dash and all the calves made a spring, all at once.

"I guess those calves have come to stay," he sighed, after he had chased them for half an hour.

They wandered to the other side of the barn and out of sight.

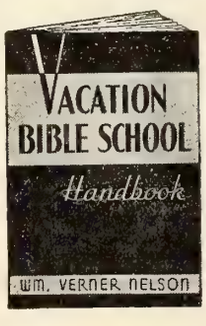
It was milking time, and Uncle Ned came out of the barn with two pails full to the brim with milk. Returning to the barn for a moment he left the pails of milk in the path leading to the house.

The four truant calves lost no time in discovering them, and when Uncle Ned returned three were drinking out of one pail, and the other one had been overturned. Bobbie saw it, too, and cried.

"Yes, and you are a very naughty boy," said a familiar voice. "You've had a fine holiday and so have the calves, my laddie, and as soon as you have had some supper you may go to bed!"

Bobbie's tired little legs ached, and he was very unhappy because he was punished for what the little runaway calves did; and yet, when he came to think of it, they did not know any better, so he was to blame. They had a good time at his expense, but he did not mean to give them a chance to do such mischief again.

Children, remember, whether you do right or wrong, others see what you are doing, even animals, and follow you. The little calves were tempted when the bars were left down and then the mischief was done. How very careful you should be, not only for yourself, but for others as well!— The Children's Hour.



— N E W —

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THE WORLD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD SIN

"Israel hath sinned, and they have transgressed my covenant which I commanded them; for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff" (Jous. 7: 11.)

The question of sin is ever paramount in the Word of God. It was sin that made necessary the death of Christ upon the Cross. It was sin that caused God to turn His back upon Israel. Sin will cause God to turn His back upon us today. In spite of all this, men belittle the heinousness of sin. Men belittle sin inasmuch as they deny its existence. Many today call black, white and the evil, good.

So far as the modern world is concerned Satan is no more going about seeking whom he may destroy, and sin is no more leading men to hell. In fact, sin and Satan are not even recognized among the men of the world. Men belittle sin by excusing it. Even if the world does recognize sin, they thing of it more as a joke or folly. They say, I can easily quit when I want to.

Many men will gather in large crowds or in public places and boast of their evil deeds. Men think of sin as a great satisfaction to their flesh. The dance hall, the gambling den, the beaches and houses of shame are more satisfaction to them than the things of God. To such people the fruits of sin is desired to make one glad. Many ministers today will preach about the sin of David and Moses and many of the people of old, but never say any thing about the sin of today. Many times he can't say anything about them because he indulges in them himself.

Many preachers will get in their pulpits and declare to their people that there is nothing wrong in going to the movies, or going to the public swimming pool, or going to the dance for exercise. But, brother, these things are of the Devil, and should not, and will not be indulged in by true Christians. God magnifies the heinousness of sin. He says that the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies, and such like.

We should all say of the natural man, in me (that is in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing. God says that the "wages of sin is death." This is directly against man's conception. Man thinks sin should be overlooked, and excused, but God thinks that sin should be punished. May we realize the fact that God cannot and does not overlook sin.

Rev. R. W. Allman,
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Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise;
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

—Frances Ridley Havergal

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EDUCATION AND RELIGION

The public school in America was established by men and women who were devoted to God and who loved His Word. Almost without exception, the American university was planted and watered in the same manner. For more than a hundred years learning was the handmaiden of religion; education, the mouthpiece of Christianity.

What a vast change has come over this handmaiden of the Church during the present century! It is doubtful if God Himself has any more effective opponent than the average modern university, and especially the misnamed normal or state training college.

Perfectly realizing that the winning of youth means the capture of society in the next generation, Satan has put forth his most prodigious endeavor and witnessed his most eminent success in these schools. The result is that today we have almost universal education and practically universal crime. The warden of Sing Sing recently said: "The average age of criminals has been reduced from forty-six to the early twenties, while at the same time the average criminal has changed from an illiterate to the highly learned. High schools, colleges, and universities now make magnificent contributions to reformatories and state prisons."

Morals can and ought to be taught in public schools. The late Professor Machen said truthfully, "It is useless to try to keep the raging sea of passion within the flimsy mud embankment of appeal to experience. There will have to be recourse again to the stern, solid masonry of the law of God. Man-made authority cannot secure the reverence of man. Society can endure only if it is found on the rock of God's commands."

—W. B. Riley, in
Problems of Youth.

EDITORIAL

WHEN TO CHANGE PASTORS

There is an old question which is repeated over and over by many church people in some localities: "When should a church change pastors?" Many answers have been given. Some say, "A church should keep its pastor as long as the church is progressing in a fine way, and the pastor is willing to stay." There are others who say, "A change should be made in two or three years, regardless as to the good condition of the church." Still others claim that pastors soon wear out at a church if they are kept too long, because the people grow tired of hearing them preach.

As a matter of fact, with the majority of churches, short pastorates prove to be unfruitful, both to the church and to the pastor. It takes time for a church and its pastor to launch a program, and to move forward with great progress. Constant shifting is always detrimental to the best interest of the church, as it is shown in other phases of human activities. A great church program is not built up in one year or even a short period of time. There must be continued efforts by both pastor and people and faithful co-operation of all for the best interests of the church as a whole.

It has been the experience of successful pastors that their best work and their greatest success resulted from long tenure of pastorates with people with whom they labored and built up a great work in the church and community. This has been true both with the large rural and city churches. The church people and the pastor, when working harmoniously and with definite goals in view, should go on progressing year after year in the work of the Lord. Let the change come only when, in the sight of God and for the cause of righteousness, there is plainly shown the imminet need of a change. Many a church has checked its progress by changing pastors too soon, as well as keeping them too long, and thus the church work becomes disrupted, and many people become disinterested and careless cerning the cause of righteousness in the community.

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THE LENGTH OF REVIVALS

"What should determine the length of a revival meeting?" This question was asked the editor sometime ago. His reply was the effect that, in his personal opinion, ther are usually several factors which often enter into the length of the average meeting. Some of the factors which he stated are generally considered are as follows: First, the old custom of running the meeting for one week, regardless of the results; second, some revivalists close their meetings at the end of a week's meeting, because they have already another meeting scheduled to begin the next week somewhere else; and third the church people, in some instances, feel that they cannot attend the services, and look after their secular affairs of making a living, for a period longer than a week or ten days.

But are these reasons or excuses the proper ones to determing the length of a revival? What about the spiritual side of the meeting? Should not the power and the Spirit of God, working in the hearts of the people be a determining factor in the length of the revival meeting? Is it proper to close a meeting in the midst of the greatest spiritual activity, when souls are being saved and the church is being greatly revived? We believe that many a good meeting has been closed too soon, and some who were under conviction were turned away before actually becoming converted.

It has been the experience of a great many evangelists that the best results in a revival meeting are obtained when the meeting continues on to a normal close, that is, when the Spirit of God says, "Enough, the reaping has been great, the church has been revived, and the community greatly aroused to a realization of its responsibility to God." A season of spiritual refreshing has been witnessed by many and lost souls have found their way to Christ. In such cases a revival may be weeks long in reaching its full fruition for the glory of God and the strengthening of the church. There should be not "a cut and dried plan" fixed or set for the length of time the revival should be run, but that God and the Holy Spirit should have way in determining the length of the revival.

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"CHURCHES MOVING UP"

From the reports which are occassionally coming to us, it is being talked that more of the stronger and better organized churches in the eastern part of the State of North Carolina are looking forward to moving up to half-time monthly services from single-time services. Both pastors and the church people are beginning to see the need of having more services in those churches each month. They feel that the spiritual life of the community must move forward in this age of great stress and strain, loose morals and broad-spread drinking of alcoholic beverages, on the part of so very many people, in order to combat in a greater way the ever increasing forces of evil in the land.

These more progressive churches are interested in their youth, and are seeking to give them every opportunity possible to lead them to God away from the enticements of evil and sin. Even some of the smaller and weaker churches are becoming to think that they should awake and give their young people better opportunities for religious services and a deeper insight into the way they should live. They realize that they can, with proper cooperation of the church and community, hold services on two Sundays in each month of the year, and thereby draw the interest and concern of both the old and the young toward better ways of living and a closer walk with God.

Let us hope that this seniment will continue to spread among other churches until most all churches will be running on at least half-time basis in a few years. Certainly the need is great in this day, and the results will be well worth the extra efforts put forth by such progressive churches.

"Feet Washing" As I See It

By Elder Colonel Pendleton
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For many years, I have read all the books I could get on the subject of "Feet Washing." And after making it a careful study, I thought I would give my views on it.

Now, first, of all I wish to call your attention to Luke 9: 23, which reads, "And He said to them all, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." We see we must "Follow" Jesus; for if we follow him all the way, then we will need to go to John 13: 4, 5, where we read, "He riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that He poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded." In Matt. 28: 19, 20, we hear Jesus saying, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

Now, since some say that "feet washing" was only for the jews, let us notice that Jesus said, "All nations." To make it plainer I give Mark 16: 15 which reads, "And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." As we all know, God's children should do all things that will please Him. Yes, it pays to do the things that please God, for we read in Hebrews 11: 5 that "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God." Let us look at the case of king Saul in 1 Samuel 15, and we read, "And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, He hath also rejected thee from being king."

By keeping God's commands, we show we do love Him, for we read, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. . . . He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me" (John 14: 15, 21, 24).

By doing **"all things"** we show we are his friends. In John 15: 14, we hear Jesus saying, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." Now, to you who do not **"observe all things"** or as Jesus said in John 14: 24 "My sayings," hear the Holy Spirit, through the apostle John, telling you what you are. Let us read, "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He that sayeth, I know Him, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." (I John 2: 3, 4.

Please do not say you are a child of God, if you are not keeping His commandments, or **"sayings,"** for the **"Word"** says you are **"a liar,"** and if you do not **"observe all things,"** do not be too sure you are going to heaven. God has said, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev. 21: 8).

Is not "feet washing" one of the **"all things"** Jesus commanded the "Eleven" to do? Some one may say that Jesus did not say "wash feet," but only said, **"ye also ought."** Now, please let us notice how the word, **"ought"** is used in other passages of Scriptures. But first, we will see what meaning Webster gives to it. "Ought," says Webster, means, "To be held or bound in duty or moral obligation." Please notice how it is used in Matt. 23: 23. Jesus uses the word ought in speaking to hypocrites, and I quote "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weighter matters of the law, judgment, mercy and faith; these **ought** ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Next, we notice Romans 15: 1, where we hear Paul saying, "We then that are strong **ought** to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves." Then in, Matt. 25: 27, we read, "Thou **oughtest** therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, that at my coming I should have received mine own with usury." Again in Luke 24: 26, we read, "**Ought** not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory." And in James 3: 10 we find this strong use of the word, "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things **ought** not so to be."

And now to clinch the whole thing, I will give Peter's words to the high priest, as recorded in Acts 5: 29, which reads, "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We **ought** to obey God rather than men." With all honest people, this one verse should settle the whole thing, for we all know it is, according to the wise man's words, as found in, Ecc. 12: 13, "Let us hear the conclusion: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." Therefore we conclude that "feet washing" is an ordinance of the New Testament. It was instituted by Jesus, in the upper room, and at the same time He instituted the Lord's Supper. He commanded it to be observed. Read John 13: 14, 15. and Matt. 28: 19, 20. He also made it a test of fellowship between Himself

and Peter, for we read in John 13. 6, 8, "Then cometh He to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto Him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto Him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me." Now, please remember that if Peter could not have any part with Jesus, without feet washing, How can you?

We know that all have been sinners, according to Paul's teaching in Romans 3: 9, which reads, "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin." All must repent, for we hear Jesus saying in Luke 13: 2, 3, "And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that those Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." So, we see the Lord has the same terms for all. We read in Rev. 22: 14, 19. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gate into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is a thirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely. For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." Please pay special attention to this. "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

Here are some reasons why the washing of the Saints' feet was not the old Jewish custom.

In the old custom each one washed his own feet. For proof I give Gen. 18: 4, which reads, "Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree." I also give Gen. 19: 2, which I think ought to be proof enough for any honest person. "And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night." Please notice that in the ordinance of "feet washing" Jesus said, "Ye call Me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye **also ought** to wash **one another's feet.** For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." We see that we are to **"wash one another's feet."** In the old custom they received a literal benefit—cleanliness. (Gen. 18: 1), but in the ordinance of "feet washing" we receive a spiritual benefit. Read John 13: 17. Again, to prove that it was not the old Jewish custom, let us notice the case of Peter. Although he was a jew, he did not understand it. For Jesus said, "Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus answered and said unto him, what I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter." To show that feet fashing was made a test of fellowship, let us read verse eight as follows, "Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. But listen to the answer Jesus gave him, "If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me."

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PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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"He passed by on the other side" (Lu. 10: 32).

Instead of assuming personal responsibility, we look to the church, the society, the lodge, or some organization to do the work that belongs to the individual. The Good Samaritan did not say, "I will report to the church next Sunday, or to the lodge the next time we meet." He went in person and bound up the poor man's wounds. Then he set him on his own beast, brought him to the inn, and watched with him all night.

If the church could get her members to act individually, saying individually, "Here am I, send me," it would not be long until the kingdoms of this world would become the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In time of bereavement and great sorrow, it is right to send a note of sympathy, a few flowers, or a few dollars, but that cannot take the place of individual touch. You must take hold of the trembling hand, look into the swollen eyes, see the quivering lips, and read the deep anguish of soul expressed in every move, before you can truly and sincerely "Bear ye one another's burdens. Jesus is not armies, battalions, regiments and companies, He is calling individuals. He needs you and he expects you to do your part in promoting His kingdom work. If you fail to do your part, you are responsible for the success or failure of the cause committed to you. No one can take your place and do your work.

Christ entered the home of Mary and Martha, but He did not send someone to tell them that He was sorry to hear of their Brother Lazarus' death. He went with them to the grave, groaned in spirit and wept with the distressed sisters. When the Prodigal Son returned home, his father did not send someone to meet him, but he went in person himself, and gave him a hearty welcome. He placed the white robe around him, and kissed away all doubt of parental

displeasure and forgave him. Is it not true that there are prodigal sons and profligate daughters today wandering over the world? They are spending all on riotous living, sinful pleasures, simply because there was no sympathetic contact of God's people with them.

When Father and Mother are more interested in games and pleasures, and give very little care or companionship with their sons and daughters, they soon stray away into bad company. They become discouraged at home, grow restless and dissatisfied with home surroundings. They thus seek associations elsewhere. Parents cannot shift the responsibility to the teacher, to the minister, to the church. Children are like the clay in the potter's hands, they can be fashioned into vessels of honor, or vessels of dishonor.

The unfortunate traveller went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. All the way from Jerusalem to Jericho is down and many dangers along the way. We hear the agonizing cry of many wounded souls, and too long have we passed by on the other side. Everything connected with the religious life is personal, or individual. It is not a question as to what other people are doing. The question is, What are you doing? We must all appear at the judgment seat of Christ to be rewarded according to the deeds done in the body, whether they be good, or bad. Individual cross, an dindividual crown, that is what counts in a life of individual service in the name of Jesus.

During this time of great stress, many are going wrong, for it is easy to follow the multitude to do evil. It seems hard to say, "Let others do as they may, as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." We are to look, for the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few. God is calling for you. He wants you to go work in His harvest field today, not tomorrow, but today. Now is the accepted time. Tomorrow may be too late. Too long, we have passed on the other side.

VITAL EVANGELISM FOR OUR TIME

By Samuel McCrea Cavert
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One of the obvious trends in the religious life of our generation is that it has been more preoccupied with the **fruits** of the Christian life than with the **roots.** Integrity of character, a desire for service, a passion for social justice, enthusiasm for a warless world—these are rightful fruits of faith in God and of commitment to His will as made known to us in Christ. But we often forget that we cannot harvest abundant fruits unless we patiently and wisely nourish the roots.

No thoughtful Christian could desire to see the churches give less attention to social and international problems. We may, however, well ask ourselves whether we are likely to get much farther in making society Christian until we have gone much deeper in finding the sources of personal religious power.

In a homely illustration used by Professor Rufus M. Jones, our situation is like that in which he found himself in connection with his Ford car back in the days before self-starters. He cranked the engine furiously but it would not run. He was on the point of turning in despair to some expert in mechanics, who could find out what was wrong with the machinery, when he finally realized that he had not turned on the ignition! There was no spark, and so long as the spark was lacking the engine remained stalled. Likewise is our social mechanism today. However much it may need technical repair, the greatest lack is the "spark" —the spiritual motive, without which the most perfect social machine will not run.

This means that **the primary task of Christians is a more vital evangelism**—using that magnificent word not in the narrow sense of revivalistic techniques but in the broad, full meaning of **winning men to faith in God and discipleship to Jesus Christ.** As to what a vital evangelistic program would involve, the following things may certainly be said:

Witnessing

1. A vital evangelism must begin with the note of **witness.** As Principal John Whale insists, Christianity is intensely alive only when it is a "witnessing Christianity." It witnesses to the fact of God as the supreme and inescapable reality. It witnesses to what God has done for us in Christ, to what He can do for us today. Whatever else evangelism is, it is always Good News. Over against the current sense of the futility and meaninglessness of life, the Christian evangel is an affirmation that our human existence has spiritual meaning and purpose. It declares that man has not been left to grope blindly for some dim clue to the enigma of life but that a Word of God has been vouchsafed to us which gives light and guidance and redemption.

This witness must be borne to those who are nominally within the Church since so many of them have the most meager understanding of what Christian faith really means. Our witness must also be borne to those outside the Church who are wistfully seeking for something which will give high significance both to their own lives and to society but who do not know where to find it. There is no Good News in merely exhorting men to strive harder for a new world. We have Good News for men only when we can help them to see that there is a God Who wills a new world, Who has revealed in Christ what the nature of the new world is, and Who through Christ mediates more than our human power for its achievement.

Mr. Norman Thomas, whom you might expect to put the first emphasis on social and economic and political reform, went to the heart of the matter when he told a group of students for the ministry:

"The church may well, as one of its activities, promote discussion of current problems but no church justifies itself by becoming a forum. . . . For the minister, a social conscience and some humanitarian enthusiasm are no substitute for a living message about a God Whose love and power he has found not only his peace . . . .

but also his ground of hope for the victory of the Kingdom of God and peace for all mankind."

Repentance and Conversion

2. A vital evangelism must sound the note of **personal repentance and conversion.** If these words seem outmoded, they will come to life again when it is realized that in every social task before us there is no need quite as great as the need for better human stuff. So the Christian Mission on World Order, now being carried on across the nation, puts this petition in the forefront of its "prayer for a Christian world":

"We come with penitence in our hearts. We have sinned against our fellow-men. We have sinned against our fellow-nations. We have allowed the forces of selfishness, of greed, of national pride, of racial prejudice, of distrust and of hatred to sway our thought and guide our purpose. Forgive us, and cleanse us of this unrighteousness."

There is no such thing as salvation by any external process. However necessary changes in the outward arrangements of our economic, social and political life may be, the basic need is for a change in our own lives. Even if some social Utopia were ushered in tomorrow morning, it would be wrecked by nightfall if it had to be administered by men who are still narrowly self-seeking in their interests, still obsessed with materialistic standards of success, still lustful of power over others. We should have a healthy impatience with grandiose schemes for a better world through come ingenious social reorganization or some impersonal mass attack on evils without ever getting down to the root difficulties in the souls of men. It is of no avail to pray, "Create a new social order and renew a right structure in society," until we are prepared to utter the deeper prayer, "Create in **me** a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within **me.**" As Edwards Davis said as he looked out on civilization some years ago:

"All Social Schemes, all planned Economies,
All specious blue-prints of man's Ideal States,
All vain attempts at just Democracies,
Utopias or Cities of High God
Have failed—and must for long time fail—for lack
Of only one essential thing; enough
Just men and true to make Peace possible."

Whatever else we do, we need never apologize for insisting on repentance and conversion and spiritual renewal as the foundation of any better social order. Miss Vida Scudder, a Christian with as sensitive a social imagination as our generation has known, put it well when she gave this word of admonition to the ministry:

"The hungry sheep leave church, swollen less with theological chaff than in Milton's day, but with sociological chaff, which is no more nourishing. Earnest people go to church very wistful, and what they crave from Christian preaching is not instruction about reforms. They want release for the frozen springs of will and feeling, power imparted to open the soul to the inflowing grace of God."

Social Responsibility

3. A vital evangelism for today must, however, sound the note of Christian **social responsibility.** It must aim to bring the whole range of human life under the sway of Christ. Any message of salvation which is not seen to be revelant to the ethical chaos, the moral wrongs, the social injustices of our day will be ignored by the most thoughtful men, and will deserve to be ignored. Unless Christianity means something of prime importance for securing better homes for those now doomed to live in slums, making our economic arrangements more brotherly, overcoming our racial prejudices and discriminations, and establishing an international order of cooperation, it simply will not appear to have the redemptive power which we claim for it. A church that did not have an eager concern for such environmental factors would be like a physician trying to cure a tubercular patient without placing him in a climate in which he would have a favorable chance. For there is no such thing as an individual living in a social vacuum; he cannot be abstracted from the social matrix which includes all his contacts with his fellows and his whole heritage of human institutions.

What we are seeking, therefore, is something very different from the conversion of a theoretical individual conceived as an entity apart from his social relationships. A conversion in that limited and artificial sense affords no assurance of bringing forth special fruits for repentance. The kind of conversion which we are talking about is a reorientation of the whole personality to the Divine will and to the Christian understanding of the true ends of our social existence. One of the reports of the Madras Conference of the International Missionary Council in 1938 analyzed the relation of the individual and the social aspects of Christianity discerningly when it said:

"It is not enough to say that if we change the individual we will of necessity change the social order. That is a half truth. For the social order is not entirely made up of individuals now living. It is made up of inherited attitudes which have come down through customs, laws, institutions, and exist in large measure independently of individuals now living. Change those individuals and you do not of necessity change the social order unless you organize those changed individuals into collective action in a widescale, frontal attack upon those corporate evils. Social change will come from individual change only when the content of social change is put within the concept and fact of individual change."

The delightful story of an old Negro preacher in South Carolina, who died a few years ago, may be taken as a sort of symbol of the individual and the social notes in Christianity. This negro, popularly known as Brother Jaggers, had preacher ten thousand times from a single text. The verse which had served him for a lifetime was St. Paul's word, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." He had preached his first sermon when a slave boy still in his teens. His last message, when he was well over ninety, was still based on the same passage of Scripture.

When asked why he followed this strange practice of always using the same text, he replied that everything which he knew that was worth saying could be said under that head. It was a profounder insight than perhaps he realized, for St. Paul's injunction fuses two emphases that must be kept together. The mind of Christ is to be "in you"; if it is not in persons, it is nowhere. At the same time, the mind of Christ is an outlook on life which covers one's total experience.

Decision and Commitment

4. A vital evangelism must sound the note of **decision.** Men do not merely drift into right relations with God. They do not become disciples of Christ simply by a traditional participation in church activities. They do not enter into citizenship in the Kingdom of God merely by sharing the vague moral ideals which are current around them. They have to choose. The desperate plight of the world today, the sense of urgency and crisis, should restore in the Church its early accent on a clear-cut decision of the will and an out-and-out commitment to Christ. In a generation in which Fascist spokesmen dramatically summon youth to an unhesitating allegiance to all-too-human leaders, the Church would be false both to its birthright and its opportunity if it did not challenge men to make the one decision which will set their feet in the right direction on the true way of life. Until they find this basic direction for their living they are "lost souls," involved in a hopeless labyrinth of conflicting purposes and desires.

How many people, even in our churches, spend most of their lives in a state of spiritual indecision, dodging the major issues of life! They move now in one direction, now in another, never stepping out decisively on a deliberately chosen path. Not a little of the "new psychology" during the last two or three decades has lent itself to this shilly-shallying. A "well adjusted personality" often meant a personality all too easily adjusted to the conventional standards of those who had the least moral passion and spiritual insight. "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed" is a sorely needed word for our generation.

Certain tendencies in our religious education, it must be admitted, have soft-pedalled the note of decision and commitment. It has often been assumed that children and youth would "evolve" into Christian character in about the way that a flower unfolds before the sun. The failure to bring them consciously face-to-face with Jesus Christ as One whom they accept as Master and Lord and to whom they henceforth dedicate their whole lives is the greatest weakness in the Church's educational program.

If someone objects, "how can I decide to commit myself to Christ, when I am not sure that the Christian faith is true?" the answer is that you never will be entirely sure until after you decide. One has to take the faith attitude, not the theorizing attitude, if he is to arrive at certainty. You climb to certainty about any great conception of life by way of what William James once called a "faith-ladder," mounting the ladder on these rungs:

"It **might** be true, you say, for it is not self?contradictory.

"It may be true, you continue, even here and now.

"It is fit to be true, it would be **well** if it were true, it **ought** to be true, you presently feel.

"It **must** be true, something persuasive in you whispers next; and then—as a final result—

"It shall be **held for true,** you decide; it **shall** be as if true, for **you.**

"And your acting thus may be the means of making it securely true in the end."

Full Christian Faith

5. A vital evangelism must proclaim the **full Christian faith.** No diluted Christianity will suffice. Against the temptation to think of it merely as an aspect of culture or of the social process, we must insist that it is "a word from the Beyond"—a historic revelation of God to mankind in Jesus Christ. A Christianity which offers itself as less than that will never have the spiritual power that the world needs.

We have seen a striking illustration of this in the recent experience of th Church in Germany. Why is it that in that unhappy land every institution except the Church was easily coerced into conformity with the Nazi formula of blood and soil as the all-determining factors in life? The universities and the press, which had been thought of as great defenders of truth and freedom, allowed a totalitarian government to tell them what they might teach and say. The labor unions, which were expected to defend the rights of the common man, crumpled up over night. Even the arts permitted the government to dictate what books might be read, what music rendered, what dramas enacted. Only the Church—or, rather, that section of it which had a clear understanding of itself as the bearer of a Word of God which could not be compromised—was able to resist the pressure to adjust itself to the new "gospel." The Church was able to do it only because it knew that its life was rooted not in any contemporary racial or national culture but in the eternal Reality whose nature had been once for all revealed in Jesus Christ.

If this sounds "theological," let it be said decisively that an evangelism which has no deep theological foundations will be far too feeble for these times. For the great issue for the Christian Church today is whether it has a world view capable of standing against the unchristian world views that are being inculcated with all the ardor of a missionary crusade.

New gods are being proclaimed—like the Absolute State and the Absolute Race—as the supreme objects of faith. Over against these we must proclaim with fresh insight the universal God Who, in Jesus Christ, has made Himself known as the Father and Lord of all mankind.

New doctrines of man are abroad. There is the secularist doctrine that man is only a child of nature, a sort of high-grade simian, made up of a bundle of automatic reflexes. There is the Marxian doctrine that man is only a child of economic forces, whose destiny is completely determined by the processes of the manufacture and distribution of material goods. There is the Fascist doctrine that man is only a creature of the State. Over against all these doctrines that re-

duce man to a being that finds his whole moral fulfillment in the service of earthly ends, we must proclaim the Christian doctrine of man as a responsible moral agent created by God for eternal fellowship with Him.

The Church today is engaged in nothing less than a struggle for the existence of Christianity itself as the truth about the meaning of existence and the destiny of man. In such a situation it makes the utmost difference to men whether (in the words of J. H. Oldham) "that to which the church points them is a world of ideals or a world of solid and indispensable fact." As Baron Von Hugel once said, "All the **'oughts'** in the world cannot take the place of the one 'is,' " Christianity, in the time of its origin, was a proclamation about the nature of things. The Gospel which triumphed over the Roman Empire was more than an ideal; it was the disclosure of the ultimately Real. It won its victory in the crumbling Roman civilization because it was a message about God—a God whose will is the final reality in the universe and Who has entered into human life for man's redemption. Christianity, is indeed, a way of living but it is also a way of thinking, and if men are to be Christian in conduct they must believe the world is made for Christian living.

WHY STUDY GOD'S WORD?

First, It Is Commanded

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2: 15).

When we as Christians and ministers especially, we realize the great need of studying God's word. We will then be able to accomplish much more for God. Our denomination will never be able to accomplish what it should until we ministers realize the need of study. We will be more able both to win the lost to Christ by reading and studying His precious Word, and to live a better life before our people. God's Word is a guide for His people, and unless we read and study it we are liable to get on the "wrong road." When we have studied the Holy Scriptures, we are not ashamed to stand before our congregations and tell them the love of Jesus.

Second, It Reveals the Way of Salvation

"And that from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (II Tim. 3: 15).

By studying God's Word the way of salvation is made plain to us. When it has been made plain to us and we understand it, then we can go out and tell others in such a way that they will understand. Many parents take time to read the daily news and the funny paper, but never have time to read God's word. They wonder why their children are so hard hearted. Paul, speaking of Timothy said, "From a child thou hast known the Holy scriptures." How can we teach our children the Word of God when we never read or study it ourselves? In many homes we will find "True Story magazines" and "Detective Story magazines" in the front room where the Bible should be.

Third, It Will Endure Forever

"But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (1st Peter 1: 25).

"Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away" (Mark 13: 31).

God's word will endure, it gives assurance to the believer. It is profitable for reproof, for doctrine, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness. It will give great peace to those who read and study it. In Psalm's we read, "Great peace have they which love thy law; and nothing shall offend them."

Fourth, It Will Judge Men at the Last Day

"He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him; the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (Jno. 12: 48).

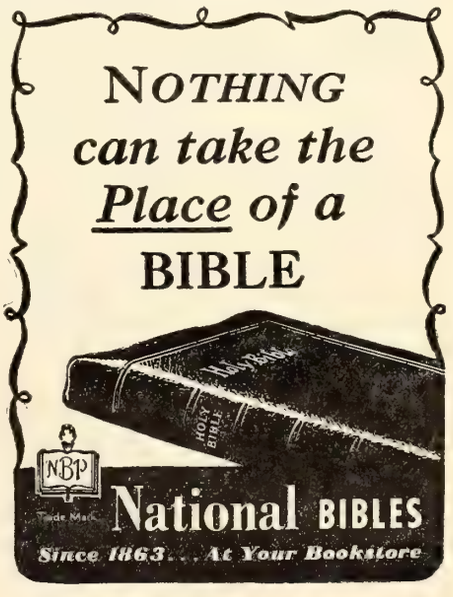
We are going to be judged by God's word, and how can we know how we are to be judged unless we read and study His word? How are we to know the great and precious promises of God unless we read and study His word? There's gold in the word of God but we must dig to get it out. We read in Hosea 4: 6 where God said, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee." When we neglect to read and study God's word we are rejecting knowledge. The sad part is that spiritual ignorance is often wilful. Men and women are willing to go on without studying anything about the truths of God. Many of our young preachers are failing in their work for the lack of studying God's word. Wilful ignorance of God is fatal, it will cause us to be rejected. In reading God's word we receive strength, encouragement, joy, happiness and heart-satisfaction. Why not make a habit of reading some in God's word each day?

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The next session of the Free Will Baptist Ministers' Conference will convene with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Georgia, on the Fourth Sunday night in June, 1944. The conference will run through the following week. All ministers of the F. W. B. faith are urged to attend this meeting.

H. L. Catrett, Moderator,
W. R. Davis, Secretary



REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

For the Month of April, 1944

Missouri	$407.73
North Carolina	171.24
Texas	74.50
Michigan	61.12
Georgia	47.02
Illonois	43.11
Tennessee	26.75
Alabama	5.00
Oklahoma	4.90
South Carolina	2.00
Total	$843.37

Winford Davis, Treasurer

Monett, Missouri

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary, North Carolina State Association

Why Do We Preach?

The high calling of the ministry stands out far above all callings, vocations, positions, ratings and professions. No ideal, system nor organization can reach the heights set by Almighty God in the "CALL TO THE MINISTRY."

A great minister was visited by a group of friends, it is said, several years ago, at which time, he was urged to become a candidate for the presidency of the United States. The minister asked, "Can I preach?" The reply was, "Of course not, it will take all your time to be president." Then the minister said, "I cannot step down from the pulpit to become president of the United States." This minister placed the pulpit above the President's office.

Note that I said, in the beginning, "the high calling of the ministry." We believe that only the "God-called man" can be a true minister. I believe with all my heart, that no person has any right to take upon himself the profession of the ministry. It is not a profession, it is a calling from God. Paul said, in writing to Timothy, "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given in us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: whereunto I am appointed a preacher" (2 Tim. 1: 8-11). Are we preaching for God, or for self? Are we God-called ministers, or are we "self-made" ministers?

The Only Foundation
(continued)

It is distinguished for its duration. There are foundations which are perfectly sound in the beginning, but with age they begin to deteriorate and finally crumble and have to be replaced, or in many instances the whole structure has to be torn away. But not so with the Foundation of the Church of Jesus Christ. It is not affected by time nor age. It does not rust nor decay. Neither termites nor parasites can harm it. It is the only foundation upon which the righteous have, ever had, or will ever have to build. "No other foundations can be laid." It is the one Foundation laid for all men, the whole world, all kindred and tongues, the rich and the poor, the black and white, the brown and the yellow. God has invited all men to build on this FOUNDATION. He said, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3: 16).

Everlasting life can only rest on an everlasting FOUNDATION. Christ is EVERLASTING. He is the EVERLASTING GOD. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of man" (John 1: 1-4).

The inspired man of God writes here that Jesus Christ—The Word—was in the beginning, and that in "Him was life." "All things were made by Him." So, as God, the Father is EVERLASTING, so the SON IS EVERLASTING. Thus the FOUNDATION STONE IS ETERNAL.

III. Foundations That Fail

Men through all ages have tried to lay foundations for their buildings. But all these foundations will give way and be entirely inadequate when the great Judge of the "Quick and the dead shall appear." No foundation can pass His inspection except the one He laid. "Hay and stubble," will not get by. Paul says such, "Shall be burned."

1. Some try to build on their good morals. But God says, through the prophet, Isaiah, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa. 64: 6). So, we cannot build a foundation to stand on our "filthy rags." We must have His righteousness. In order to receive His righteousness we must accept the Eternal Foundation—Jesus Christ, the living God.

2. Some are building on churchanity. That is, they have joined some church, and by so doing they are basing their hope of eternal salvation on the policy and ordinances of their particular creed or denomination. But this within itself is a flimsy and inadequate foundation. It will not suffice.

3. Others are building on "Doing the best I know." It has not been long since I was informed, by one who was building thus. "Don't you think if I do the best I know that I will be saved?" was the question. The answer was, "No." Millions will lift up their eyes in a demon's hell "doing the best that they knew." Saul of Tarsus was doing the best that he knew when he was persecuting the church of Jesus Christ. After he was saved—standing on the sure FOUNDATION—we hear him say, "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth" (Acts 26: 9). "For I am the

least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God" (I Cor. 15: 9). "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptations, that Christ Jesus came to the world to save sinners: of whom I am chief" (I. Tim. 1: 15). "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3: 23). So, all need a Saviour. The only FOUNDATION for our salvation is JESUS CHRIST.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Albemarle Sunday School Convention met with Trinity Church on the fifth Sunday in April, 1944.

The convention was called to order by the president. The devotions were conducted by Bro. Archie Willoughby, after which Rev. R. P. Harris rendered special music.

The ministers were recognized. Those present were Rev. R. P. Harris, Rev. T. F. Davenport, Rev. H. E. Harden, Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. L. E. Ballard, and Rev. D. M. Radcliff. Each responded with a few brief remarks. Bro. J. E. Wooten from the Second District of the Central Conference, and connected with the Printing Press at Ayden, was with us in the convention.

The minutes of last convention were read and approved.

The list of Sunday Schools was called and those representing were as follows:

	For Orp.	Con. Ex.
Malachi's Chapel	$ 56.72	$ 1.00
Sound side	20.00	1.00
Mt. Tabor	24.00	1.00
Union Chapel	2.00	.50
Belhaven	3.60	.50
Free Union	19.00	1.00
Sidney	3.75	.25
Elizabeth City	10.64	1.00
Gum Neck		2.00
Shilo	4.00	1.00
Hickory Chapel	16.46	2.00
Trinity	4.50	.50
South Norfolk	4.00	1.00

After calling the list of Sunday Schools, Rev. H. E. Harden brought the convention sermon.

After the message there was an offering taken for the orphanage amounting to $73.23.

We were dismissed with prayer for the lunch hour.

Afternoon Session

The devotions were conducted by Mrs. William Webster, after which the business was resumed.

Rev. R. P. Harris made some announcements with reference to the Camp Assembly Grounds telling of the achievements that have been accomplished and the bright prospects for the future.

There was a motion made and carried that the Sunday School Convention furnish each Sunday School in the district with two copies of The Standard Sunday School and that the secretary order the manuals and mail them to the schools. The delegates who were appointed to attend the State convention gave their report of same.

A motion was made to accept the free service of Rev. L. E. Ballard to prepare charts to be sent to the different Sunday Schools along with the pamphlets on the Standard Sunday School.

There was another offering taken for the Orphanage amounting to $13.50 making a total for the orphanage of $255.40.

The convention was dismissed, after singing "God Be with You 'Till We Meet," with Belhaven Sunday School, fifth Sunday in July, 1944.

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REVIVAL AT WHITE OAK CHURCH, BLADENBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

Rev. J. C. Griffin conducted a wonderful revival beginning April 24, 1944, and continuing through May 8, 1944. It was the best we have had in many years. Brother Griffin did the preaching and sang with the children. Our pastor, Rev. W. L. Jernigan, was also with us through the meeting. He conducted the devotions each evening which were enjoyed by the large congregations that attended. Brother Griffin brought wonderful soul stirring messages each service and we could feel the Holy Spirit with us. Even the small children have the messages still on their minds.

I want to say that the old time revivals are not over. God is still saving the lost to the extent that they are not ashamed to go out after the lost in their homes and bring them to Jesus. Heb. 4: 12 "The word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit." In Isa. 55: 11 we learn that the word shall not return void, but shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it." When the word is preached and the pulpit gets on fire for God, the pews will warm up and souls will be saved.

Twenty-seven united with the church and six were baptized on Sunday. We had a wonderful service that night, several were saved and eight more united with the church, which were baptized on Monday and that night the Lord was still blessing and three more came for baptism. These were baptized the following Sunday. There were five who came on confession, three reclaimed, and one united by letter. We praised God for the precious souls that were saved and the prayers that were answered. We ask you to join us in prayer for those converts, that they may hold on to God, the one who never fails. We thank God for Christians, that were made to see themselves drifting away from God that had grown cold and indifferent, revived and coming back to mid-week prayer services, attending the League and Ladies Aid Meetings. Eternity can only tell the good that was accomplished in this meeting. We praise God for the great revival and may the Lord bless and keep the revival living in the church and community is my earnest prayer.

Mrs. H. C. Adcox

"Just One Life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ, will
last."

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
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A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST

(Lesson for June 18)

Lesson: II Tim. 2: 1-4, 8-12; 4: 5-8.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (II Tim. 2: 3).

No generation in the past century has been more able to comprehend the force and power of this text than we are; and our knowledge has been distilled from the bitter brew of sad experience. We allowed ourselves to become soft and complacent with a score of years of self-indulgence while ruthless men toughened their bodies in martial exercises and hardened their hearts into grim and brutal progmatism—and as a natural result we were assailed and beaten back from many stricken fields while we fought frantically for time to build our defenses. In a world ruled by Satan and cursed by sin only the hard can endure!

Our lads had to learn that truth all over again. They studied the art of war in the desert heat of North Africa, they took post-graduate courses in the steaming jungles of the South Pacific islands. We have counted our dead by the scores of thousands; almost every home in all of America has sent one of its dear ones out to battle, and the price we have paid for unpreparedness is a ghastly one. In a world where lust and greed are the dominating factors and men live for conquest and spoils, only the hard can hope to endure.

In the military sense, "hardness" is the quality which prevents a man from retreating when the pressure of battle is strong, and that enables him to bear the exhausting ordeal of constant sniping and skirmishing. How truly do we Christians need that quality, if we are to be "good soldiers of Christ Jesus!"

Our enemy will rob us of sleep—he will destroy our commissary and force us to go on short rations. He will attack our friends and loved ones and if possible isolate us from all fellowship, and nag us with the fiery darts of a thousand different testings. But soldiers get used to hunger and alarms—they sleep in mud and mount guard in dark loneliness, knowing that death may strike them down at any moment. All this and more they bear who fight for earthly glory and for bodily freedom and peace: can we, the army of Christ, do less than they?

II. Sentence Sermons

1. To be strong spiritually should not be difficult since the Source of all strength, the Lord Jesus, is with us (II Tim. 2: 1).

2. The truth we receive will be more fruitful if we transmit it to other faithful messengers (vs. 2).

3. Ability and willingness to endure hardness is an essential equipment for Christian as well as for military service (vs. 3).

4. The best soldier is the one who knows how to concentrate on the job of fighting (vs. 4).

Paul warned Timothy that a good soldier of the cross must not let the affairs of this life divert or detract him from the business of preaching the gospel and winning souls for Christ. He is to keep an eye single to his calling—preach the gospel—and let that be his whole heart's desire. He is to please his Commander, Jesus Christ, and therefore he is to render wholehearted service to him. Paul's chief aim and purpose was to serve Christ with all his heart, and so, he urged Timothy to do the same thing.

There have been too many gospel preachers, since Paul's day, who have "entangled" themselves with the affairs of this life. As a result, their labors in the gospel ministry have not produced much fruit for the glory of God. The chief work and sole purpose of the minister should be preaching the gospel for the salvation of last souls.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

5. Christ's death and resurrection are always the central theme of the Gospel (vs. 8).

6. It is possible to bind God's servants, but it is impossible to fetter the power of His Word (vs. 9).

7. Salvation is an escape from eternal damnation plus the guarantee of eternal glorification (vs. 10).

8. Endurance of affliction and aggressive evangelism are closely related (4: 5).

9. The Christian may say with confidence that he is ready to depart from this life (vs. 6).

10. It is important that we should finish the work allotted to us before we reach the end (vs. 7).

11. God's reward is ready for every faithful worker (vs. 8).

Note: All these **Sentence Sermons** are enlarged upon in our **Advanced** and **Senior Quarterlies.** Number 4 is given as a practical example.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Paul lived and preached the faith, the Word of God. In other words, Paul was loyal to Christ and faithful to his calling and the Truth all through his Christian life, down to the end of his time.

One of the touching parts of Bishop Patteson's Malanesian labors, was in the unfriendly island of Santa Cruz. At one time, when they approached it, a volly of poisoned arrows were shot at the boat's crew of the mission ship. Happily, the bishop was untouched, but three others were wounded, of whom two died an agonizing death, from the effects of the poison. The two sufferers bore their great pain most bravely, and when the great Sufferer, He whom they looked to for comfort, was mentioned, a holy smile covered their pale faces. "I am glad," said one dying boy, "that I was doing my duty. Tell my father that I was in the path of duty, and he will be so glad. Poor Santa Cruz!" Then he begged the bishop to kiss him, and asked, thinking of the angels in Heaven, "They never stop singing there, do they, sir?" and, so, full of pure and holy thoughts, he fell asleep in Jesus.

—Selected.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor
New Bern, N. C.

AUXILIARY REPORT

The Woman's Auxiliary Society of Malachi's Chapel held its regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Cora Midgette in May. Eight members were present. After song service and scripture reading, Mrs. Cora Midgette led in prayer. The lesson topic was discussed by the different members.

During the business session it was moved and seconded that we pay $2 for Christian Education.

Two members were appointed to keep fresh flowers in the church.

It was moved and seconded that Mrs. Della Swain write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Winnie Voliva in the loss of her son who died in "action" in the war. There being no other business we adjourned to meet with Mrs. Winnie Brickhouse in June.

Financial Report

Dues collected	$1.20
Sale of Products	2.75
Superannuation	.37
Free Will Offering	.54
Total	$4.86
Sick visits	21
Chapters read	65

Mrs. Alton Reynolds,
Corresponding Secretary

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LOYAL CHAPEL AUXILIARY REPORT

Our auxiliary met on Wednesday night, May 24, with the president, Mrs. J. B. Bloss in charge. We openen the meeting by singing hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." Then we were led in a word of prayer by Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Porter. Then we sang another hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story." While Mrs. Joyce Lee played "Nearer My God to Thee," each one breathed a spirit of prayer that we might tell the old story of Jesus and His love, and draw more to Him.

The subject of our lesson was "Be Ye Steadfast." Marie Thomas Hyatt spoke on "Holding Fast the Word of Life." Our Bible topic was "The Faithfulness of a little Maiden," which was ably discussed by Mrs. Nettie Whitebrand. A talk on "Laborers Together" was made by Joyce Lee. Another talk on the subject "The Must of Christian Training" was made by Mrs. Reba Lee. The third talk was on the subject "The Message of the F. W. B. Bible School," by Mrs. Willa Mae Fogg. The poem "On to the Goal" was read by Rosalie Grubbs.

Activities

Members present	25
Number absent	5
Dues raised	$3.15
Jehoiada Chest (taken by Bro. O. B. Staggs)	$15.00
Penny-A-Day plan	$2.00

The meeting was dismissed by Brother Porter.

Rosalie Grubbs,
Corresponding Secretary,
Columbia, Tennessee

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AID REPORT

The Aid Society of Antioch Church wishes to submit the following report from May 1943, through April, 1944.

Number members	31
New members	1

Financial Statement

Bal. Brought forward from May, 1943	$ 38.43
Amt. Dues paid	40.20
Donations from friends	5.55
Birthday Box	9.24
Received from grading Tobacco	59.15
Received from Quarterly Meeting	1.35
Total	$153.92

Disbursements

Postage, Cards, one Flower	$ 6.89
Orphanage	40.50
Jennings Lucas (a child at Orphanage)	26.00
Auxiliary Convention	6.50
Union Meeting	2.00
Gifts	13.63
Red Cross	6.00
Mrs. McAdams for Missions	5.00
Miscellaneous	4.13
Literature	3.88
Total	$114.53
Amount in Treasury	$39.39

Activities

Bible chapters read	1878
Sick visits made	824
No. Trays to sick	244
Flowers given	59
Milk given away (gals.)	457
Cards to sick	150

Mrs. Lela Smith, Pres.,
Mrs. Pete Musgrave, Secy.,
Mrs. B. F. Musgrave, Treas.

SPEAK OUT FOR JESUS

You talk about your business,
Your bonds and stocks and gold;
And in all worldly matters
You are so brave and bold.
But why are you so silent
About salvation's plan?
Why don't you speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man?

You talk about the weather,
And the crops of corn and wheat;
You speak of friends and neighbors
That pass along the street;
You call yourself a Christian,
And like the Gospel plan—
Then why not speak for Jesus
And speak out like a man?

Are you ashamed of Jesus
And the story of the cross,
That you lower His pure banner
And let it suffer loss?
Have you forgot His suffering?
Did He die for you in vain?
If not, then live and speak for Jesus,
And speak out like a man?

I'd like to **tell the story sweet**
Of **Jesus. Wouldn't you?**
To help some other folks to meet
Their Saviour. Wouldn't you?
I'd like to travel all the way
To where I'd hear my Jesus say:
You've helped my work along today"
I'd like that. Wouldn't you?

—Selected

Boys and Girls Corner

THE LOST PURSE

Blanche Koon

"See, Sister! I found a purse!"

"Oh, where did you find it, Becky?" cried Katherine.

"At the edge of our yard!"

"Some lady was carrying it under her arm, I guess, and when it dropped on the grass she didn't hear it," said Katherine. "You shouldn't have opened it, Honey."

"Shouldn't I? It was just lying there by itself. Isn't it mine now, Sister?"

"No, it isn't yours, Becky. Somebody will be looking for it. Have you lost anything out of it?"

"No, I haven't lost a thing. If the lady doesn't come for it, it is mine, isn't it, Sister?" said Becky half-hopefully.

"We must hope she will come to find it, or that we can find her," said Katherine. "We must not want somebody else's purse, Honey. Don't you remember Papa read in the Bible this morning, 'Thou shalt not covet* *anything that is thy neighbor's'? Let's see, maybe there is a letter with the lady's name and address."

There wasn't any letter, but there was a bankbook with the name, Amanda Kulp, and her address.

"Why, she lives only four blocks east on the next street!" exclaimed Katherine.

"If you had lost your purse and that lady found it, what would you want her to do about it, Becky?"

"I should want her to bring it to me quickly," replied Becky.

"Well, Jesus said for us to do unto others as we would like for them to do to us," said Katherine.

"Come on, then, and let's do what Jesus said," replied Becky.

At Amanda Kulp's house Becky rang the doorbell. Becky liked to ring doorbells. But she shrank back as she saw the fierce-looking woman coming to the door.

"Well?" said Mrs. Kulp. Her black eyes bored Katherine through as if to find out what mischief she was up to.

"Well?" she said again. "What do you want? Are you dumb?"

"No — no, ma'am," stammered Katherine. "We don't want anything. We thought you would want your purse. My sister found it."

"What? My purse!" cried Amanda Kulp, snatching it from Becky who came timidly forward.

The fierce-looking little old woman fell to counting the bills and coins.

"It's all here—every penny," she said sharply.

"Well, you can go now—and tell your ma I'm obliged to her for making you bring it to me instead of spending it for pop and chewing gum."

"Our mother wasn't home; she didn't know anything about it," said Katherine.

"What? Your pa, then? Don't tell me there is an honest man left in the world!"

"Papa was at work," said Katherine. "Becky and I were alone. We brought your purse because we wanted to. We don't," Katherine added with dignity, "covet any thing that is our neighbors."

"Becky?" repeated Amanda Kulp. Her piercing black eyes turned to the little girl. And Becky thought she was being questioned.

"I s'pect I'd have wanted your purse if it hadn't been for God and Jesus," said Becky. "God said we mustn't covet, and Jesus said for us to do the things to others that we want them to do to us, and so we hurried right off with the purse. If you had found my purse, would you have brought it to me, as Jesus said to do?"

"Jesus!" repeated the little old woman. "My little Becky talked about Jesus, too! She had longer curls than you, but your voice is like my Becky's voice! Will you come in?"

Mrs. Kulp's face had softened. Her eyes were tearful and kind.

"Our mother might come home and wonder where we are," said Katherine. "Would you like for Becky to come another time—if Mother says she may?"

"I would—very much," said Amanda Kulp. "And you come, too. You're a good girl."

The girls' mother learned that Mrs. Kulp had been a little "queer" ever since her little girl whose name was Becky, died. She never visited anybody, and did not want people to visit her. But she would not harm anybody.

So, once each week Katherine and Becky went to see Mrs. Kulp and read their stories to her which she enjoyed very much. They never let their play hinder the weekly call, and neighbors said they were real missionaries.

"Amanda is losing some of her queerness," the neighbors said. "She seems so much happier."

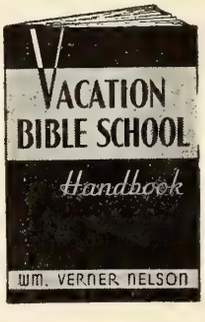
When Becky was to be baptized she invited Mrs. Kulp to go to church. She went, and after that she went regularly. It was not long until she was a happy, earnest Christian.

"I'm so glad I lost my purse," said Mrs. Kulp one day. "For it found me two dear friends who talked and read to me about Jesus until I found Him."—O. P. Boys and Girls.

"As for God, His way is perfect."

"Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil" (Prov. 3: 7).

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OBITUARIES

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OLIVER. On Jan. 17, 1944 the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Robinson and took from us our beloved Aunt, Mrs. Mary Ann Oliver. She was born on February 3, 1860, making her stay on earth 83 years, 11 months and 14 days. She had been in declining health for several years. All was done for her that loving hands could do, but God in His infinite wisdom said, "It is enough, come up higher."

Aunt Annie was a member of Rose Hill Church and was a faithful member as long as her health permitted. She leaves one Sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Her funeral services were conducted at Rose Hill Church by her pastor, Rev. W. B. Nobles, and assisted by Rev. W. A. Dail, in the presence of many relatives and friends. Her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers to await the resurrection morn.

We loved her, yes we loved her,
But Jesus loved her more;
So He gently called her,
To heaven's golden shore.

—Written by her Niece,

Mrs. J. T. Robinson

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GALLIGAN. On March 1, 1944, the death angel visited the home of E. F. Galligan, and called his beloved wife, Mary Ruth, to her heavenly reward. She was born on May 12, 1917, making her stay on earth 27 years, 9 months and 18 days.

Before her marriage she was Mary Ruth Johnson. She was married to E. F. Galligan on April 16, 1938, and to this union was born one daughter, Betty Elizabeth.

She leaves to mourn her death her husband, daughter, father, 2 brothers and 2 sisters. She was a Mother and guardian to her husband's brother for six years. They all miss her very much.

Three years ago she took up her cross and began to follow her blessed Saviour. She was a member of the Craigfield F. W. B. Church, and served as church clerk for two years. Her funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. R. Pate at her church, and the remains were laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers at Centerville. She is sadly missed by her family, the church and friends.

—By her Brother-in-law,

Cpl. James Galligan

MRS. SPIVEY IN HOSPITAL

This is to state that Mrs. H. L. Spivey, of Maury, North Carolina, is in the General Memorial Hospital in Kinston for treatment and operation.

She requests the prayers of the Christian people. She has asked that we state that she will not be able to meet with some of the committees, but is hoping to be able to do so very soon.

Some of her friends may go to see her while she is in the hospital.—Ed.

THE PREACHER'S PRAYER

Let me be a little kinder,
Let me be a little blinder
To the fault of those about me;
Let me praise a little more;
Let me be, when I am weary,
Just a little bit more cheery;
Let me serve a little better
Those that I am striving for.

Let me be a little braver,
When temptation bids me waver;
Let me strive a little harder
To be all that I should be;
Let me be a little meeker
With the brother that is weaker;
Let me think more of my people
And a little less of me.

—Author Unknown

GRATITUDE

O Lord, I thank Thee for this bed of pain,
Whereon for weeks I've restless lain.
The men who fall on battlefields today
Have only beds of clay.

My bed is warm and cozy, clean and good;
Theirs is in snow and sand and blood.
For every wish and whim my nurse is near;
Their cries no man can hear.

I am alive, though I have constant pain.
They know not even grief, the slain.
O Christ, who dost my cross in love bestow,
My thanks to Thee I owe.

—Elmer A. Kettner,
Lutheran Witness.

SHOULD CHILDREN ATTEND CHURCH?

Except the home, there is no place of more holy associations to a child than the sanctuary, where the solemn silence, the reverent prayer, the glorious praise and honor paid to the Invisible make impressions on the wondering mind and tender heart never to be effaced, and to be recalled when years ripen as the most beautiful things of life. Often when we go back to the old church where we spent our childhood, the actual reality has no romance, but the past was beautiful in the setting we remember. How golden are the scenes of childhood when brought back from the time when we had no sense of proportion and saw all things in magnified measure. Those are the days of legend and romance whose glamor may be smothered by the secular development of life, but never completely lost.

It is a great mistake for parents to assume that the church service is not the occasion for a child's attendance because it is long and wearisome to a little mind. They do not realize how the imagination paints the edifice with tints of glory, how glimpses of higher things and perceptions of duty to God and men are formed. A child has a greater capacity for thought and dreaming than his elders are inclined to admit. It is a well-known fact that the questions of a child are hard to answer, and it is because they go to the heart of great subjects. If such deep thoughts are awakened in a little mind, who can estimate their impression on the moral nature and their spiritual uplift to the heart?

—The Watchman-Examiner

NOTICE!

This is to advise that any church which might need a pastor on the First Sunday for the coming year, I shall be available on that Sunday. Also I shall have some time to give for meetings this fall.

D. A. Windham,

Greenville, N. C.

THE CHRISTIAN WORKERS' ASSOCIATION

Among the organizations within the College, one of the most aggressive groups is the Christian Workers' Association. This Association is composed of the men of the College and its purpose primarily to get the Gospel to the "man on the street."

The Christian Workers' Association was formed during the early days of the present school year at the suggestion of President, Rev. L. C. Johnson. Every man in the College expressed a desire to become a member and the above mentioned name was chosen by the group.

There has been an outstanding piece of work done throughout the year by these men. Services have been held on the streets, in homes, at housing projects, in the state penitentiary, in mission halls, and in churches. In addition, every member has been actively engaged in carrying personal testimony to individuals wherever and whenever the opportunity presented itself.

Eight gospel tracts have been written by members of the Association and more than 25,000 have been put into print from these. This work has been sponsored and financed largely by the Christian Workers' Association.

During the last semester of the school year, the Association inaugurated a street preaching campaign in two nearby towns, Franklin and Dickson, Tennessee. Each locality was visited every other Saturday and tracts were distributed, homes visited, and preaching service was held on the street. This has proved to be a most successful ministry.

The following set of figures will serve to sum up the work of the Association for the year, '43-44.

Total number present in all congregations, 4,413.

Number of professions reported, 37.

Number of pieces of literature distributed, 25,000 (approximately).

Estimated number of contacts made through tracts, personal contacts, preaching, letters, etc., 25,000.

The officers of this organization are elected semi-annually. The officers who have served in the past and the officers now serving are as follows: from October, 1943, date of organization, to January, 1944—President, Damon Dodd; Vice-President, Rashie Kennedy; Treasurer, Paul Boggs (now in our armed forces); and Secretary, L. D. Nance. From January, 1944, to September, 1944, President, Rashie Kennedy; Vice-President, Luther Gidson; Treasurer, Albert Halbrook; and Secretary, L. D. Nance. The officers for the coming year of September, 1944 to January, 1945 have been elected as follows: President, L. D. Nance; Vice-President, Luther Gibson; and Secretary-Treasurer, Albert Halbrook.

Reporter, Albert Halbrook

UNION MEETING REPORT

The Second Union meeting of the Western North Carolina Association met with Free Union Church in Nash County on April 29, 1944. After the usual devotional exercises, the various committees were appointed as follows, Devotional, Sunday School, Temperance, Finance, Appropriation, Orphanage standing.

At this time all visitors were welcomed to have seats with the body. Rev. Thomas E. Beaman was present from the Cape Fear Association. Then the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, after which we called off for preaching service. The Rev. D. Bissette preached the morning message. The church served a nice lunch on the church grounds.

At 1:20 we gathered back in the church for the transaction of business. The devotions were conducted by Rev. L. H. Boykin. The moderator called the business to order. Then the list of churches was called, and seventeen represented with a contribution of $36.25. At this time the various committees made their reports which were accepted.

The ministers present were as follows: J. B. Ferrell, B. B. Richardson, J. Frank Parrish, D. Bissette, B. T. Dixon, J. C. Varnell, L. H. Boykin.

Disbursements

To deceased ministers' wives—$3.00 each.

B. T. Dixon	$ 2.00
Orphanage	20.00
Incidental Expenses	6.00
Balance in treasury	$9.00

The petitions were at this time taken up and it was voted that we meet the next time with the Orphanage in July, 1944. The union was closed with praise and prayer.

Z. C. Bissette, Moderator,
Rev. J. Frank Parrish, Clerk

ATTENTION LEAGUERS!

The State League Convention of North Carolina will be held on Tuesday, July 4, 1944, for a one-day session at the Hickory Chapel F. W. B. Church, 3 miles east of Ahoskie. Those leaguers who are planning to arrive one day prior to the Convention and spend the night there, are asked to contact or write to Mrs. Archie Willoughby. Let's make this the best Convention in the history of our Leagues.

Earl H. Glenn,
Vice President of State
League Convention

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

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Concert Class Itinerary

Friday, June 9, Cabin, Duplin county.

Saturday, June 10, Pearsall's Chapel, Duplin county.

Sunday, June 11, Long Ridge, Duplin county.

Monday, June 12, Snow Hill, Duplin county.

Tuesday, June 13, Rooty Branch, Duplin county.

Wednesday, June 14, Whaley's Chapel, Jones county.

Thursday, June 15, Friendship, Jones county.

Friday, June 16, Core Creek, Craven county.

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James A. Evans,
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The Bridge Builder

An old man going a lone highway
Came, at the evening cold and gray,
To a chasm vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day,
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build this bridge at evening tide?"

The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followed after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

—Anonymous.

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Miss Miranda Ditty, Bascom, Fla. -------6
Mrs. F. A. Edwards, Chocowinity, N. C. --6
R. C. Kennedy, Pink Hill, N. C. ---------6
J. O. Fort, Bryan, Texas ----------6
W. A. Dail, Greenville, N. C. ----------6
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N. P. Gates, Hazel Park, Mich. ----------6
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Mrs. Mae Rouse, Dudley, N. C. ----------6
Paul Jenkins, Kannapolis, N. C. ---------6
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Willie Renfrow, Kenly, N. C. ----------5
Ransom Trent, Iaeger, W. Va. ----------5
Mrs. Icy Goen, Bryan, Texas ----------5
Mrs. Clarence O'Donnell, Pell City, Ala. -5
Mrs. C. T. Brock, Kenansville, N. C. ----5
Mrs. Sam Edwards, Bladenboro, N. C. ---5
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J. F. Parrish, Elm City, N. C. ----------5
J. A. Evans, Middlesex, N. C. ----------5
Mrs. J. C. Hales, Kenly, N. C. ----------5
L. E. Ballard, Elizabeth City, N. C. -----5
Mrs. A. C. Davis, Norton, Va. ----------5
Mrs. Walter Kirby, Lucama, N. C. -------5

I'LL TRUST THE LORD

By Mrs. L. A. Adams
Stantonsburg, N. C.

I'll always trust the Lord above,
And give to Him my greatest love;
For He deserves the best of us
And wants our faith and trust.

He's the great Redeemer—He'll rescue us,
But we must put in Him all our trust;
No matter what our mistakes have been,
He'll come in and take away our sins.

He's a guiding Light that lights a bright pathway,
It will guide us to rest some future day;
He knows what is within our souls,
And He knows our cares and woes.

Friends and neighbors may not know,
When unkindly seed we sow;
Nor about the things we say or do,
As in life we're travelling through.

But our Lord watches from on High,
In heaven way up above the sky;
He knows every move we make,
He knows if we're a cheat or fake.

TIME

There is always time to find
Ways of being sweet and kind;
There is always time to share
Smiles and goodness everywhere.

Time to send the frowns away,
Time a gentle word to say,
Time for helpfulness, and time
To assist the weak to climb;

Time to give a little flower
Time for friendship any hour.
But there is no time to spare
For unkindness anywhere.

—Olive Plants

EDITORIAL

"WHAT THEY SAY"

Here are some of the things which a great many people think a good church paper should reflect for the good of the denomination. In the first place, it should carry, from time to time, splendid religious messages in prose and poetry for the people to read. Religious-minded people delight in reading fine spiritual messages of varying lengths and on different Bible subjects.

In the next place, the denominational paper should publish, they say, the leading church news, striking reports and worthwhile church programs of vital concern to the people at large. By this means, they think all who read the denominational paper can keep posted on the progress being made in the various sections of the country where the churches are operating. Such certainly can be a means of informing the church people as to what is being done in the various states by the local, district, state and national organizations of the denomination. This further stimulates, they say, on the part of the church people as a whole, interest in both the church paper, and in the progress and achievements of the denomination.

Another aspect of the church paper is the personal interests in, and the literary contributions, on the part of a large number of people, made to the printed pages of the paper. Those who write good articles are interested in knowing that others like to read them. Moreover, most subscribers like to read pointed messages, though they be short at times, and to see good accounts of evangelistic campaigns, and the like, from time to time in the church paper. It leads them to become more interested in church work. Good pictures of progressive churches, now and then, Sunday School groups, baptismal scenes and conference groups, together with good explanatory articles, serve often to stimulate interest in the denominational achievements and in further extending the service of the church paper.

On the whole, they think these phases of a church paper will serve to advance the causes of the denominational work, and extend the usefulness of the church paper. We want to say that we are in accord with these views of the ideal church paper, and will state that we want the Baptist paper to become, more and more, a paper like that which is described above, from the points of view of a great many church people. Any co-operation to bring this about will be greatly appreciated by the editor.

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LITERATURE READY TO BE SHIPPED

The Sunday School and League literature for the Third Quarter is now ready to be shipped to those who will place their orders for the same with the Business Manager of the Press. As the business is steadily increasing, and many of the orders have been increasing in size for the past several months, we have made a slight increase in the publication of some of the quarterlies for the Third Quarter. This was with the view of being able to supply all the needs of the Sunday Schools and the young people's Leagues.

All orders will be promptly filled so long as we have these supplies on hand, but we are requesting all Sunday School and League secretaries to place their orders with us right away to be sure that you will be able to receive your full supply of League and Sunday School literature for the Third Quarter. It is not likely that we shall be able to make the second printing should our supplies run out before everyone has been supplied with the necessary literature. It is wise, therefore, for each League and Sunday School to place its order for literature very early, and be sure to have your supply on hand when the Third Quarter begins.

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BROTHER WETHERINGTON BETTER

We have received word recently that Brother L. H. Wetherington's condition is improving. He is now able to rest some better and is able to sit up short periods of time. His physicians feel that he will be able to make steady improvement as time passes.

He and his good family are requesting the Christian people to pray for him that he might get well again, and be able to be up and about his heavenly Father's business. They express appreciations for every consideration shown them by the good people.

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SELECTION OF PASTORS

It has been the custom for many years in this section of the country for many of the rural churches to cast about for the selection of the new pastor for the new church year, that is, if a change is desired by the local church people or congregation. Since ministers are scarce in the Free Will Baptist denomination, it is not always easy for the churches making changes to be able to secure the minister whom they desire to become their new pastor for the ensuing church year. It is likewise true that pastors who are desirous of making a change are not always able to get a new church suitable in every way to their wishes. Mutual co-operation will help both.

If the churches seeking new pastors would let it be known through the columns of the church papers, then they would probably be able to get in touch with preachers desiring to make a change, and thereby be able to make a better selection for their congregation. In like manner, if ministers who are open for services on certain Sundays, would let this be known in the church paper, churches desiring services on those Sundays might get in touch with such minis-

(See **Editorial** on page 11)

Holiness in Reality

By Rev. W. F. Clark,
Thomasville, Ga.

Heb. 12: 14—"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

My purpose in bringing this message is to simplify the true meaning of Holiness, which is the most needful part of every Christian's life. Holiness, as some apply it, has become a "bug-bear" in the road of progress for the rank and file of the denominations of the world.

Holiness has been misunderstood, misappropriated, misapplied, and twisted more than any essential word used in God's Holy Bible. The word Holy is used many times more than the word Holiness. The two words are the same, looking at it from one angle. From another there is a vast difference.

To clarify this statement, let's study the fruit trees of various kinds: apple trees, peaches, figs, etc. In fact every tree of its kind, but each kind is a tree. We purchase plants and cultivate orchards, not to raise trees to look at, but for the fruits at harvest time. The Word tells us that the only way to judge a tree is by its fruit because the fruit is the best and highest evidence of what the tree represents. Nature is so true and sacred that it is impossible for a peach tree to bear apples. The Word tells us that it is impossible for a good tree to bear evil fruit; likewise for an evil tree to bear good fruit. In this Christ is comparing the human family as fruit trees. Please bear in mind that there are two families, namely; Godly and ungodly. Good trees and bad trees each have its nature. Each serves its purpose in the world. Holiness and ungodliness are the fruits of their kind, coming from a tree of their kind, the two families each of their kind that the two natures have provided.

Holiness in reality is as simple as a peach, grape, or pomegranate. Holiness, I repeat, is not a bugbear in the road, neither is it a gigsaw puzzle, nor a language which cannot be understood by everyone. But holiness is the simple fruit of the vine. Jesus said, "Ye are the tender branches on the vine and if you fail to bear fruit I will cut you loose from the vine and cast you into the fire, where pain shall never cease and the fire is not quenched." (Jon. 15). In referring to the branch, to whom was he referring? A Holy person is my understanding. If this be true, what will become of the slothful, unfruitful, unprofitable person, even though he be connected with the vine.

Jesus called himself "the vine." He said, "I will cut you loose from me if you fail to bear fruit." Holiness is Christ lived out by a Holy person. He said, "I, if I be lifted up above the earth, I will draw all men unto me."

In the first place, our part is to plead guilty, ask for mercy and pardon, pray until the assurance comes from above that our sins are under the blood. The part of Jesus is to fill or baptize us with the Holy ghost, which comes from God.

Here we come in possession of the qualifications of God himself and with the knowledge of the same. Now with the authority of a twice-born person, we find ourselves indebted to God, a debt of service. Simply lift him up and live him out to a lost world, which is true Holiness in reality, after which Jesus said, "I will draw all men unto me."

Holiness is a way of travel. "An highway shall be there, and a way. It shall be called The way of Holiness" (Isa. 35: 8a). Holiness is a race to run. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." (Heb. 12: 1, 2). Holiness is attractive. "Worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness." (I Chron. 16: 9b). Holiness is a mountain experience. "Great is the Lord; greatly to be praised is the mountain of Holiness." (Ps. 48: 1). Holiness is power. Jesus said that as many as receive him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God. Holiness has a beginning and an end. "Now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruits unto Holiness and the end everlasting life" (Rom. 6: 22). Holiness is a living message of service to others, beginning when one is born again and ending in death.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary,
North Carolina State Association

A Reminder

Let us remember that June is **Christian Education Month.** We have a Bible College that is going nicely now in Nashville, Tenn., which is due to begin its third year of activities this coming September, so let us give it a BOOST sure enough with offerings during this JUNE, 1944. Every church, with all of its auxiliaries, and each individual should make an OFFERING. Look over the FIVE-POINT PROGRAM as presented on the placard which should be up in every church. Find out who the funds should be sent to and send an offering as early as possible.

Broadcasting for Jesus

Beginning on the 26th of June we are to broadcast at 10:15 each morning until the first of July, over station W H I T, New Bern, N. C., 1450 on your dial. Pray for us. The broadcasting is FOR JESUS.

The Only Foundation
(continued)

(NOTE—After taking up other matters which we feel are so important to our church, along with our regular weekly writings, we are giving the last of the series of messages which we delivered over the air some time back, entitled "The Only Foundation."

4. **Some Build on Works—Trying To Keep the Law.**

Often we find some one who is trying to mix law and grace. They fail to know that the Bible says, "By the works of the law shall no flesh be justified" (Gal. 2: 16). "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2: 10). "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us" (Titus 3: 5). "Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephe. 2: 9).

Religious work does not belong to the unsaved. There is no work that he can do that will suffice for his lost state. In fact God has no place for the unbeliever to work. The unsaved is totally unfit for the work of God. In no way can he glorify God by any work that he can do.

Then what must he do? Since he cannot work with God, nor for God, is there no help? Yes, thank God, there is a remedy for his lost state. What is it? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16: 31). "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace. And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby. And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father" (Ephe. 2: 14-18).

The "new man" mentioned in the above scripture is not the individual believer but the Church of Jesus Christ. Also the "body" is the church. This is set forth clearly in Ephesians 4: 4 in that, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling." This takes us back to the "Only Foundation."

Christ is the FOUNDATION of peace. His peace is a lasting peace. A sure peace. My lost friend, if you want eternal peace, quit seeking it through your good works and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and you will receive a SATISFYING peace which can not be obtained in any way save through faith in the Lord Jesus. For we read, "By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Ephe. 2: 8). Note, my friend, it is a gift from God. What? Salvation is a "gift of God." To whom is it given? To all who will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on his name" (John 1: 11, 12). "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3: 14-16). "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3: 36).

The wrath of God is against every one who will not believe God's word. To believe God's word, is to believe in God's Son. "Salvation is of God," and it is God's gift to the believer. No man can work his way into God's grace. It is the way of FAITH. Neither can God give His SALVATION to the unbeliever.

When a sinner believes on the Lord Jesus, he is no longer a child of the world, to live in the household of Satan, but immediately, he ceases to work for the Devil and begins to work for God, "For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephe. 2: 10). "Now therefore ye are no more strangers, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God: And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone. In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord. In whom ye are also builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Ephe. 2: 19-22). "There is no other FOUNDATION—BUT CHRIST JESUS.

CHURCH SERVICES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AT BELLARTHUR

Dear Baptist Readers:

We have started again to have services at the Bellarthur Free Will Baptist church, under the kind and patient leadership of Rev. R. H. Mason, Ayden, North Carolina. He came to us last November, and freely offered us his services, which were gladly accepted. We began services on the first Sunday in December. Since that time our attendance has gradually been increasing all the while.

On the first Sunday in April we organized a Sunday School, which now has a regular attendance of around 25 to 30 members. That is not a very large Sunday School, but we are very proud of it. We greatly appreciate the splendid co-operation of the children and parents in this community, who were not going to any Sunday School. We are looking forward to get all the children who are not attending any Sunday School to attend ours.

We are asking the prayers of the praying people for our work that we people here in this church at Bellarthur will grow through love and fellowship into a fine spiritual and financial standing. We are, therefore, prayerfully asking each and every member, wherever they may be, to try to be with us on the first Sunday night in July, when we shall observe the Lord's Supper. There will be Sunday School on Sunday morning at ten o'clock, and our regular morning service will be at the eleven o'clock hour. We will return back to the church for the evening services at 8:30 P. M.

By Mr. and Mrs. Heber Strickland,
Bellarthur, N. C.

TEACHING and TRAINING

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LEAGUE UNION REPORT

The Albemarle League Union met with Trinity Church on Saturday evening at 8:00 P. M., April 29, 1944. Mrs. Archie Willoughby was the president in charge of the meeting, which opened with the song, "Onward Christian Leaguers." Prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Wooten. In the absence of the regular secretary, Rev. L. E. Ballard was asked to serve in her place.

The list of churches was called, and the following were represented: Hickory Chapel, Adult League, $1, Intermediate, $1, Junior, $1; Free Union, St. Paul Adult, 50 cents, Seniors, 25 cents, Intermediates, 25 cents, Juniors, 25 cents. Sound Side, Adult, 50 cents, Seniors, 25 cents, Intermediates, 25 cents, Juniors, 50. Malachi's Chapel, Adult, $2, Intermediates, 50 cents, Juniors, 50. Elizabeth City, Seniors, 50 cents, Intermediates, 50 cents, Juniors, 50 cents. The total contributions amounted to $10.05.

Rev. W. A. Hales and Alonzo Reynolds were appointed to act on the Digest Committee, and the reports were turned over to them. Mary Jennings read the Scripture lesson from Romans, chapter thirteen, after which Rev. H. E. Harden led in a word of prayer. Mr. Archie Willoughby presented a poster on the theme for the Union: **POWER.** Mrs. Willoughby made the introductory talk, and the theme was then presented under five topics, which were suggested by the five letters in the word **POWER**, as follows: "Prayer, Our Need." It was discussed by Rev. R. P. Harris. "Ourselves, Our Gift." This was discussed by Miss Willemett Willoughby. "We Working together." This topic was discussed by Mrs. H. I. Fowler. "Enlistment, Our Duty." This was discussed by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. "Reverence, Our Recompense." Rev. H. E. Harden discussed this topic. After these discussions were over, the Union was favored with a solo by Rev. R. P. Harris. Then there was a period of silent prayer for those who are in great need of prayer, and Mrs. Ballard closed this prayer. Several League Choruses were sung by the Union, which were led by Mrs. Ballard.

At this time Rev. R. P. Harris stated that there will be a League State Convention this year, but it had not been decided as yet whether there will be one or two days of the convention. If there will be only one day, it will be on the Fourth of July, and that the Convention will be held with Hickory Chapel near Ahoskie, North Carolina. Miss Willemett Willoughby was appointed as delegate from the Albemarle district to represent our district at the State League Convention. It was voted that we send $5 to the State League Convention.

The treasurer made his report and it is shown that there is in the treasury $51.22, before the money was received at this convention, which was $10, thus making a total of $61.22. Rev. and Mrs. L. E. Ballard, and Rev. W. A. Hales were appointed to decide who will receive the free trip to camp. Rev. R. P. Harris made some remarks concerning the assembly Grounds for a camp site.

At this time the Digest Committee made their report, and the Intermediate League of Hickory Chapel won the banner. This league made hundred percent record. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the wonderful way in which they had entertained the convention. The meeting closed to meet next time with the Belhaven Church on Saturday night, July 29, 1944.

Mrs. Archie Willoughby, President,
Miss Alice Webster, Secretary

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

May 31, 1944

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. F. W. B. State Association.

Receipts

May 1, Bal. on hand	$744.30
Receipts for May	176.28
May 31, Total to account for	$920.58

Disbursements

May 12, Traveling expense of Board members	$ 22.74
May 31, Office expense for May	7.68
May 31, Checks to Retired Ministers (for June)	100.00
May 31, Check to National Board	36.46
Total paid out this month	$166.88
Balance on hand June 1	$753.70

Receipts Itemized

May 5, Cape Fear Union Meeting	$ 40.00
May 10, 4th Central Union Meeting	50.00
May 15, St's. Delight S. S.	3.28
May 19, 2nd Central S. S. Convention	10.00
May 19, Bethany S. S.	1.00
May 27, N. C. State Aux. Convention	72.00
Total receipts for May	$176.28

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

Subscribe to The Baptist

PIKEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA JUNE 6, 1944

Dear Friends:

For several months I have not read the Baptist paper, due to the invalidic condition of Mr. Best, and since his death, I have been too lonely and sad to take much interest in anything.

My husband was a Christian and several weeks before his death he asked me to write his will for him, and in it he willed all his property to institutions of the Free Will Baptist denomination. He had told me many times that he wanted and intended that all he owned was to be given to God's cause. While feeble in body, Mr. Best retained the brilliant mind which he always possessed until only a few days before his death when his mind was enfeebled only a little of the time.

I want to ask that all Christian people who read this letter, please pray that no evil force might hinder in this righteous endeavor which Mr. Best had planned. I only regret that he did not have more to give to the God whom he loved.

Well, I read last week's paper and enjoyed it much, and I am trusting that I will be privileged to enjoy it on for a long time. The articles are spiritually inspiring. I enjoy the study of the Bible; and as I study to show myself approved unto God, I trust that the Christian people will pray for me.

Devotedly,

Mrs. Lorraine (George) Best

A NEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED IN PHILADELPHIA, MISS.

The Mississippi State Home Mission Board pitched their Gospel Tent in Philadelphia for a two weeks' meeting, beginning on Monday night after the second Sunday in May. The State Evangelist, M. L. Hollis, arrived in time for the Monday night services. A nice crowd was present for the very first service and interest increased each day with growing crowds from night to night.

There were three families there that were already Free Will Baptists, and they were much interested in getting a church started. On Thursday night of the second week the evangelist called for all who were interested in the forming of a church to remain for a conference. Some thirty or forty remained and the first thing that was done was to find out how much money could be raised toward beginning a church building. Over five hundred dollars ($500.00) was raised and quite a sum pledged to be paid later. Also one man donated $300.00 worth of lumber.

Officers were elected and committees appointed, and everything got under way to start work on a new church building. This bids fair to be a strong church. They need your prayers and support in every way possible. Anyone having some of the Lord's money that you would like to be used for His glory and the ongoing of His Kingdom's work, would do well to send an offering for this cause to W. T. Pettis, Philadelphia, Miss.

—By Reporter

HOMECOMING AT SPRING BRANCH

The first Sunday in July is homecoming day at Spring Branch Church. The friends and members of the church will remember that this is the Sunday which we designated several years ago as our Homecoming Day.

Again we invite all former pastors, former members and all who are interested in the church here to come and be present for another day of worshipping and fellowship together. We are planning to have a former pastor to preach in the morning, and after a picnic dinner on the church grounds, we are expecting to have some additional speaking and singing in the afternoon.

We will appreciate having with us some soloists and singing groups arranged for the presentation of some good music. We want to keep our church activities going strong all the while.

Lorene Beamon,
Walstonburg, N. C.

THOU ART HERE

By T. O. Chisholm

(An English nobleman was asked what was the greatest thought he ever had. He replied, "The Lord is at my right hand.")

Jesus, Thou hast promised me
Thy unfailing company,
And my heart confides in Thee,—
Thou art here!
Though I cannot see Thy face,
I can feel Thy love's embrace,
With me—in this very place!
Thou art here!

Here, by spirit-breezes fanned,
On enchanted ground I stand;
"This is Heaven's borderland!"
Thou art here!
Journeying onward day by day
Over dark or sunlit way,
Over and again I say,
"Thou are here!"

Other friends may come and go;
In this world it must be so,
But Thou never wilt, I know,—
Thou art here!
Oh, how dear to me Thou art!
Hold me closer to Thy heart!
Friend who never wilt depart,—
Thou art here!

—In S. S. Times

BE STILL, O HEART

Be still, O heart,
And calm thy fear,
And just remember
God is near.

There is no cloud
That can bedim
The loving, watchful
Face of Him.

No night so dark
He cannot see,
So that should be
Enough for thee

So sweetly rest,
O heart, be still,
Within the center
Of His will.

—Alice Hansche Mortenson, in Herald of Holiness

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL FIELD WORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of our Master! It is with great joy that I send out this report. It seems just a short time since the last one which we sent out to the people through the columns of the Baptist paper.

It will be interesting to note that the old-fashion revivals are not out of date. On April the first in Hannon, Missouri, the Lord gave us a wonderful revival, for the old-time power came in our midst with a convicting grip and began to stir the hearts of the people. Although there was much rain during the time, the people attended the services in large numbers. Sister Martin, the good pastor of the church, stood by us in every way while the meeting was going on. Several precious souls were saved in the homes and in personal services. Sixteen were converted and reclaimed in all.

We have just had a fine letter from Sister Roena Thomas, with whom we made our stay while there. She says the young people are taking right hold of the prayer meeting, and are leading on in a splendid way. The Thomas home was a wonderful place to be in. The church was revived and the auxiliary was organized to carry on the wonderful work of God. The young people had a good league also. We visited it several times and encouraged them in their work. Again we desire to say that Sister Martin is a dear soul, and may God greatly bless her in her work.

The high waters caused us to have to change our plans. We went to North Carolina, and had the opportunity to be present for the North Carolina Women's Auxiliary Convention. It was a very great joy to us to visit with these good people. These dear women are doing a grand work in the State for the Lord. They are supporting the National work in a wholehearted way. We can see an increasing interest shown by them in our great denomination. It was also a great privilege to be able to see so many of the ministers at this convention, who were interested in the women's work of the church. The women gave a nice offering of $25 on our work, for which we thank them so very much. It was really wonderful to have the privilege to spend ten days in "The Old North State" visiting the work. We visited Stacy, Beaufort, Morehead City, Kinston, Goldsboro, Winterville and Greenville during these few days. We saw several souls saved and a revival spirit burning in the hearts that are praying for a spiritual awakening among the people.

We started this letter in Virginia, and are finishing up in a bus Station in Jenkins, Kentucky. After leaving North Carolina, we visited the Virginia Auxiliary Convention, which was organized nearly three years ago. They are really going forward in the work, and ready to learn more about the auxiliary work. They were indeed happy for the Field Worker of the National Association to visit their convention. They gave us a nice offering of $15 for the cause of the work. (And just here let us say that Traveller's Rest Church in Florida sent us a check for $15, a short time ago for this worthy work.) May the good Lord bless these dear people for their interest in His great work.

After leaving the Auxiliary Convention in Virginia, Brother E. J. Kilgore and several of the auxiliary workers made an itinerary for us, and we visited six churches, and encouraged the good women to go forward with their work in the name of the Lord. We made plain to these churches the National Program, and what it is setting forth to do in the denomination. Several are planning to attend the National Association, which will meet at Flat River, Missouri, in July. May the Lord bless our dear co-workers everywhere.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams

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FINANCIAL REPORT NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts for the month of May, 1944

North Carolina	$ 514.83
Missouri	286.52
Oklahoma	68.99
South Carolina	42.00
Tennessee	26.00
Texas	23.37
Kentucky	6.25
Ohio	5.00
Georgia	5.00
Arkansas	2.50
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PROGRAM NATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Flat River Free Will Baptist Church, July 9 and 10, 1944

Theme: **"Evangelism in the Sunday Schools"**

Sunday Night, July 9th

7:45—Song and Prayer Service, Rev. Damon C. Dodd
8:15—"Evangelism in the Sunday School," Rev. Mark Lewis

Monday Morning, July 10th

9:00—Devotional: "Evangelistic Methods in Teaching Children," Mrs. L. E. Ballard

9:20—Convention in Session
—Appointment of Special Committees
—Enrollment of Ministers and Delegates
9:30—Welcome address, Rev. Cecil Campbell
9:40—Response to welcome address, Rev. Paul Ketteman
9:50—General Officers' reports:
1. President, Mr. W. E. Coville
2. Vice-president, Rev. R. C. Wiggs
3. Secretary, Rev. George Waggoner
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8. Director of Literature, Rev. L. R. Ennis
9. Director of Publicity, Rev. J. B. Rollins
10. Director of Records and Reports, Rev. Robert Crawford

10:40—Special music, from Bible College
10.45—Report of Credentials Committee
11:00—Election of officers
11:15—Open Forum: "Problem of Evangelism in the Sunday School" — Director, Rev. K. V. Shutes
12:00—Adjourn for noon

Monday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional — "Evangelistic Methods in Teaching Youth" Rev. R. C. Wiggs
1:45—President's message
1:55—Business Session:
1. Reading of morning minutes
2. Enrollment of ministers and delegates
3. Report of resolutions committee
4. General business items

4:30—Adjournment

NOTE—Rev. Damon C. Dodd will arrange and direct the musical program throughout the session.

GOD CARES

What can it mean? Is it aught to Him
That the nights are long and the days are dim?
Can He be touched by the griefs I bear
Which sadden the heart and whiten the hair?
Around His throne are eternal calms,
And strong, glad music of happy psalms,
And bliss, unruffled by any strife—
How can He care for my little life?

And yet I want Him to care for me,
While I live in this world where the sorrows be;
When the lights die down in the path I take;
When strength is feeble and friends forsake;
When love and music, that once did bless,
Have left me to silence and loneliness,
And my life-song changes to sobbing prayers—
Then my heart cries out for a God who cares.

O, wonderful story of deathless love;
Each child is dear to that heart above;
He fights for me when I cannot fight;
He comforts me in the gloom of night;
He lifts the burden, for He is strong;
He stills the sigh and awakes the song;
The sorrow that bowed me down He bears,
And loves and pardons because He cares.

Let all who are sad take heart again,
We are not alone in our hours of pain;
Our Father stoops from His throne above
To soothe and quiet us with His love.
He leaves us not when the storm is high,
And we have safety, for He is nigh.
Can it be trouble which He doth share?
O, rest in peace, for the Lord doth care.

—Marienne Farningham

READY

II Samuel 15: 15

Ready to go, ready to wait,
Ready a gap to fill!
Ready for service, small or great,
Ready to do His will.

Ready to suffer grief or pain,
Ready to stand the test!
Ready to stay at home and send
Others, if He sees best!

Ready to do, ready to bear,
Ready to watch and pray!
Ready to stand aside and give
Till He shall clear the way!

Ready to speak, ready to think,
Ready with heart and brain;
Ready to stand where He sees fit,
Ready to share the strain!

Ready to seek, ready to warn,
Ready o'er souls to yearn!
Ready in life, ready in death,
Ready for His return!

—My Pocket Companion
—In Moody Monthly.

LEAD SOME SOUL TO JESUS

Speak to some soul who is burdened with sin,
Lead him to Jesus to-day;
Tell him the love of a Saviour and Friend,
Oh, help him to find the Way.

Oh, speak to some soul for Jesus,
Tell of His wonderful love;
Show him the way of Salvation
Leading to heaven above.

Tell of the thorns that were placed on His brow,
Tell of the stripes that He bore;
Tell him that Jesus is waiting just now,
To save him forever more.

Point to the cross of the dear Son of God,
And tell him the story plain,
Marking the pathway that Jesus once trod,
Then tell it over again.

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Thursday, June 22, Free Union, Carteret county.

Friday, June 23, St. Johns, Carteret county.

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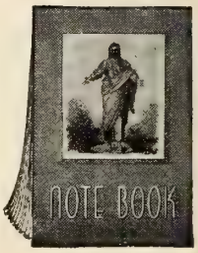
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I know you are lonely,
But there's nothing I can do,
'Til this troubled world is peaceful,
And I'm home again with you.

I can't even send you flowers
To express my love in part;
But even a carload of flowers
Couldn't ease an aching heart.

Now mom, you keep on smiling,
And at times if you feel blue;
Remember other boys are fighting,
And their mothers miss them too.

So you mothers stick together;
Please don't worry 'bout us men.
And before you even know it
We'll be coming home again.

(This poem was written to his mother by a boy in the armed forces.)

—In General Baptist Messenger

EDITORIAL

(Continued from page 3)

ters and select **the man** they want to have the care of their church. This plan, it appears, would be of some advantage to both the ministers seeking churches to pastor and churches desirous of securing new pastors for their work. Certainly there would be nothing wrong with the church nor with the minister who let it be known through the church paper that services are being wanted. No church should go without a pastor, nor should any active minister go wanting for churches to serve. God is expecting His people to be ever willing and ready to carry on His great work in the world.

SPECIAL NOTICE

There will be a memorial service held in honor of the late Rev. W. H. Laughinghouse at Rose Hill Church on the Fourth Sunday, June 25, in connection with the regular Sunday service. Rev. M. A. Woodard will assist the pastor Rev. W. B. Nobles. The public is cordially invited to be present for this special service.

Mrs. J. J. Carroll,
Route 2,
Greenville, N. C.

Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. Isa. 41: 14.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me. Rev. 3: 20.

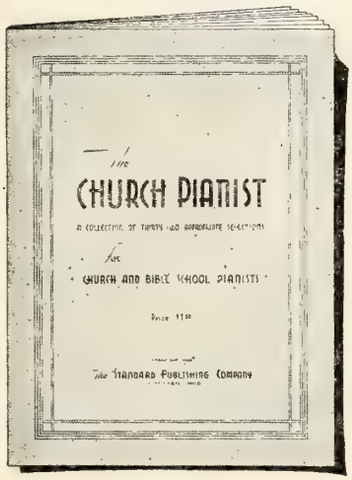
He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 2 Cor. 9: 6.

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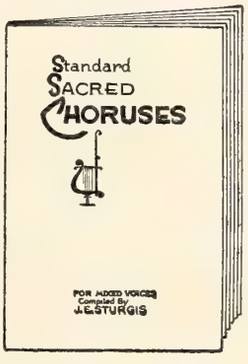
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THE POWER IN GODLY LIVING

(Lesson for June 25)

Lesson: Daniel 1: 8-16, 19, 20.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank" (Dan. 1: 8).

Good resolutions have their proper place in the development of character, if they are translated into conduct. There is a power in the human will, when rightly directed and energized by the Spirit of God, which develops decency and promotes piety, thus transforming men into what God would have them become. The name of Daniel is synonymous with fortitude, courage and rectitude almost twenty-five centuries after Daniel died, because he "purposed in his heart." Too many of our good resolutions spring only from our lips, or are the result of a vague desire for betterment and reform. But when a man is urged on by deeply-rooted principles and his whole heart and soul are in his decision, he is not easily swayed nor lightly moved from his position.

Daniel added his testimony to his proposal and by so doing, placed his life in apparent jeopardy. He gave God a chance to work a miracle. There is no testimony with the modern religious exercises in Israel, and hence, God has no opportunity to work miracles for them. The Jews to-day, with the exception of the Jews who are extremely orthodox, have lost sight of the miraculous. The Red Sea crossing does not quicken his pulse. The walls of Jericho do not challenge his vision. The defeat of Goliath does not encourage him in facing his modern Goliaths. So the history of Jesus that makes greater demands of faith than any Old Testament history is a difficult one for him to swallow. As Jesus said, "Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me: for he wrote of Me.'

—Selected.

II. Home Work

1. What familiar sin is mentioned as on of the causes of the downfall of both Israel and Judah? (Is. 5: 11, 22; 28: 1, 7, 8; Hos. 7: 5, 6).

2. What effect has the suffering of others upon the one who is given to sensual indulgence? (Amos 6: 4-6).

3. What is God's Word to the one who tempts another with strong drink? (Hab. 2: 15; Prov. 20: 1).

4. How much interest will a self-indulgent person have in the service of the Lord? (Job 21: 11-14; Is. 5: 12).

5. What punishment did God decree for the rebellious, the glutton and the drunkard? (Deu. 21: 20, 21).

6. How should the question as to what to eat and drink be settled by the Christian? (I Cor. 8: 1-13; Rom. 14: 1-3).

7. How does a strong Christian show his strength? (Rom. 15: 1; Gal. 6: 2; Phil. 4: 13).

8. Whose example in self-denial should we as Christians follow? (Mat. 16: 24; Rom. 15: 3).

9. What will be the result if the flesh is allowed to dominate? (Rom. 8: 13; Gal. 6: 8).

10. How may we live victorious Christian lives? (Gal. 2: 20).

11. There are so many wonderful truths in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies that we wouldn't have space to mention them all, so we ask you to study them prayerfully.

The questions given above will help everyone of us to discover what God expects of His children.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Professor J. B. S. Haldane of Cambridge University tells us that "a man is about five times as likely to get a cancer if he drinks beer daily and no milk, as if he drinks milk and **no beer.**" Said the late Dr. Howard A. Kelly, "There is no disease in the world for which alcohol is a cure. It does undeniably cause thousands of cases of disease. Its use is ruinous to the kidneys, liver, heart, and smaller blood vessels, and gives rise to that most common fatality, high blood pressure. All this has been **proven** by innumerable tests. Two men may play tennis or chess equally well. Give one of them a single glass of beer, and he will be easily defeated by the one who abstains!" The President of the American Business Men's Foundation spoke for all business men when he said: "Business men are becoming aroused over the fact that much of the fifteen billion dollars has been diverted from the income of retail merchants in necessaries and wholesome luxuries during the past five years as a result of the legalized liquor traffic's program of false solicitation," meaning, boys and girls, that the brewers and saloon keepers and all who sell strong drink resort to lying propaganda and all conceivable means to induce people to drink, even boys and girls! General John J. Pershing said, "Banish the entire liquor industry from the United States; close every saloon, every brewery; suppress drinking by severe punishment to the drinker, and, if necessary, death to the seller, or maker, or both, as traitors, and the nation will suddenly find itself amazed at its **efficiency!** I know what is the greatest foe to my men, greater even than the bullets of the enemy!"

—Selected.

Stimulating Only

Someone asked J. B. Gough whether alcohol was a food or a medicine. His reply was, "It is very much like sitting down on a hornets' nest—stimulating, but not nourishing."—The S. S. Chronicle.

NOTICE!

This is to advise that any church which might need a pastor on the First Sunday for the coming year, I shall be available on that Sunday. Also I shall have some time to give for meetings this fall.

D. A. Windham,

Greenville, N. C.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor
New Bern, N. C.

AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid Society of the Wilson Free Will Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Charles Simpson Tuesday night, June 6. The meeting opened by singing "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," followed by sentence prayer by Aid members. Mrs. Simpson had charge of the devotions, reading a chapter in Exodus. Poems were read by the following: Mrs. Matthew Hayes, "I've Turned My Back on Satan"; Mrs. Garland Grainger, "Lend a Helping Hand"; Mrs. Kathleen Pipkin, "Our Blessings." The Lord's prayer was then repeated by the society. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved, roll called and dues paid. We submit the following report:

Chapters read, 74; sick visits, 79; flowers, 3; trays, 4; sick cards sent, 10.

Treasurer's report: On hand $40.-56; Dues collected, $4.50; Donation, $2.00; Paid out on Church Building, Fund, $20.00; Balance on hand, $20.-56; Orphanage Collection, 43c.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. H. Gill in July. We were dismissed by Mrs. J. W. Saulter, after which delicious refreshments were enjoyed by all. We solicit your prayers and cooperation in our work.

Mrs. J. W. Saulter, President,
Mrs. Matthew Hayes, Secretary,
Mrs. Mary Tomlinson, Treasurer.

UNION MEETING REPORT

The Fourth Union of the North Carolina Central Conference met with Daniel's Chapel on April 29, 1944. Rev. L. B. Manning conducted the morning devotions. The minutes of the last union were read and approved. The following committees were appointed: Devotional, Program and Finance.

The ministers present were C. D. Hamilton, W. L. Hart, L. B. Manning, R. C. Proctor, M. Joyner. Those absent were J. W. Wooten, N. D. Beaman, N. D. Tyson, H. T. Sowers, E. L. Abrams, W. E. Richardson, and licentiates absent were W. F. Newell and W. H. Webb.

It was moved and carried to call off the business at this time for the sermon and the dinner hour.

In the afternoon we re-assembled in the church, and Brother Vernon Sullivan conducted the devotions. The list of churches was called, and 16 represented with a total contribution of $74.78. Dilda's Grove and River Side were not represented in this union meeting. A motion was made to receive the motion which was made at our last Union, that is, appointing the committee to hold until our annual election in July, 1944.

It was moved and carried to send to the State Board $50 out of the Retired Ministers' Fund. It was also moved that we give out of the Home Missions $30 to the State Board. Then a motion was made for the Finance Committee to retire and to settle with the treasurer, and that he make his report. He reported on hand from last union $13.20, and received this union $74.78, making a grand total of $87.98.

Disbursements

Paid to the clerk and the Press	$ 6.00
To the Orphanage	30.00
For the Orphanage land debt	25.00
To South Norfolk Church	15.00
Total	$76.00
Balance in the treasury	$11.98

The reports of the various committees were received. The next union is to convene with Aspin Grove Church in Wilson County on Saturday, July 29, 1944. Rev. R. C. Proctor is to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. L. B. Manning on his failure. A motion was then made and carried to extend a rising vote of thanks to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union. The union closed with praise and prayer.

Rev. M. Joyner,
Moderator,

R. R. Bailey,
Clerk and Treasurer

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL AT SWEET WATER, TENN.

Many souls were saved in the old-fashion way here in Sweet Water during our revival meeting, and several were added to Burrials Chapel as new members. The Reverend Wiseman is the pastor of the church, and Rev. Bradshaw, who is a member of this church, did all they could, along with the deacons and members to make this meeting a success.

Evangelist M. E. Provence of Tomahawk, Kentucky, did the preaching. He is a good worker in a revival meeting, and God surely did bless us in this meeting. We thank the ministers and the people of other denominations for their co-operation and fellowship in this meeting.

We were made to feel glad to have had with us in the meeting Brother Dave Bright and family. We should all pray to God for more old-fashion meetings like this one.

—Reporter

DADDIES

I would rather be the daddy
  Of a romping roguish crew,
Of a bright-eyed chubby laddie
  And a little girl or two,
Than a monarch of a nation
  In his high and lofty seat
Taking empty adoration
  From the subjects at his feet.

I would rather own their kisses,
  As at night to me they run,
Than to be the king who misses
  All the simpler forms of fun.
When his dreary day is ending
  He is dismally alone,
But when my sun is descending
  There are joys for me to own.

You may talk of lofty places,
  You may talk of pomp and power;
Men may turn their eager faces
  To the glory of an hour,
But give me the humle station
  With its joys that long survive
For the daddies of the nation
  Are the happiest men alive.

—Edgar Guest

Boys and Girls Corner

HOW GOD FED A PROPHET

All of the boys and girls who go to Sunday School and read their Bibles have heard of the great Prophet Elijah. He lived when Ahab, one of the most wicked kings of Israel, reigned. Ahab had married a heathen woman who painted her face and fussed up her hair (or tired her head), and introduced heathen religion into the land. One day Elijah, who came over from Gilead, the other side of the Jordan river, walked into the king's palace and made the announcement that there would be no more rain or dew, but according to his word, for he had word from God to that effect.

The reason the rain ceased to fall was because the nation of Israel had become so wicked under the rule of this evil king and his evil wife. But when the dry weather set in Ahab blamed Elijah for it, and sought to get him arrested. But the Lord told Elijah to go to the brook Cherith, that ran through a secluded part of Palestine, and hide there. God told him He had commanded the ravens to feed him there, and that he could drink of the water of the brook.

Just as God said, the ravens came every morning and night with bread and meat for Elijah's breakfast and supper. Two meals a day did him very well. He had not formed the habit of drinking tea or coffee, and could get along very well without wine, so the water of the brook satisfied his thirst.

How long Elijah was there we do not know, but Elijah saw day by day that the water in the brook was getting lower and lower, and finally it dried up altogether. But God had not forgotten His servant. He told him to leave his hiding place and go over into the adjoining country near Zidon to a small place called Zarephath. God said, "I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee."

But things looked rather discouraging when he got to Zarephath. He found the widow gathering sticks to build a fire to make bread of the last little bit of meal she had. And when Elijah saw her she said she was going to divide that between herself and her son and then give up and die, for the famine was in Zarephath just as it was in Israel.

But Elijah told her that if she would make him a little cake first that the Lord had said that the meal and the oil would last until rain fell. And so it came to pass that Elijah became a regular boarder at this widow's home, and the three of them had plenty to eat every day.

One day the son of the widow got sick and died, and things began to look very discouraging. But Elijah prayed to God and the boy was brought back to life. Was it not good for that widow that she did as the Word of the Lord said?

One day the Lord told Elijah to go and show himself to Ahab and He would send rain on the earth. So Elijah obeyed. He told Ahab to gather his prophets together and come to Mount Carmel. Here the prophets of Baal tried to get fire down on their altar, but could not. Their heathen god could not help them. But when Elijah prayed the fire fell on his altar and this was the beginning of a revival in Israel. Soon after this Elijah prayed for rain and it came in torrents and the drought was broken.

Elijah did many other wonderful things as the Prophet of God, and finally God took him to Heaven without dying. Elijah was still living about a thousand years later, for he and Moses were seen with Jesus on the mount of transfiguration. Do not you boys and girls want to live for Jesus in this world and go to the place where people never die? Among the other great people we will see there will be Elijah. But most of all we will all want to see Jesus first, for He died to make it possible for our sins to be forgiven.—W. M. S., in The Gospel for the Youth.

THE LORD'S LAST SUPPER

By Mrs. Heber Strickland

Our Lord's last Supper we shouldn't forget,
The **Emblems** for which it stands;
This wonderful example He set
To bind together His faithful band.

The bread He personally broke,
And gave it to the twelve;
The **Symbol** of His body broken
He suffered for you and me as well.

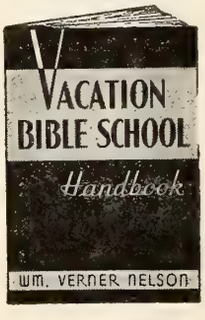
Taking the cup He blessed it,
His shed blood it signified;
Without this precious memory
Can we be satisfied?

The broken bread and cup of wine,
Humbly and submissively washing feet;
Our blessed Lord and Saviour divine
Gave us the plan for sin's defeat.

FATHER'S DAY

We little folk are very glad
To stand up here and say,
We like to see our daddies have
A truly Father's Day,
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To tell to you and you
How much we love our daddies,
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WELLS. We deeply feel the absence of Mrs. E. A. Wells, one of our beloved members, who passed away on April 26, 1944. She was 81 years old, and one of the oldest member of People's Chapel. She was also the oldest member of our Ladies Aid Society.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. A. Narron of Elm City, North Carolina, and one son, Mr. Eddie Wells of Elm City, Route 2. She had several grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

We trust that our dear loved one is at peace with God.

Mrs. Paul Joyner,
Rev. J. Frank Parrish.

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IN MEMORIAM

In sad and lonely remembrance of my parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harris, who departed this life; Mother June 13, 1943, and Daddy, June 11, 1943, I write this memoriam.

June brings sad memories
Of my Mother and Dad;
For it was during this month
They both passed away.

My Mother two years ago,
My Daddy one year ago today;
I have greatly missed them
Since they went away.

Dear Dad and Mother,
Never did I give a thought;
That our parting from earth
Would give such an aching heart.

You were such good parents
So patient, loving and kind;
I never realized how much I loved you
'Til I was left behind.

I think of you day and night,
Of the many good deeds you've done;
I want to try with all my might
To be thought as much of when I'm gone.

Words can never express, Oh, No!
How much you meant to me;
I shall try to live for Jesus, so
With you through eternity I can be.

Anyone who lived a life like you,
I know to heaven hath gone;
You believed and trusted in God,
And tried to do no wrong.

I hope your twelve children you left
Will try as hard as you;
To live a clean and spotless life
And to our Saviour be as true,
Their loving daughter,
Bernice Harris Clark

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WATERS. The death angel came and took away my Grandmother, Mrs. Susan Waters, on May 22, 1944. She was 86 years of age when she died.

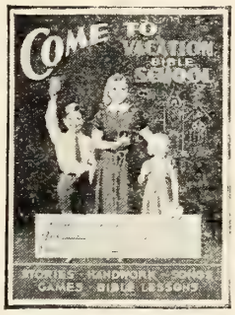
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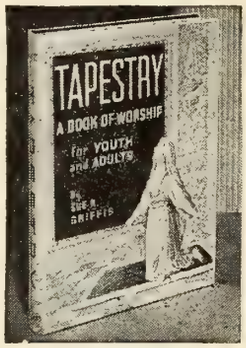
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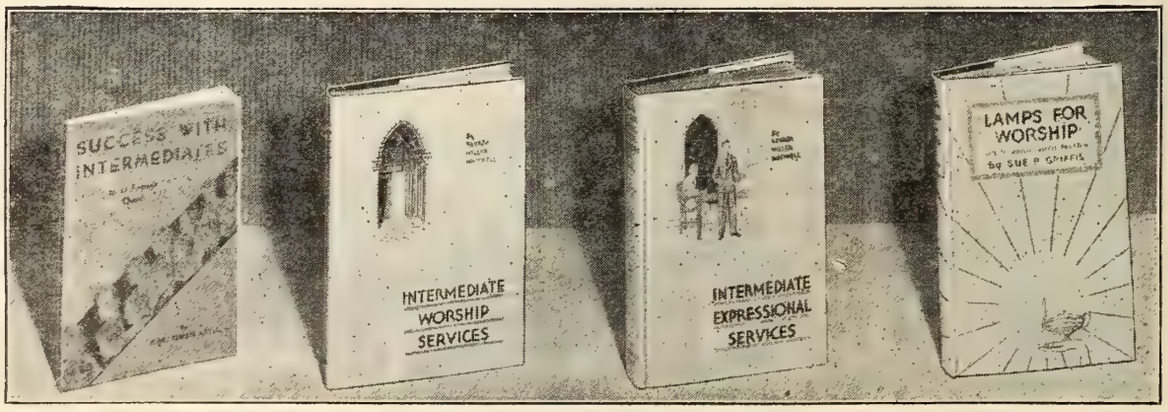
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O Sinless Son.

The gift of tongues the Spirit brought!
May our dull tongues by Thee be taught,
Master of Love.

May words and deeds tell every land
The word we preach at Love's command,
Father above.

The Spirit came in tongues of fire!
Now our cold hearts with flame inspire,
Spirit Divine.

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Our wills all Thine.

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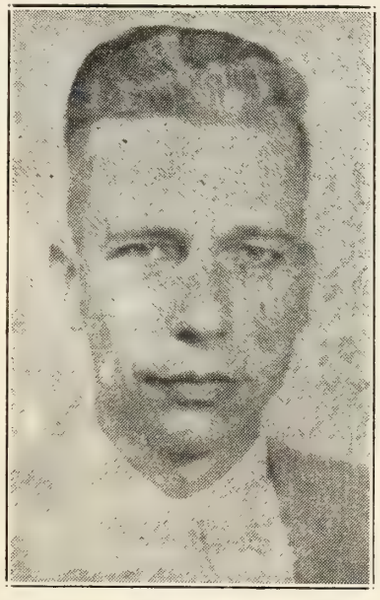
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We first have an invitation "come" and then we have a command that we "dine." Let us study some of the things that we may come to Jesus for, and then some of the things we may feed upon at his table.

We may come to Jesus for cleansing. "And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go shew yourselves unto the priest. And it came to pass as they went they were cleansed" (Luke 17: 14). This is the story of the ten lepers that came to Jesus asking Him to have mercy upon them. They wanted to be healed and cleansed from their filthy, dreaded disease. And Jesus told them to go shew themselves to the priest. The priest had pronounced them unclean and in accordance to the law it was necessary that after they were cleansed for him to pronounce them clean. They would be permitted to go into society. They took Christ at his word believing that he would heal them. And as they went they were cleansed. Christ is ready and willing to cleanse us from our sins if we come to Him by faith.

We may come to Jesus for pardon. "And Jesus said unto him, verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Lu. 23: 43). The thief on the cross just before passing into eternity, by the side of Christ, who was crucified with him, believed in Christ and a life beyond the grave. He confessed his sins and asked forgiveness and Christ said unto him "This night shalt thou be with me in paradise." Christ is ready to forgive us of all our sins and cleanse us from all our iniquities.

We may come to Jesus for comfort. "Jesus said unto her I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?" (Jo. II. 25, 26). When Mary and Martha were in trouble they had learned to go to Jesus for comfort, so when their brother Lazarus died they went to Jesus for help. He assured them that he was the resurrection and the life and those that believe in Him have eternal life. As He raised Lazarus from the grave, so will he raise up all those at the resurrection that believe on His name. This is comfortting and assuring to the believer and to their loved ones, after they are called from the stage of action. Christ has power over all difficulties and can comfort through all trials and tribulations of this life and give us everlasting joy in the life to come.



Rev. French

We may come to Jesus for worship. "But one thing is needful: and Mary has chosen that part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Lu. 19: 42).

On this occasion Jesus was visiting in the home of Mary and Martha and Lazarus whom he raised from the dead. They were glad to have Him as their guest and Martha was busy preparing the meal, no doubt she wanted everything prepared as nicely as possible and she asked Jesus to bid Mary to help her, but Mary was worshipping her Lord, which Jesus said was the important part that she had chosen, which could not be taken away from her.

There are many who are putting off the services and worship periods because they are busy in the material things of life. May we always put spiritual things first and choose the good part that Mary chose which cannot be taken away from us, for it is eternal.

After we come to Jesus for these virtues we are eligible guests at His table and are in need of spiritual food, so he gives us the command "Dine." He tells us in His word the things we should feed on for spiritual sustenance.

We should feed on the word. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2: 15). God approves of us studying and has provided His word that we may feed upon it for comfort, guidance and inspiration.

We should feed on prayer. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and waiting there unto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Eph. 6: 18). Prayer is one of the believer's greatest privileges. It is sustaining to take our burdens to the Lord and leave them there. It gives new courage for the many tasks and difficulties that come our way.

We should feed on testimony. "And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did" Jo. 4: 39). We are taught in His Word to believe on the Lord Jesus with our heart and confess Him with our mouth. Confessing Christ as our Saviour and living a life that backs up our testimony, may be instrumental in causing others to believe on Him.

We should feed on giving. "Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality" (Rom. 12: 13). Giving is our privilege and it is a privilege that God blesses. God can get along without our giving better

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Our Recent Missionary Tour

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Our Trip Down

Having enjoyed the blessed fellowship, and precious spiritual outpourings at the Bible Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, we boarded the plane at the Nashville airport at 1:45 A. M. April 13th, and in just six hours and eleven minutes we landed at the airport in Miami, Florida. Three stops were made on the day down, namely: Atlanta, Jacksonville, and Orlando. Dr. Lydia Mason, an own sister to our missionary, Rev. Thomas Willey, was our destination in Miami, and it wasn't long until we were in her hospitable and comfortable home where one always finds it a pleasure to visit. Dr. Mason is serving a great purpose in that her home is always open to our missionaries and workers going to and from Cuba. One must always stop over in Miami for certain routine in getting out of the country, and Dr. Mason always has an open door of welcome. In fact she had made our Pan-American reservations for us ahead of time. However I found a great change in this home to what it was two years ago. When I was there in 1942, Mother Willey was there, and thit time she had gone on to her glorious reward. We visited the resting place of her body while in Miami, and had prayer at the grave. Dr. Mason is very lonely, and stands in need of our prayers. Mother Willey had made her home with her for many years.

Friday afternoon the 14th, at three o'clock we boarded the Pan-American for Havana. It was a lovely trip over the ocean. All was clear and so it was a very quiet and pleasant trip. In just one and one half hours we landed in Havana. Bro. Willey was there to meet us with a friend, Rev. Arthur Pain, and in a few minutes we were on our way to catch the bus to the city of Pinar Del Rio where Brother and Sister Willey live, and which is considered the central headquarters of our mission field, which is in the Province of Pinar Del Rio. The capital city and the province have the same name. About 10:30 that night we landed at the home of the Willeys. We were all tired and so was not long getting to our rest for the night. We went to sleep happily conscious of the fact we were in reality on the F. W. B. mission field in Cuba.



Our Staff of Workers Both American and Foreign

Covering the Field

It was my privilege to cover our entire field. This we did by various means of travel: train, bus, norse back, ox cart, and on foot. Some of this was strenuous indeed to one not accustomed to riding horse back nor walking a great deal; but forgetting that it was all a great pleasure, and certainly a great privilege. Eating and sleeping in the homes of the native Cubans is sometimes trying; for their customs are very different from that of an American. But one could not surely find a more friendly people anywhere. They did their very best for us wherever we went. The following I give as an example: We were passing through the country on horse back. Were scheduled to take dinner with a certain family on the way. When we arrived at the noon hour, he had a hog butchered and dressed. And this was all done solely because the Americans were to be there for dinner. After we got the ponies lariated out on the grass, and this Cuban table was spread with fresh pork, rice and beans, eucha, cuban coffee, etc. We did not have to be begged to seat ourselves around the table. When the "go sign" was given by the man of the house we began to devour. When they would pass the bowl and say "mas" (more) we would say "si" (yes). The live hogs running around under the table did not hinder us from getting away with the one so unfortunate as to be on the table. I assure you when we left there that afternoon there was not as much of that hog left as before our arrival in the forenoon. But truly this is typical Cuban hospitality.



The Group Baptized at Rio Seco with their Pastor, Miss Yeley

The first place to visit after our arrival on the field was with the church at Sabalo. We made this place by train and ox cart. It was convention day with this church, Sunday, April 16th. The women folk went with us to this place; though many of the places they were not privileged to go because of the hardship incurred in getting over the mountains on the ponies, staying out at night, etc.

Sabalo is considered the mother church, as this was the first Free Will Baptist Church to be organized in Cuba. Pedro Rojo is their faithful pastor. They have a membership of 26, and six others awaiting baptism. A sunday school of 50, a chapel built and paid for, and this church is beginning to support themselves financially.

There was a large crowd present the day of this convention. Some were there from as far away as forty miles. We noticed some of them coming in groups with song books in their hands singing as they gathered. Our people throughout the work are a great people to sing. The climax of the day was the profession of nine souls.

The next place to visit was the church at Rio Seco, April 19th. Miss Yeley is pastor of this church. At Rio Seco we see a beautiful expression of the union of hearts between the church and the pastor. They love Miss Yeley dearly and she is equally in love with them. We had baptizing in the afternoon with eleven candidates, and service at the chapel at night. A large crowd was in attendance, a great interest was manifested, and fourteen professions were made.

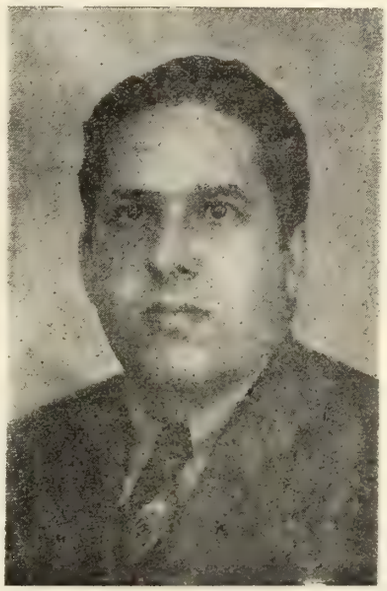
This church has a membership of 18, a Sunday School of 25, and hold three services each week.

Friday night the 21st we had service in the chapel in Pinar Del Rio. The front room of the house where Miss Olive Van Syoc lives is used for services. This work has not been started long and is not yet organized; but an organization is in prospect. Service is held here each Friday night, and Sunday School each Sunday. Also Bible study once each week.

Sunday 23rd, Bro. Willey and I took the train for San Julian where I preached at the American Naval Base. This is on the coast at the west end of the island. Bro. Willey has been serving there as chaplain a great deal of the time. We enjoyed the service very much, and of course everything was carried on in English.

Late Sunday afternoon we packed the traveling bags for a trip to the north and east into the mountain country. We took the bus to Vinales, a small town lying in the beautiful valley of Vinales. It is a marvelous sight to look over into this valley from the mountain lookout on the highway. It is said to be the most beautiful place in Cuba. I left my wife with Sister Willey and the others in Pinar Del Rio, because this trip promised to be not too easy. We were away from Sunday P. M. until the next Saturday P. M.

We had service Sunday night in Vinales where Pedro Oliva has been preaching some time. Pedro, with his little family live in the chapel building which is located on the main street of the town. We had a very nice service, and spent the night in the home of the pastor.



Rafael Josue

The next afternoon, Monday, the 24th, Pedro, Brother Willey, and I climbed on the little pony cart and drove a long way down the valley to a catholic home where services were scheduled for the night. We had a nice drive enjoying the mountain scenery, stopping at a home for the evening meal on the way, arriving at the place of service in due time. We found a splendid family. Things were very much in trim for a Cuban home, and in the service that night the spirit of the Lord was very prevalent. Six members of this family professed faith in Christ. Leaving catholicism and coming over to the "Evanhelicos" as they call it, the Protestants. The head of this family of fourteen children told us there was a man through the community in the year 1925 who gave him a Protestant Bible. He said the priest tried in every way to get it from him or to get him to burn it; but he held on to it. He showed us the Bible. All these years this family have been reading it, and it has had a great part in their conversion to the Protestant faith. We left this home feeling that a great good had been done.

Tuesday we took the bus out of Vinales going on north. After many miles over roads, next thing to impossible, we arrived at the farm home of Pedro Betancourt. Some horses had been taken on ahead for us, and here is where we left the motorized means of travel and took to the saddle. Bear in mind this name of Pedro Betancourt; for some interesting things took place on his farm of which we will tell you later.

Late in the afternoon we, Pedro Betancourt, Pedro Oliva, Bro. Willey, and myself, climbed on our ponies and started across the mountains to the little coast town of Port Esparanza, twelve miles away on the north coast of the island. This was my first horseback ride, and I was pretty tired when we arrived. We have no organized church in this town; but a lot of interest in the gospel is to be found there, a few converts, and so it is considered one of the main preaching points. We had a very interesting service, took the evening meal in one of the homes, and rode back to the Betancourt home after service; arriving there between twelve and one o'clock. There was no moon and some times the mountain trails were very dark. All we could do was just lay the reins on the ponies necks and trust them to take us home. But those little sure feet never made a step amiss, and their judgment of the way never failed them. We could trust the ponies far more than we could trust ourselves. We enjoyed the ride for it was a clear tropical night with an unusual number of stars in the elements. We had the north star to our back and the southern cross in the low horizon before us. We talked of the southern cross (la cruz del sur) being a splendid illustration of the cross of Christ and one's keeping their eye on the same.

Wednesday morning we saddled our ponies and started for the little mountain town of La Palma, 35 miles to the east and south. After riding about three hours, it was decided in order to save the visitor a little for the preaching service that night, he should catch the bus as it came by, and Bro. Willey would lead the horse over the trail on in to the town. So I boarded the bus alone, as far as English speaking companionship was concerned, with a note in my pocket to present upon my arrival ahead of the other two members of our party. I found it would have been as easy to have ridden the horse as it was to ride the bus over these unbearable roads. But I held on with a death grip and we arrived "altogether" about 12:30 noon. One interesting thing to me was that the bus went through two gates on the way to town. About 5:00 P. M. Brothers Willey and Pedro Oliva arrived. I had managed to tell the folk "yo tengo hambre" y "yo tengo sed" (I have hunger and I have thirst). I also managed to tell them, or rather to show them, that I was tired, and so I got a good meal, and a good place to lay down and rest.

After the others arrived we took a good bath out of a water bucket, shaved up, changed some clothes, and got all ready for service that night. Enjoyed a splendid service with a nice crowd. Slept in the chapel building that night, starting on the trail toward Andrace Thursday morning 27th. We stopped at a home for dinner, and stopped at another home for service at three

o'clock in the afternoon. The farmers laid down their work, and a large crowd had gathered for the service. In this service several babies were dedicated to the Lord, and I might say this type of service took place in several instances over the field. We took some motion pictures, and then were on our way. Our little ponies did some real mountain climbing that afternoon. The scenery was gorgeous. We arrived in the beautiful valley of San Andrace in time to have supper and for service that night. I saw 35 professions in this service. I saw great possibilities at all these points we touched, and especially is it true at San Andrace. A large specious valley with a little town. No road, however, into this valley at all. Only mountain pony trails.

Next morning we were on our way up the valley bearing back to the west before sun up. Santiago Delgado met us at San Andrace, Pedro Oliva having gone on in the night before. We rode back into Vinales that day which is 18 miles to the west.



Nine Professions at Sabalo, Sunday, April 16

We stopped on the way for dinner at a farm home, arriving at our destination about 2:00 in the afternoon.

Saturday A. M. we took the bus out of Vinales again to the farm of Pedro Betancourt. Miss Olive Van Cyoc came from Pinar Del Rio, and several of the workers and students from the school, and in fact from all over, because this promised to be a great day. A very large crowd was present. Twenty candidates were baptized in the spring branch on this farm, and in the afternoon the Free Will Baptist Church of Vinales was organized in the home of Mr. Betancourt with 24 charter members, officers were elected, and two deacons ordained. Until this time the work in Vinales was only a preaching station. We were very happy to have part in this organization. In all it was an interesting day. The pig was roasted on the ground, and all enjoyed the roast-pig sandwiches when the meal was served.

Sunday, April 30th we took the train to San Juan for another convention. It was another enjoyable day which was characterized by much singing, testimony, and preaching of the gospel. We saw three professions at this place. San Juan is an organized church with 26 members, Sunday school, and services almost every night. They have a fund started for the erection of a chapel. Again a large crowd was present.

Tuesday, May 2nd, Bro. Willey and I started on another trip to the south west part of the province. We stopped over at Sabalo and held service Tuesday night. Had service in a home on the way next day, and arrived at our destination for service Wednesday night down in a section called Ray Martiz. This is a new field. We have no organization; but several preaching stations. This is a very backward part of the island, and we found the people very hungry for the gospel. I preached to the people down there who had never before heard a gospel message. Our missionaries have been making contacts in this section, and we have some splendid prospects there. We slept in a tobacco barn that night after the service, and took the bus and train back to Pinar Del Rio next day. The road into this section is another one almost impassable. Pedro Rojo was with us on this trip.

Saturday, May 6th, the last convention which we were privileged to attend, opened at the Cuban School of Missions out on the 18-acre farm, and continued over Sunday. This was indeed an enjoyable time. The people gathered from all places. Services were held in the chapel which the neighbors around the school have erected on our school farm. Rafiel Josue, the head of the school, had carefully planned the convention; including the printing of programs, etc. There was some kind of worship service in session nearly all the time from the opening to the close. Sunday morning 12 or 15 came forward in a consecration service. Sunday afternoon a very significant move was launched, that is, a fund was started among those native Cubans for the extension of missions. Thank the Lord for their vision, and may this spur us to do more. Sunday night in the closing service there were 13 professions.

Tuesday night, May 9th, we took the train to San Luis for service. San Luis is a very beautiful little town. We have an organized church there with only five members; but a very prospective place. At present they have no pastor and the students from the school are supplying. We enjoyed our short visit there very much.

This finished our work of covering the field. The next two days were taken in preparation for leaving as we were to leave May 12th.

Our School and Farm

I am very favorably impressed with our school and farm, and with the man who heads our school, Rev. Rafael Josue. Brother Josue and his fine wife are graduates from a Fundamental Bible School at Los Pinos in the province of Santa Clara. It is an interdenominational school, and is the best school of its kind on the island. He and his wife both teach in our school, and are both very capable. He is a man of strict detail, very careful in business, very devoted, and maintains very strict discipline at the school. He is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Vinales.

The school opened January 4th, 1944, and had closed a short time before our going down. Plans are that it shall open session again in the late summer or early fall. However there are students there throughout the summer at work on the farm taking care of the stock. Maximina Sanchez, one of our earnest Bible women, is doing the house work through the summer. There were seven students during the winter term; but there are nineteen in prospect for the opening this fall. The students seem to be a fine type of young people. They are indeed very promising. The subjects they have been teaching are as follows: doctrine, homiletics, hermaneutics, Bible introduction, Bible characters, personal work, false doctrines, writing, and language. The plans are that this fall they shall have music, etiquette, and some other subjects such as arithmetic, etc. They go to school one half day and work one half day. The students are to pay a fee of perhaps $2.00 per month with the opening this fall. I am pleased with the movement of things about the school. Of course the buildings are only provisional at present; but they are serving the purpose very well, and will have to serve until the war is over. They expect to add more room during this summer. The buildings are covered with leaves off the royal palm trees, and are constructed of other timbers cut mostly there on the farm. The school chapel is very nice, and a church organization is very imminent there. Al-

ready there is an average attendance of 60. Bro. Josue is the pastor of the group. Certainly our hope of evangelizing that province, and also of reaching on out, lays in the success of our school.

Having been raised on a farm I felt that if there was anything upon which I might pass good judgment it would be the farm. I am pleased with our 18-acre tract of land. It is located about six miles out of Pinar Del Rio, and one-half mile off the pavement. There is a bus about every three hours on this highway. Just a little work on the road leading in from the highway, and this location would do very well. Of course a little closer in to town might be desirable in some ways while on the other hand this location six miles out is more desirable. Any way land close in to town is beyond our reach financially at this time. Land is high in Cuba. Our farm is rolling, all tillable, and apparently is good soil.



Our Cuban School of Missions

There are a number of things to be done on the farm; but we must remember we have only owned it a short time. Many things have been done, and these other things will be done in the course of time. The history of our well on the farm is very interesting. The natives said they would have to dig 80 to 100 feet to find water there. But Bro. Willey and some of the students went down below the school about 75 yards at the foot of an incline, kneeled down and asked God to guide as to where they should dig, and arose, started digging and found an abundance of water at 15 feet. They had the water analyzed while we were there, and the report was that no better water had been found no where in the Province of Pinar Del Rio. It is very fine in medicinal value. They were starting another well the other direction from the school when we left. Our 550 orange trees, and the 200 royal palms are very beautiful, and very valuable. On the farm are two cows with calves, some milk goats, some hogs, some chickens, a few turkeys, a few ducks, one yoke of oxen, and some of the 13 head of horses which we own over the field. We also have two nice two-year-old heifers on pasture north of Vinales. It had been extremely dry in Cuba for several months and the stock everywhere was suffering for the need of grass. However the rains were just beginning to fall when we left. We enjoyed our stay at the farm and school very much. One night while the students were singing some of the beautiful hymns of the church as they were practicing for convention day, we noticed the catholics over on the ridge marching over the country carrying their lights and images of the saints, thinking that by such carrying on they might persuade God to send rain. It created a noticeable contrast as the students were singing the joys of salvation while the other sect were carrying on this next thing to a heathenish custom. Miss Olive Van Syoc's birthday and the thirty-day wedding anniversary for me and my wife came on the same day. They made us a fiesta at the school. A nice, and typical cuban meal was spread, our cakes were before us with candles accordingly. Miss Olive was presented with a nice purse, and we were presented with a large five-foot picture of the beautiful valley of Vinales. How much we appreciated this was more than words could express.

Summarizing the Work

We have the Pinar Association of Free Will Baptists composed of five organized churches with a total membership of just about 100. In addition to this there are 35 preaching stations. Three chapels built and paid for. Seven deacons, seven Sunday Schools. The school and 18 acres of land paid for. Four native pastors, and three of them have wives. One Bible woman. Four American missionaries. We are covering an area of about 120 miles in length, and fifty miles wide laying in a north east and south west direction with Pinar Del Rio, and the school and farm in the center. We have a lot of splendid possibilities to say nothing of the many tangeable realities already existant. What we need are workers and funds. We keenly need a man and wife to go over so the man can be a help to Brother Willey. He is working too hard. There are too many things for one man to have to do. It isn't right to lay too much on one man. He is serving faithfully, and enjoying it; but he needs help. Then we need native workers. Of course the school will eventually solve this problem; but it takes time. The work our missionaries are doing is strictly a pioneer work. They are indeed doing a great work. We found Miss Van Syoc very happy in her work, the children love her dearly, and she is getting the language very readily. Sister Willey was not so well when we arrived but was greatly improved when we left. Miss Yeley is not too well, and so we planned a trip home for her this summer, in which time she expects to attend the National Meeting at Flat River, Mo. The visible results we saw while there amounted to 80 professions, 31 baptized, and one church organized with 24 charter members.

Our Trip Home

We had a marvelous time, a splendid visit, and stay, with our missionaries which we enjoyed so much, and they were all so dear to us; but now the time had rolled around for us to take our departure. We took the bus to Havana the day before we were to take the plane next morning. Bro. and Sister Willey came with us to Havana, and assisted us in our procedure necessary to getting back across. We had a very nice stay over night in Havana. Bro. and Sis. Willey were to attend a fundamental missionary conference there the day of our departure.

It was storming over the ocean as we came back across. The rain was falling, and the clouds were thick and dark. The lightning reflected several times in the plane. The plane had to turn and go back into port as it got just out of Havana and have one of the motors worked on for an hour and forty minutes, as it was not working just right. Yet we made it fine, and landed in Miami without any difficulty whatever. We spent a few hours with Dr. Mason and then caught the bus out at midnight as there was no reservation to be had on either plane or train. We had a thirty-six hour ride to Nashville where we spent two nights, then took the train on home, arriving home 10:00 P. M. Tuesday, May 16th. We were indeed tired and ready for some rest.

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SPECIALIZE IN SEEKING AND SAVING SOULS

Rev. Robert Crawford

"And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon, called Peter, and Andrew his broth-

er casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And he said unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets and followed him." (St. Matthew 4: 18-22.)

This is an age of specialization. General practitioners in any line are becoming less recognized all the time. The doctors, lawyers, and teachers specialize in their respective fields. The specialty for the Christian is soul-winning. There is no greater specialty in all the lands. It requires more energy, calls for greater sacrifice, but brings greater profits than any other service in all the lands. Christianity is more than a title it is a task. It is more than a task, it is a joyous privilege of every saved soul to subordinate every other interest, ambition and engagement in life to the task of bringing the lost to a saving knowledge and acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

The Lord Can Use You

In our scripture text we find Jesus calling common fishermen to become fishers of men. The Lord has used men through the ages that have been willing to leave all and follow Him. Again we see, "The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong," (Ecc. 9: 11), but to those who are faithful to the task before them even unto death that have the promise of a crown of life. These fellows took note of their task and applied themselves. They were young fellows of faith and Christ was with them. We cannot credit to their great intellectuality, but to sincerity their accomplishments. Christ was manifest in them—helping them to be strong, and wise. The Lord continues to "call not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble." (I Cor. 1: 26). But is still choosing the foolish things of the world to confound the wise" (I Cor. 1: 27). The Holy Spirit still has power to help common men do the uncommon things for the salvation of souls.

The Lord Calls You

The same person who gave his blood to cleanse us from sin gave the commission to His disciples to go preach, teach, and specialize in soul-saving. Jesus said, "The Son of man is come to seek and save that which was lost" (Luke 19: 10). Also said, "As the Father hath sent me even so send I you" (John 20: 21). The church is in the world in this dispensation to evangelize, baptize those who believe and to teach them "all things whatsoever Christ has commanded. As the salt of the earth they have a responsibility for being the preservative of society, as the light of the world they must let their light so shine that men seeing their good works may glorify their Father which is in Heaven. We stand in Christ's stead bidding men be reconciled unto God and He has given unto us the ministry of reconciliation, through Jesus Christ. The Church should boldly proclaim the Deity and authority of Jesus as a potent antedote to the present trend toward world dictatorship. The race of men seem so constituted as to need a "god in the flesh." If they are not continuously taught that God has been manifested, authoritatively in the flesh in the person of the Lord Jesus Christ, they will make a man and defy him; for the race must have a god-man. This blasphemous thing has been done many times in history and today the spirit of dictatorship is again abroad. The Christ of Luther was not preached and witnessed to in Germany—therefore Nazism. The Lord does not call us to man made philosophies and programs—but to be fishers of men. We are so engulfed in a net work of social service that we are forgetting to present Christ as the Saviour. Christianity recognizes the fact that personal salvation through the gospel with it's regenerated reconstruction of life, is the greatest factor in bringing about real and lasting betterment in the world. It was John Morley, the noted British author, who gave the following significant testimony. "We all have been on the wrong track, and the result is that the whole of us have less to show for our work than the man. Booth of the Salvation Army, Herbert Spencer, Matthew Arnold, and the rest of us who have spent our lives in endeavoring to dispel superstition and to bring on a new era, have to admit that Booth has had more direct effect upon this generation than all of us put together." General Booth made personal regeneration basic in social reform. His work was social and Biblical. That the world is sick you cannot deny. It is in need of a physician. You can help introduce others to the Great Physician. One main reason that the fires of Evangelism are not burning is that we do not believe that sin is any longer sin, it is not an offense to God and the shame of man. We try to re-interpret its meaning and condone it with the rejection of the doctrine of Christ's coming again and the church has found it necessary to labor for community and world reformation. Of course, we are social beings—we do not live in a vacuum—we are to have the vitalizing, evangelizing power of the Lord in our lives in fishing for the souls of men. The churches that have the greatest social significance are those that preach the gospel of redemption. In every community where the church is most evangelical (not emotionally speaking) is the most socially conscious in a practical way.

Our Instructions

Follow Jesus. Hear Him say "Follow me." Schools are good, study courses, training is required, books help greatly—but none of them are equal to following Christ. What does it mean to follow Christ? Someone has well said that it means to give up, take up, and to keep up. Yes, it means all that and more. It means to lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us to put away every evil thing, every evil thought, that might be a barrier between us and Christ. It means to keep up in effort, in toil, in sacrifice, in travail with the Son of God, who set the pace and the example to us.

To bring men to God, to win men to Himself, Jesus did two things. First, He prayed for them; second, He went after them. He prayed for them by day and night to the Father. His prayers were most characteristic of His life. They were the courage

of His soul, the comfort of His heart, the confidence of His life He prayed for the living, dying, sick, and for the well. Prayed at His baptism, in the garden, on the cross, when He broke bread, after the resurrection. He is now interceding for the souls of men. His example is our guide. His practice is our command. Our victory in service for the King depends upon how closely we follow the precepts and the programs of Him who is over all victorious. Pray until hearts are melted, pray until backslidden Christians are reclaimed —pray until hosts of harvesters are called out to the field. Pray until evangelistic fires burn in every church in America—or over the world.

Go after them—continue that seeking-saving ministry. If we follow Christ we will win every battle—the battle might be long—Jesus is the captain of our salvation. We have the blood of Calvary to sprinkle the way before us. Christ is leading —following Him we are more than conquerors. The victory is assured. The crown of righteousness that never fadeth is waiting the heroes of the Cross. Follow me—text—I will make you fishers of men. Let us follow at His invitation sowing, weeping, and reaping a harvest for Jesus —in His Name let us go!

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Concert Class Itinerary

Friday, June 23, St. Johns, Carteret county.

Saturday, June 24, South River. Carteret county.

Sunday, June 25, Morehead City, Caretret county.

Monday, June 26, Brice's Creek, Craven county.

Tuesday, June 27, St. Mary, Craven county.

Wednesday, June 28, Bridgeton, Craven county.

James A. Evans,
Superintendent

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MRS. BALLARD TO WORK FOR THE ORPHANAGE

Mrs. Gertrude O. Ballard of Elizabeth City, N. C. has been engaged by the Orphanage to represent the Institution in the several churches where she will be sent. Mrs. Ballard's visits will be in the place of the Concert Class. The transportation of a class is so difficult under the war-time



Mrs. Ballard

restrictions, we decided to send one person. Since Mrs. Ballard is well known and has been so successful in her field work for the women and young people's organizations we are fortunate in securing her services. She will tour the Eastern part of the state first and then go into the mountain section. We predict that Mrs. Ballard will bless the cause of the Orphanage wherever she goes. We commend her to you; your assistance to her will be appreciated by the management of the Orphanage.

J. A. Evans, Superintendent

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Itinerary for Mrs. Gertrude Ballard
Field Representative

Eastern Conference

July 10 ---------- Rock of Zion
July 11 ---------- New Bethlehem
July 12 ---------- Arapahoe
July 13 ---------- Oriental
July 14 ---------- Bethel
July 15 ---------- Trent
July 16 ---------- Mt. Zion
July 17 ---------- Warden's Grove
July 18 ---------- Mt. Olive
July 19 ---------- Dublin Grove
July 20 ---------- White Hill
July 21 ---------- Core Point Chapel
July 22 ---------- Symrna
July 23 ---------- Ephesus
July 24 ---------- Union Chapel

Central Conference

July 25 ---------- Shiloh
July 26 ---------- Free Union
July 27 ---------- Sidney
July 28 ---------- Belhaven

PROGRAM AT MAY'S CHAPEL

The following is the program which was rendered at May's Chapel on the Second Sunday in June, 1944. After the Sunday School was over, there was an intermission for a few moments, then the congregation was called together, and hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was sung. Prayer was offered by Brother Grady. A poem was recited by Patsey Gray. Another poem was by Gaynell Gray. Joyce Anderson recited another poem. A duet was rendered by Mrs. Edith Gardner and Miss Dolly Bowen, accompanied by guitar.

Then there were recited other poems by Chester Brown, Joanne Gray, and Marion Perry. A duet was sung by the Browns and accompanied by two guitars and mandolins. Mrs. Bowen then gave a reading, accompanied by the piano, played by Mrs. Roy Outlaw.

Our pastor was with us, and he seemed to be some better, as he could get around on his crutches. He brought the message after Brother Jesse Barrow read the sixth chapter of Romans. Dinner was spread on the grounds. After the noon hour was over, we re-assembled back in the church, entered into the song service and had prayer. Then we entered into the organization of a Young People's League.

At the evening service Brother Jesse Barrow's evening message was on the subject "God's Completeness." May the Lord ever bless and keep us humble before Him.

Church Reporter

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary,
North Carolina State Association

Blessings in Assembling

The Lord Jesus Christ has placed within the reach of every believer a blessing on the condition of assembling in His name. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there will I be in the midst of them."

The devil, old Satan the deceiver, the father of lies, who said to mother Eve, "Thou shalt not surely die," has set forth the believers, as well as the unsaved, an idea that it is not worth while to assemble at the place of prayer and worship.

Some people are getting the blessings which Jesus has assured by assembling in "His name" while the great majority of people are losing, not only the joy of fellowship with Christ and His saints, but every blessing and heading for eternal damnation because they have believed Satan's lie, rather than God's eternal word.

The Psalmist said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord" (Psa. 122: 1). Where there is joy and blessing, that is the place for me. I want every joy and blessing that God has promised to us. If we get these blessings we must meet the condition. The blessing of being with Jesus in the congregational worship cannot be substituted. The reading of good books will not suffice. Sermons over the air and radio programs will not meet the requirements. Good books and radio sermons are blessings, when read and heard in the name of Jesus. But the SPECIAL BLESSING referred to is only received by assembling in the name of Jesus Christ.

He Is Faithful That Promised

"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exorting one another; and so the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10: 23-25).

In the profession of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, when the profession is real, we are assured of eternal salvation. The holy Writer of the above scripture says, "Let us hold fast the profession." We are assured that Christ is faithful. "For He is faithful that promised." When Christ said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I." A promise was given that cannot be broken. "It is impossible for God to lie." So, if we really believe in our heart the word of God, we can say as we leave our room to go to the house of the Lord, "I am going to meet Jesus." Where can we meet Him? "At the place of worship, "where two or three are gathered together." Where is your faith, my dear reader? Do you go to meet Jesus at the place of entertainment, or do you go to worship in the NAME OF JESUS CHRIST? There is a difference. If you go to WORSHIP in "Spirit and truth" there can be no disappointment. If you go to hear a preacher, you can, and most times do get fooled, perhaps.

Disobedience Is Sin

It is not only a privilege to meet Jesus and worship in His name, but it is a command. The Word of God says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is." It is a sin for a well, physically fit person, to wilfully stay away from the place of worship. There is no way to dodge the issue. "He that is not with me is against me," said Jesus. To wilfully stay away from the worship of God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is to wilfully sin against God and to deny our faith in the Lord Jesus. We cannot dodge the responsibility of assembling in the NAME OF JESUS. It is not a little sin. All disobedience is sin. God's wrath is dealt out on disobedience. "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them" (Ephe. 56, 7). Don't believe that stuff which Satan has offered to believers all the way down, "I can be just as good without going to church as I can by going." That depends as to whether you BELIEVE GOD or not. If you do not believe what the Bible says, and you are determined to believe what you do believe, even when your belief is a contradiction of God's plain truth, you just as well stay at home; but if you believe that Jesus is the Christ, and that He came to save sinners; that He "died that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3: 16), then you better not let the devil nor any of his agents deceive you and keep you away from the house of God.

Examples

JESUS: "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up for to read" (Luke 4: 16).

PETER AND JOHN: "Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour" (Acts 3: 1).

PAUL AND HIS COMPANY: "And on the Sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither" (Acts 16: 13).

THE CHURCH: "Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him . . ." And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together praying" (Acts 12: 5-12). These examples are sufficient to satisfy the mind of any reasonable person, that the Lord purposed that those who believe in Him should assemble together and worship and adore the name of the Lord.

Wilful Sin

To wilfully absent ourselves from

the assembly of God's children is to wilfully sin against revealed truth. To wilfully sin against revealed truth is to wilfully sin against God, the Father and the Holy Spirit. To sin thus is to bring chastisement, upon the sinner. When the Lord's will is not done in us, if we are His children, we suffer. We lose. There is no way to dodge that word of God, that says, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Often we find some believer in Christ who has been deceived by the Devil's lie, and stayed away from worship of the Lord. The Gospel of Christ loses its power to satisfy such a soul. But affliction comes along. This believer is thrown on his back in a state of agony and suffering. Then he wants the Gospel carried to him. It takes it to satisfy that hungry soul. He repents and promises the Lord that, "If, I get well, I am going back to the church and to worship my God with His people." God takes this poor wandering, sinning, believer back. His sins are forgiven. God heals him of the sickness. But then the sinner loses. His "first love" has been ignored. He goes back to "do the first things" as taught by the Revelation of Jesus Christ, but between his going away, and his coming back, there are great blessings lost. These can never be regained. These blessings are gone forever. It pays to obey and serve the Lord Jesus. When the Devil comes to you with that stuff, that, "You can be just as good without attending church as you can by attending," just remember that Jesus said, that "Satan is the father of lies."

That Offering

Have you made that offering for CHRISTIAN EDUCATION THIS JUNE? This is the time. The place is anywhere. But the best place is the Church where you worship. Then, "Others can see your good works glorify God."

Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Tim. 4: 8.

SPIRITUAL SUSTENANCE

(Continued from page 3)

than we can without His blessings. Let us not neglect to feed on this food.

May we come to Christ for cleansing, for pardon, for comfort and for worship. Then may we feed at his table upon the word, on prayer on testimony and on giving, that we may have the spiritual sustenance to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Jesus has a table spread
Where the saints of God are fed,
He invites the chosen people,
Come and dine.
With His manna He doth feed,
And supplies our every need,
O 'tis sweet to sup with Jesus all the time.

MY AMBITION

One of my greatest ambitions as a mother,
Is to teach my children to always love each other;
When they grow older and go out into the world,
I pray they will never know hatred or malice unfurled.

I want my girls to be always,
Kind and courteous with a feminine grace;
They should select their friends with utmost care,
The ones without morals or who believe not in God, beware.

I want my boys to be always,
Kind hearted, dependable, honest, and brave;
To keep themselves clean without and within,
Mind their associates, cultivate trustworthy friends.

And another very important thing
That they all may learn about our God, our king;
So that they may know the richness, the fullness of life,
That they may never know brutality, heartache or strife.
And when I am gone to my last long resting place,
When I can no longer try to guide their foot steps,
That they may look for guidance to our most high God,
Should temptations arise or the way grow hard.

—Anon.

"HOW OLD OUGHT I TO BE?"

'Dear mother," said a little maid,
"Please whisper it to me:
Before I am a Christian,
How old ought I to be?"

"How old ought you to be, dear child,
Before you can love me?"
'I always loved you, Mummie mine,
Since I was tiny wee."

"I love you now and always will,"
The little daughter said,
And on her mother's shoulder hid
Her golden, curly head.

"How old, my girlie, must you be
Before you trust my care?"
"Oh, mother dear, I do, I do—
I trust you everywhere."

"How old ought you to be, my child,
To do the things I say?"
The little girl looked up and said,
"I can do that to-day."

"Then you can be a Christian, too;
Don't wait 'till you are grown;
Tell Jesus **now** you come to Him
To be His very own."

And so the little maid knelt down,
And said, "Lord, if I may,
I'd like to be a Christian **now!**"
He answered, "Yes, to-day."

—Unknown.

CHURCH TO REVISE ITS ROLL

This is to the members of King's Cross Roads Church, advising that the **Church List** is to be revised on the Third Saturday in September, 1944. Each member is requested to be present in person, or to represent by letter.

Yours truly,
Mrs. I. C. Tugwell.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,

McArthur, Ohio

ENTERING THE PROMISED LAND

(Lesson for July 2)

Lesson: Joshua 1: 1-9; 23: 1-5.

I. An Outline for Teachers

Instructions relative to entering and possessing the land.

1. An active faith required

a. **Go** over Jordan (1:2)

b. **Tread** upon what was already promised (1:3-4)

2. Faithfulness and devotion to God enjoined

a. Be strong and of good courage (1:6, 7, 9)

b. Meditate upon and keep the World (1:7-8).

3. Prosperity and success would then be realized (1:7-8).

Instructions relative to staying in the land (23:1-6).

1. Appreciate what God had already done (23:3-4).

2. Continue in confidence, courage and obedience (23:5-6).

The Older Classes will find in this lesson a wonderful tribute to the place God intends the word of God to have in the hearts and lives of those to whom he assigns the great and important tasks of leadership in his kingdom and in his church. Let the teacher strive to bring the class to see what importance God attaches to his word, and how men who are assigned to what we call the most practical tasks need wisdom that comes down from heaven in earthly matters.

A good song for this lesson: "God's Promises Are Sure."

II. Lesson High Points

1. The Man

Dean Stanley says: "It is not often, either in sacred or common history, that we are justified in pausing on anything so outward, and usually so accidental, as a name. But if ever there be an exception, it is in the case of Joshua. His original name (Hoshea, salvation) is transformed into Jehoshua or Joshua (God's salvation), and this, according to the modification which Hebrew names underwent in their passage through the Greek language, took, in the later ages of the Jewish church, sometimes the form of Jason, but more frequently that which has now become indelibly impressed upon history as the greatest of all names—**Jesus.** The first Joshua was to save his people from their actual foes; the second was to 'save his people from their sins.'" Born about the time of Moses' flight to Midian, he must have grown up a serf in the brickyards of Egypt, and afterward have witnessed the miracles of the exodus. He was a soldier of recognized ability at the time of the conflict with Amalek (Ex. 17:9). He was the confidential servant and companion of Moses during the sublime events at Sinai. He was taught in the school of the exodus to know God, and in the camp of Israel to know man, and in Moses' society how to develop himself for unselfish service. He is one of the Old Testament characters against whose name there is no reproach.

2. The Silent Appeal

This lesson applies to every age. The adults should realize anew the glow and ardor which accompanies one as he goes into a conflict confident of victory. To the young people the life of Joshua makes one of those silent appeals which needs little application. It is like the picture which a mother had on her living room wall, of a sturdy boat in a storm-tossed sea with the captain in his uniform standing on the bridge half smiling as he confidently drove his ship into the storm. The mother did not fully realize, until her third boy left home for a life on the ocean, the silent appeal which the picture was making. So it is with Joshua. Let a young person get a good view of this courageous leader and immediately there springs up in his inner nature an ambition to emulate him. The task of the teacher of young people is therefore clear—see that each scholar gets a clear cut picture of Joshua.

But remember, also, that Joshua, apart from God, was far from a courageous leader. Please read Joshua 7 to prove this.

3. Courage Springs from Faith, Hope, Love, and Joy

Faith is an element of strength. Abraham was strong in faith" (Rom. 4:20). The eleventh chapter of Hebrews is a thrilling record of the deeds of those who were made strong by faith. Luther believed it to be his duty to go to Worms, and had faith to believe that God would take care of him. His friends warned him of his danger and said he would be burned as John Huss had been. Luther replied, "Although they should make a fire that should reach from Worms to Wittenberg, and that should flame up to heaven, in the Lord's name I would pass through it and appear before them." To another he said, "I would enter Worms though there were as many devils there as tiles upon the roofs of the houses." **Hope** is an element of strength. "For we are saved by hope" (Rom. 8:24). The poet Hesiod tells us that the miseries of all mankind were included in a great box, and that Pandora took the lid off, so that all came out and hope only remained. But with hope left, we are nerved for the conflict. **Love** is strong as death" (S. of S. 8:6). Love led Jacob through fourteen years of service, which seemed as but a few days to him. Love led Paul through the toil and labor and sacrifice of his apostolic ministry until his course was finished. Love led the Son of man to be crowned with suffering and death that many sons might be led to glory. **Joy** is an element of strength. "For the joy of the Lord is your strength."—Practical Commentary.

Note: We are sure our own Quarterlies for the Third Quarter will have the helps you need on this lesson. Let's all study them prayerfully.

I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Rom. 12: 3.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor
New Bern, N. C.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The seventeenth Annual Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina met with Stony Creek Church, Wayne County, May 25, 1944. The attendance was good, and it was a very successful meeting.

The theme for the day was: "Steadfastness in the Go Ye," which was brought out thoroughly during the day's session. Mrs. L. E. Ballard brought the convention message, using the theme of the convention. She stressed the fact that we should be steadfast in our prayers, study, and love.

The various reports were very encouraging, showing that there had been an increase in the activities of the local auxiliaries. The vice-presidents gave their reports and plans for the next year's work.

The convention will be held next year at St. Mary's Church in Wilson County. The officers for the coming year are as follows:

President, Mrs. Clarence Bowen,
1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. Raymond Sasser,
2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. C. Griffin.
3rd Vice-Pres., Mrs. R. C. Wiggs.
4th Vice-Pres., Mrs. Paul Thigpen.
5th Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. C. Moye.
6th Vice-Pres., Mrs. T. E. Beamon.
Secretary, Mrs. Oliver Smith.
Treasurer, Mrs. Herman Nobles.
Field Secretary, Mrs. L. E. Ballard.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Oliver Smith, Secretary,
Mrs. Clarence Bowen, President

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AID REPORT

The Auxiliary of Oak Grove Church met on Wednesday afternoon, June 7, at the church, with Mrs. Kermit West in charge of the meeting. She conducted the devotional services, and Mrs. Albert Lewis made an interesting talk on the subject, "Measuring the Field," Mrs. Y. W. Eldridge also made a talk on the subject, "Measuring the Forces." Mrs. Annie McPhail talked on the subject, "Measuring the Funds." Mrs. Carl Warren made a very interesting talk on the subject, "Measuring the Future."

There were fourteen members present for the meeting. There were 118 chapters read in the Bible by the members since the last meeting. Four sympathy cards were sent to the sick, seven flower designs were sent to the sick also. Two nice trays of delicious food were taken to the sick, and five visits were made also to the sick during the month.

Mrs. Annie McPhail, President,

Miss Thelma Lee, Secretary

CARTERET UNION REPORT

The Carteret Union meeting convened with St. John's Chapel, at Stacy, N. C., on April 29, 1944. The moderator, Rev. W. E. Anderson, opened the meeting at 10:30 with a song, and Rev. Garris Gaskill led in a word of prayer.

The various committees were appointed, as Devotional, Finance, Temperance, Sunday School. Rev. W. E. Anderson delivered a wonderful message on the subject, "Laborers Together with God" (Cor. 3: 1-11). At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was spread on the church grounds.

The afternoon session was opened by singing and prayer, followed by an old-time testimony meeting. A special offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $26.55. Then the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the list of churches was called with twelve churches representing. Only one failed to represent in the union.

Rev. W. E. Anderson and Rev. J. R. Forrest sang a duet, then Rev. Garris Gaskill made an inspiring talk on the Sunday Schools. Mrs. W. H. Kirk made the report on temperance. It was voted that the union set aside $10 at each union meeting until the desired amount be raised to place a tomb at the grave of Rev. Slaughter, as a Memorial of his faithful services in the Free Will Baptist denomination. Mr. Elmer Garner was appointed to take charge of buying and having the stone erected to the grave.

This being the end of the fiscal year, and time to elect officers, they were elected as of last year. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the fine way in which they entertained this union meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Balance on hand from last union	$ 10.95
Offering from churches	67.30
Special Offering for Orphanage	26.55
Total	$104.80

Disbursements

Paid out during this union	$96.05
Balance on hand	$ 8.75

We will meet on Saturday, July 29, 1944, at Sea Level Church.

Rev. W. E. Anderson, Moderator,

Mrs. Weldon Fulcher, Secretary

A. R. FLOWERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Prof. A. R. Flowers has recently returned from South Carolina with encouraging reports from the work in the old Palmetto State. Prof. Flowers has much to say about the unselfish Christian spirit of the South Carolina brethren. And of the great growth in many churches.

The people of South Carolina write of him as their old friend and speak of him as "Just one of us." Prof. Flowers is soon to fill some engagements in Missionary Baptist churches in Wake County.

It is to be remembered that he has many loyal friends and old pupils in Wake County, North Carolina, where he taught school years ago.

Mrs. Robert Hedden,

Route Three,

Kenly, North Carolina

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Boys and Girls Corner

"ONE MORE RIDE"

It was winter, and the boys of Canada were busy tobogganning on a hill near the village where Henry lived. There was to be a Children's Meeting in the schoolhouse that evening, and Henry left home to go to the meeting. As he passed along the road he saw the boys and heard their cries of delight as they rushed down the hill on the frozen snow. He stood to look at them for a moment, and one of the lads seeing him, cried,

"Come along, Henry, and have a go, I'll take you on with me."

At first Henry refused, for he remembered his mother had told him to go straight to the schoolhouse and not wait with the boys. But the second time Henry was asked, he yielded, and went. The game went on, and Henry forgot all about the meeting until he saw the children going home. Then his conscience began to trouble him about his disobedience, and he wondered how he would meet his mother.

He wished in the depths of his heart he had obeyed her, but now it was too late, and Satan was tempting him to tell a lie to hide his sin.

"I'll just have one more," said Henry, "then I'm going home." So off they went for the last time down the hill, shouting, "Let the last be best."

But when half way down, Henry's arm, in some way, became entangled, and before he could extricate it, he was thrown with great force on his head and left lying, while the rest of the lads swept on.

When they came up the hill, they found Henry lying insensible, with his arm broken.

He was taken home and tenderly cared for by his kind mother, but it was weeks before he was able to go out of the house, and during those weary days, so full of remorse, oh, how often he wished that he had not disobeyed his mother!

A friend who called to see him one day, and saw how grieved and sad he was, tenderly said, "This is just how it will be in hell, Henry; but only a thousand times worse. There, all who disobey God, and especially those who refuse to believe on His dear Son who came to save their souls, will regret it for all eternity in a dark and hopeless hell. If you can hardly endure the remorse of a few days, how will you bear the agony of the Christ-rejecter in hell for ever and ever?"

These words greatly troubled Henry. He could not get them out of his mind. He tried hard to conceal his anxiety of soul, but his mother saw there was something troubling him.

On a Sunday afternoon, when all the rest were at the meeting, she sat down by Henry's couch and there they had a long talk together. He told his mother what he had been thinking about since the day of his disobedience, and how he had longed to be saved. She was glad of the opportunity to point him to Jesus, the Rest of the weary, the Saviour of the lost. By the time his broken arm was whole, he had trusted Jesus and passed from death to life.

My dear young friend, do you ever think of what it will be to endure the remorse of a Christ-rejecter? You know how bitter it is to look back upon disobedience to your earthly parent when you are suffering for it, but what must it be to have to remember forever that God was disobeyed, that Jesus was rejected, and that His loving invitations were all despised? How bitter must be the remembrance of Sunday School days, when the young and tender heart was made soft by the touching message of the love of Jesus, and His deep sorrows on the Tree, yet led on by pleasure's bewitching smiles day by day, along the road that leads to death and hell.

But you need never know those bitter woes, that unending sorrow. You may yet be saved, yes, everlastingly saved and made happy by trusting Jesus. Even now, let Jesus hear you say from your heart:

"Just as I am! without one plea,
But that Thy Blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!"

—Unknown.

GOD OUR JUDGE—NOT MAN

By Mrs. Lee Evans

As we journey along through life, we often meet with heartaches and disappointments. The way seems dark and dreary, but then God has promised us that we will not be tempted beyond that which we can bear. He has promised to be with us all the way, even unto the end of the world. That is a great promise.

We who are Christians should be very careful as to what we say, and what we do: "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either canst thau say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull ou the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine ow neye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye" (Lu. 6: 41-42).

We should not pass judgment on anyone. Try to see just a little good in what the other fellow does, and remember that you might do something in your brother's sight that is just as bad to him. God said in Matthew 7: 1, 2, "Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge ye shall be judged. And with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again." Read Ezekiel 16: 52; Lu. 6: 37; Rom. 2: 1; 14: 3; I Cor. 4: 3-45; James 4: 11.

If we will give just a cup of water in God's name, we shall not lose our reward. But by all means, we do not want to offer anyone an offense. "And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a mill stone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea." So let us all work and pray together that our lives shall be blessings, and not stumbling blocks to someone else. Pray that God will use me just where He needs me most, and that my light may be shining for His glory.

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STAND BY THE DOCTRINE

"Preach the word; be instant in season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering, and doctrine" (II Tim. 4: 2).

Brethren, the time has come when people will not endure sound doctrine, and some of our preachers are satisfied to preach modernistic and social messages to their hearers. Why is this true? Because of being afraid of offending, or hurting some good paying brother's feelings. Brethren, the "Woe" has already been pronounced against those who misuse the Scriptures. It is too bad that any minister will use the Word of God for his own selfish desires. "But why should I worry," some will say, about brother A's or brother B's soul, so long as he pays his church dues? But listen, "You are your brother's keeper." You are responsible for his salvation by the words you preach to him.

Brethren, some of the preachers have turned God's house into a house of speculation and profit to satisfy their own selfish desires. This ought not so to be. Brother preacher, when you take brother A's or brother B's money, be sure that you are leading him in the right way. If you are doing otherwise, then you are heaping upon your own head "coals of fire" that will destroy both soul and body some day.

Remember, we are to condemn the sinful things of the world, and to offer something better. We are to offer the love of Christ, the cleansing blood of Jesus, which taketh away the sins of the world. Jesus tells us how to go unto those who have not received the word of God. He tells us to go without extra cloak or script, for He will provide for us. If we have faith in Him, He will provide for us. He knows our needs better than we do ourselves.

The trouble with many of us today is that our hearts are set on pride and modernism of the world, and not on God. Jesus said for us to render our hearts, and not our garments, but we have done the contrary. We are here in this world to minister to those who are in need, and to be helpful to one another. Let us covet not our brother, or neighbor's possessions for this is wrong. On the other hand, we are to give thanks to God.

Those of you who do not know Jesus Christ in the pardoning and forgiving of your sins, repent now before it shall be too late. The Lord is coming again soon after His Bride, and if you are still in your sins, you will be doomed for hell. The question, "How can I repent?" has been asked many times. You must quit doing the things which you know to be wrong in the sight of God. Turn to Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, and accept Him as your Master. Be prompted by your conscience, when you are about to do wrong, and turn from the evil way. The still small voice of God knocking at your heart's door, asking you to open that door, will safely guide you in the right way. Repent and believe Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Next, you must have faith, and faith comes by hearing, and hearing by understanding, and understanding by the love and grace of God. Then you are made to become joint heirs with Christ. You are to have love and fellowship one with another.

Brethren, let us be instant in season and out of season. Let us hold to the fundamental truths as found in the Word of God. We are to stand firm to the gospel teachings of Christ. Let us hold to the solid rock. Let us exhort those who are exhorting Christ, and teaching others the way of eternal life, to uphold this doctrine. Christ is the Corner Stone, and it will stand, for even the gates of hell shall never prevail against Him.

C. R. Houston,
Colquitt, Georgia,
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I will be available for pastoral work on Second and Third Sundays for the coming year. I shall be very glad to hear from any churches desiring my services.

J. H. French,
L-109 Trent Court.
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BARROW. It was March 19, 1944 in the early morning about four thirty when God in His wisdom called the spirit of little Shelba Jean Barrow from this world of sorrow and disappointment to forever be with him in that city not made with hands eternally in the heavens.

She was one month and eleven days old and in perfect health, so her death came as a shock. She leaves to weep: her broken-hearted parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen Barrow; four grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barrow, Mr. Dewey Midgett, who is in the armed forces, and Mrs. Dewey Midgett of Roanoke Rapids, N. C.; two aunts and one uncle; three great-grandmothers and two great--grandfathers; and a host of relatives and friends.

Her funeral was conducted by her father's pastor, Rev. Clifton Rice. Then her little body was laid to rest beside that of her little uncle who preceded her to the grave about ten years in the Hull Road Cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers.

Sleep on little darling
Take thy rest,
We loved you much
But God loved you best.

Written by her loving grandmother,

Mrs. M. L. Barrow,
Snow Hill, N. C.

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ATKINSON. Union Grove Ladies Auxiliary has lost one of its most loyal members. Sister K. C. Atkinson, age 70 years old, was called from our midst on January 28, 1944, to reap her heavenly reward. Her absence is keenly felt in our society, church and community, but we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father, who doeth all things well.

We can truly say as has been said that she is not dead, she is just away, for the memory of her sweet character, and loving disposition will live on in our hearts.

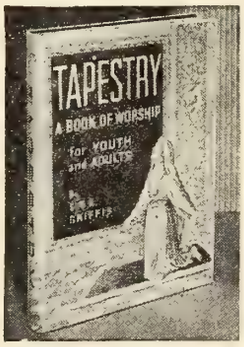
For many years she was a faithful member of Union Grove Church. Prior to uniting with this church, she was a member of Pinkney Missionary Baptist Church. She leaves to mourn their loss an aged husband, seven step-children, one brother and sister, and a host of friends.

Her pastor, Rev. M. L. Johnson, conducted the funeral, and her body was laid away beneath a mound of beautiful flowers in the Holland Cemetery.

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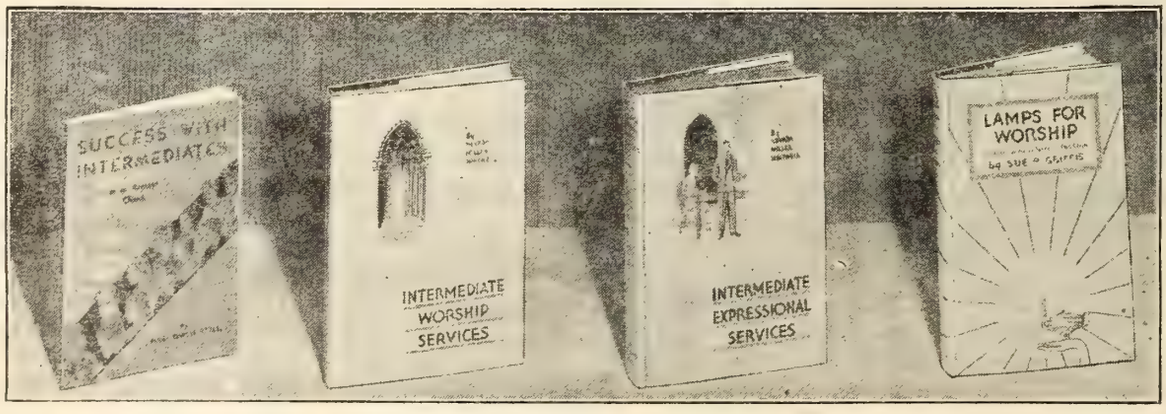
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  These are the things that stand,
Though the sneer and jibe of the cynic tribe
  Are loud through the width of the land.
The scoffer may lord it an hour on earth,
  And a lie may live for a day,
But truth and honor and manly worth
  Are things that endure alway.

Courage and toil and service,
  Old, yet forever new—
These are the rock that abides the shock
  And holds through the storm, flint-true.
Fad and folly, the whims of an hour,
  May bicker and rant and shrill:
But the living granite of truth will tower
  Long after their rage is still.

Labor and love and virtue—
  Time does not dim their glow;
Though the smart may say, in their languid way,
  "Oh, we've outgrown all that, you know!"
But a lie, whatever the guise it wears,
  Is a lie, as it was of yore.
And a truth that has lasted a million years
  Is good for a million more!

—Ted Olson

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An evangelistic service will be held on Monday evening at eight o'clock (8:00 p. m.) at the Hickory Chapel F. W. B. Church, three miles east of Ahoskie, North Carolina.

Following on the Fourth of July will be held the North Carolina State League Convention. All persons planning to come on bus or train, and also those who will spend Monday night, please notify Mrs. Archie Willoughby, 307 Richard Street, Ahoskie, North Carolina, and there will be someone to meet you.

Do not miss this wonderful opportunity of worshipping with your fellow leaguers.

Ruth Daughtie,
Cor.-Secy.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. 1 Peter 5: 6.

A NEW BOOK OF SERMONS JUST OFF THE PRESS

By Rev. M. L. Hollis

By the request of hundreds of friends, who have heard these sermons preached, the Reverend M. L. Hollis has had five sermons printed in book form on the following subjects:

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THE WAY of SALVATION MADE PLAIN

EDITORIAL

NO BAPTIST PAPER NEXT WEEK

As has been the custom for many years, the editor does not get out an issue of the Baptist paper for the week of the Fourth of July. It has been the editor's vacation week for lo these many years, therefore, the Baptist readers will not expect to receive their paper next week.

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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO MEET

The National Association will convene in a few more days at Flat River, Missouri. This is expected to be a great meeting this year. Representatives from the various district and state bodies will attend this meeting with the view of transacting important business for the denomination. It is expected that progressive measures will be launched to further the cause of missions, Christian education, and superannuation for the retired ministers.

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NEW CHURCHES ESTABLISHED

Brother M. L. Hollis and other ministers are going forward in the organizing and building new churches in different sections of the country. The trend is certainly a forward and upward look for the denomination in the United States. Many more churches should be established over the country, but there is the need of funds with which to launch a church-building campaign in many towns and cities in the different states. Some means should be obtained by which funds in the different states could be raised and set aside for this specific purpose.

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WAR BONDS

Should the Christian people of America be patriotic during the great crisis of this world war, and buy War Bonds? Is the cause for which this country is fighting a just and worthy cause? Is it to stop the spirit of aggression and dictatorial domination of the world? If so, then should anyone object to buying bonds to help in the financial support of the cost of war?

We believe everyone, who possibly can, should buy war bonds in accordance with their ability to do so. Churches, Sunday Schools, League organizations, Women's Auxiliaries, and the like, should do what they can to buy bonds to help our Government during this most critical time of our great nation. Every true American should be willing to do his or her part in assisting the Government by spending some of their money in the purchase of these bonds. By so-doing funds can be laid away for future use, as the education of some member of the family, to care for someone in old age, or to add buildings to the church sites, or to enlarge church libraries, etc.

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PRAYER FOR RAIN

In this section of the State of North Carolina there is a great drought and the crops are drying up on many of the thirsty farm lands. The people are beginning to be very much concerned about the gloomy situation. Some churches have sent out a call for the people to come together for special prayer to Almighty God for rain. The Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church near Vanceboro, North Carolina, sent out such a call and held meetings at the noon hour on different days. Other churches are doing likewise in some communities of the State.

We feel that more concern should be given to God's goodness, and more prayers should be offered unto Him for the blessings which He continues to give unto the people. Too many people today are dependent upon themselves for all the good things which they enjoy. But God is the giver of every good and bountiful gift. He will send the rains if the people will turn to Him in simple faith and trust, and pray earnestly for the refreshing showers that their crops might grow into a bountiful harvest.

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LEAGUE CONVENTION

The North Carolina League Convention will convene this year on the Fourth of July at Hickory Chapel, near Ahoskie, North Carolina. There is a splendid program which has been arranged for this meeting, and it is expected that a large number of young leaguers will attend this session. Last year the convention was called off due to the strict gas and food rationing by the government, but the young people this year feel the need so keenly of holding a meeting that they have arranged to meet at Hickory Chapel in Hertford County.

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INVESTIGATIONS BEING MADE FOR A CAMP SITE

Recently some investigations were made concerning the selection of the Assembly Grounds for a camp site for the North Carolina young leaguers. Some of the sites looked over are not for sale, however, but there are others which will be inspected in a short while as to their suitableness for the Assembly Grounds for the camp. Suitable places for a good Assembly Grounds for the church people of the State are not easy to find, nor are every one on the market for sale by the owners of the property.

The Assembly Grounds Committee, nevertheless, will continue to look about for suitable places, since the people are desirous of getting things started toward the establishment of a camp of their own in the State. Care is being taken, however, in the choice and selection of a place for the camp. Certain requirements have been set up by some of the committee members, and it is expected that due consideration will be given before any steps shall be taken to purchase the Assembly Grounds site for a camp.

Shall Fundamental Radio Preaching Continue?

By Thos. E. Beaman

There are movements on the way to remove from the air all sound, fundamental preaching of the old-fashioned gospel of our Lord. Three great forces of evil have combined their efforts to force the real gospel off the air. These forces are swiftly moving with great momentum, though in a quiet, tactful, yet sure way.

All Free Will Baptists everywhere are requested to remember, with much prayer, this great medium of getting the gospel to the people, namely, Radio preaching. Pray much that these forces may not be victorious in their efforts to remove radio preaching of the gospel.

All of us who preach over the air are organizing ourselves and are doing what we can to hold our rightful place, and continue to tell the old, old story of Christ over the radio, but we need your prayers now. Don't fail us.

The following is an editorial by R. W. Neighbors, which will help you to better understand the problem:

"Shall religion on the radio be free to all religious broadcasters, or shall America continue to grant freedom of speech and give religious programs the opportunity of paying for their own time on the air and requesting financial support from God's people everywhere?

"Some modernist groups have come out and openly expressed disapproval of paid religious programs. We would expect that much from such organizations. Naturally they are opposed to paid religious programs because the majority of paid religious programs on the air are programs that are sound and orthodox. The modernist doesn't care enough for the souls of men to pay for his broadcast. The broadcast of the Federal Council of Churches is free.

"The American people have expressed their desire to have such programs as the Old Fashioned Revival Hour with over a million dollars in gifts each year. They have also paid thousands into broadcasts of the Lutheran Hour, the Back Home Hour of the Fort Wayne Gospel Temple and other great religious programs.

"Now first, is it right that requests should be made over the air for religious broadcasts? All church organizations have always operated on a charitable basis, depending on the free will offerings and gifts of God's people. We have never charged people for the privilege of attending church in America since the early days when there was pew rent. We're thankful that those days are gone. The rich and poor alike can come to church.

"Giving is a grace. People should have an opportunity to express their love for Christ with their gifts. It would be a sin against God's people to refuse them the privilege of preaching Christ over the radio with their gifts and prayers. Not everyone can preach, but many can give. We would be robbing the American public who know Christ as their Saviour from a rich blessing by putting an end to gifts over radio.

"Those who have been painting a black picture and misrepresenting the facts, describing religious broadcasters as a group of wolves who are getting rich at the expense of God's people through contributions cannot support their contentions. Such broadcasts as the Fuller Old Fashioned Revival Hour, Dr. Maier's Lutheran Hour, and the Back Home Hour of the Fort Wayne Gospel Temple are broadcasts of corporations. No funds coming in go to any personal individual. Dr. Fuller, Dr. Maier, and your editor do not receive personal gain from these broadcasts. We all receive a very nominal income for living expenses.

"To grant free time on the radio does not cover the expense of religious broadcasts. Here at Fort Wayne Gospel Temple we have a payroll of over $500.00 a week to carry on this great radio ministry. Hundreds of letters pour in each week that need personal attention. This requires a staff of secretaries. There must be bookkeeping, there must be program planning, there must be a large staff of musicians and capable people to present the type and caliber of program we are putting over the air. This is true with other good religious broadcasts. To grant free time is only a portion of the expense.

"If and when the time comes that religious programs on the air are on a freewill basis and time cannot be purchased for religious broadcasts, the caliber of program will naturally deteriorate inasmuch as there will be no income from outside sources making it possible to hire an experienced staff of workers. Furthermore, things that are free are generally not appreciated, and both the radio stations and religious programs will suffer through deterioration of the standard of production.

"Of course, the joker in the pile is that those who want free time are trying to put themselves in line to control all religious radio broadcasts and to have the free time themselves. These same individuals are modernistic and will present a religious program without any vitality and life-giving power, not presenting salvation through the atonement of the shed blood of Jesus Christ.

"Furthermore, a radio station is a business proposition. They have a right to exist at a profit. Radio stations are not run for fun. It is not ethical to expect a radio station to grant free time for radio programs. They must pay their engineers, announcers, and invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in expensive equipment—and when the day comes that they are compelled to grant all religious time free, naturally the amount of religious broadcasting will decrease to a minimum because religious programs will not pay financially. Why should Christ expect and demand free time from a worldly business concern? To do so cheap-

ens the church in the eyes of the business world.

"Christians in America, it is time that you awaken and express yourselves before it is too late. You had better fight to retain your religious freedom now. You will never restore it after it has been lost."—R. W. Neighbors.

THAT GREAT HOMECOMING DAY

There is a great day coming,
A Homecoming Day it will be;
For all of God's children
Will be made happy and free.

Our Saviour will call us
And we'll meet Him in the air;
Where we'll meet friends and loved ones
For that great homecoming beyond compare.

He will welcome us on that bright and celestial shore,
Where we'll be reunited on that homecoming day;
For there will be no burdens nor heart aches
And with our Saviour we can live for aye.

Jesus shall be the light of that great day,
And His live-light shall shine around that great throne;
Let us make ready, dear sinner, to meet Him by and by
And then live and reign with Him in that eternal home.

C. R. Houston,
Colquit, Georgia

CHURCH TO REVISE ITS ROLL

This is to the members of King's Cross Roads Church, advising that the **Church List** is to be revised on the Third Saturday in September, 1944. Each member is requested to be present in person, or to represent by letter.

Yours truly,
Mrs. I. C. Tugwell.

SOUTH NORFOLK CHURCH GOING FORWARD

We had the privilege of paying the South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church a visit the past week-end. While there we visited in the homes of several of the members, and conversed with them concerning our church work in that city. They spoke enthusiastically of the work, and are greatly encouraged about what accomplishments have been achieved thus far in the work of the new church.

At the eleven o'clock services on Sunday morning we were scheduled to bring a message to the people. A good congregation of people were present for the services from several sections of the city. Much interest was shown in the services. At the close of the message, Brother Harden, the pastor of the church, gave those present a chance to make pledges for the Building Fund, and as a result $400 were pledged in just a few minutes, and it is to be paid by the first day of September, 1944. The church has already on hand something near $1,000 now in the Building Fund treasury. When they shall make it in all $2,000, by the early fall, the pastor and the church memmers are planning to go right ahead with the construction of the church building on their new site. Their plans are now to erect a $5,000 building as the first unit of the church, and that during the coming years, as the need arises, additional units can be adjoined to the original building. They are planning to make this first structure a complete and unique little building which will readily have a seating capacity of two hundred people.

As we carefully viewed the residential section of South Norfolk, we were pleased with the splendid homes, fine churches and the good business center of that section of the great city. Moreover, we feel that the site which has been chosen for the location of the church is ideal for that section of South Norfolk. It is a well established section of the city, and has been developing, we would think, for around thirty or forty years. It is certainly a fixed and permanent part of the city of Norfolk, and will, we believe, prove to be a fine location for Free Will Baptist work in the city of Norfolk. There is ample room for growth of membership as the years come and go, and from that center of our work, we likewise believe that our work can readily spread out into other sections of the town during the passing decades.

As Nehemiah of old, and the remnant people of Jerusalem, who "had a mind to work," in the rebuilding of the walls about that great city, so Brother Harden, and his good and energetic people of his little church in South Norfolk, are very much encouraged, and are getting busy to erect their new church building this fall. Yes, **"they have a mind to work,"** and they are going ahead with this work. But the good people of North Carolina will have to help them in the erection of their fine little church. Our churches, individuals, Union meetings, Conferences and associations, Sunday Schools, Leagues and Auxiliaries shall have to help them, for they are worthy, and deserve our help. God will bless us and them when the work shall have been finished. Let us arise and help them to build when the time is right, as did Nehemiah of old and his Jewish people.—R. B. Spencer.

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

(A Column devoted to Churches needing pastors, and ministers available for appointments. Churches and ministers using this column will please inform the editor promptly when pastor or appointments have been secured. Notices will be removed within one month if request is not made for them to run longer.)

ST. JOHN F. W. B. CHURCH wants a pastor for the coming year. Write or contact George E. Moye, Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.

REV. D. A. WINDHAM, Greenville, N. C. Available for pastoral appointments for First Sundays and for revivals during the fall.

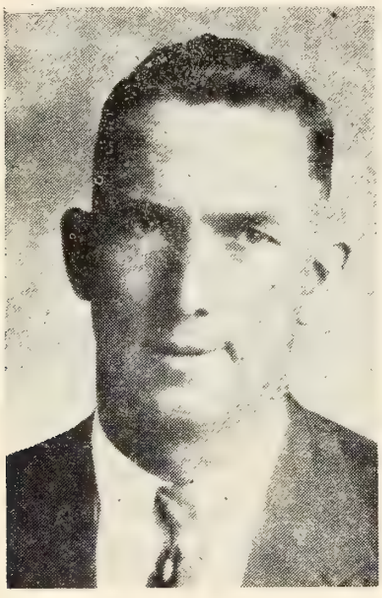
REV. R. C. ALEXANDER, Robersonville, N. C., Box 301. Available for pastoral appointment for the coming year, and for revival work during the fall.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions
Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETS AT FLAT RIVER, MO.

In this issue of the Baptist paper, we are running in conjunction with the National Programs several cuts of some of the National officers. We regret that we have been unable to get others in time for this issue of the paper, however, we are using the ones which have come in time, and hope that no one will censure us for not being able to run the others.



Rev. James F. Miller, *Moderator*

The one who makes up the paper for printing has tried to arrange the pictures in a way that will make the paper look as well as possible. Below we are using from the **"Gem"** issue for June the write-up about the **"Flat River Church Welcomes You,"** as a directive and descriptive feature.

"Time is drawing near when we of the Free Will Baptist Churches of America, composing the National Association of Free Will Baptists, will be preparing to attend another sitting of the National Association.

The Flat River Church located in the heart of the worlds largest lead mining district, is looking forward with much joy to the coming of our delegates from the many states. We are making the last minute plans for the convention, expecting to have one of the greatest meetings that the state of Missouri has ever experienced.



Rev. J. R. Davidson, *Assistant Moderator and Business Manager of the College*

Plans have been made to receive and entertain the delegates and visitors in our homes, with all three meals each day to be served in the basement of the church.

Delegates coming to the convention from the north, west, and the east who come by St. Louis will take the Greyhound Bus Line to the Esther-Flat River station and from there any of the Flat River Taxi-cab companies will answer your call and take you to the church, located on the corner of Emerson and Cedar Streets. Those coming from the south will come to Memphis, Tenn. and then take the Greyhound Lines to Flat River by way of Cape Girardeau.

We would appreciate having those planning to attend the meeting writing us telling when you expect to arrive and how many will be in your party. Send all communications to the pastor of the church, Rev. Cecil H. Campbell, 306 Cedar St., Flat River, Mo.



Rev. C. B. Dees, *Treasurer Home Missions and Editor of the Gem*

(Edt. note) Those travelling by auto may reach Flat River by traveling highways no. 61 from the North or south and highways no 8 or 32 from the west.

Those that would prefer to travel by train will make your connections to Bismark, which is 8 miles away and from there by taxi."— Editor.



Rev. R. B. Crawford, *Executive Secretary*

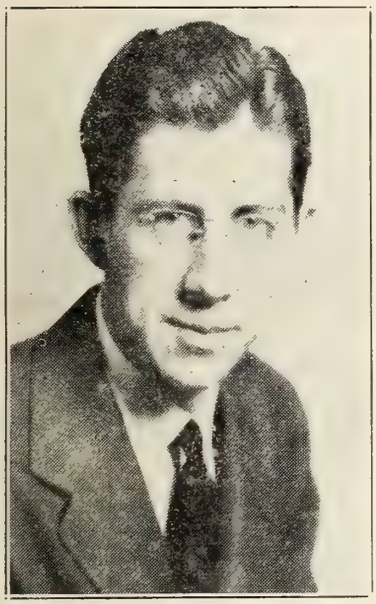
PROGRAM

Program of the Eighth Annual Session of the National Association

of Free Will Baptists to be held with the Flat River Church, Flat River, Missouri, July 11-14, 1944.

Monday, July 10

9:00—General Board of the National Association



Rev. Clarence Bowen, *National Statistician*

4:00—Close of General Board meeting

Tuesday

8:00—Song and Praise Service — Local Church



Rev. J. C. Griffin, *Chairman of the Board of Publications and Literature*

8:30—Introductory Sermon by Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C.
—Business Session — Election of General Officers

Wednesday Morning

9:00—Devotional
9:15—Welcome address and Response
9:40—Moderator's Address
10:00—Appointment of Committees
10:20—Report of the General Board
11:00—Song and Praise
11:15—Association Sermon — Rev. L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee
12:00—Noon

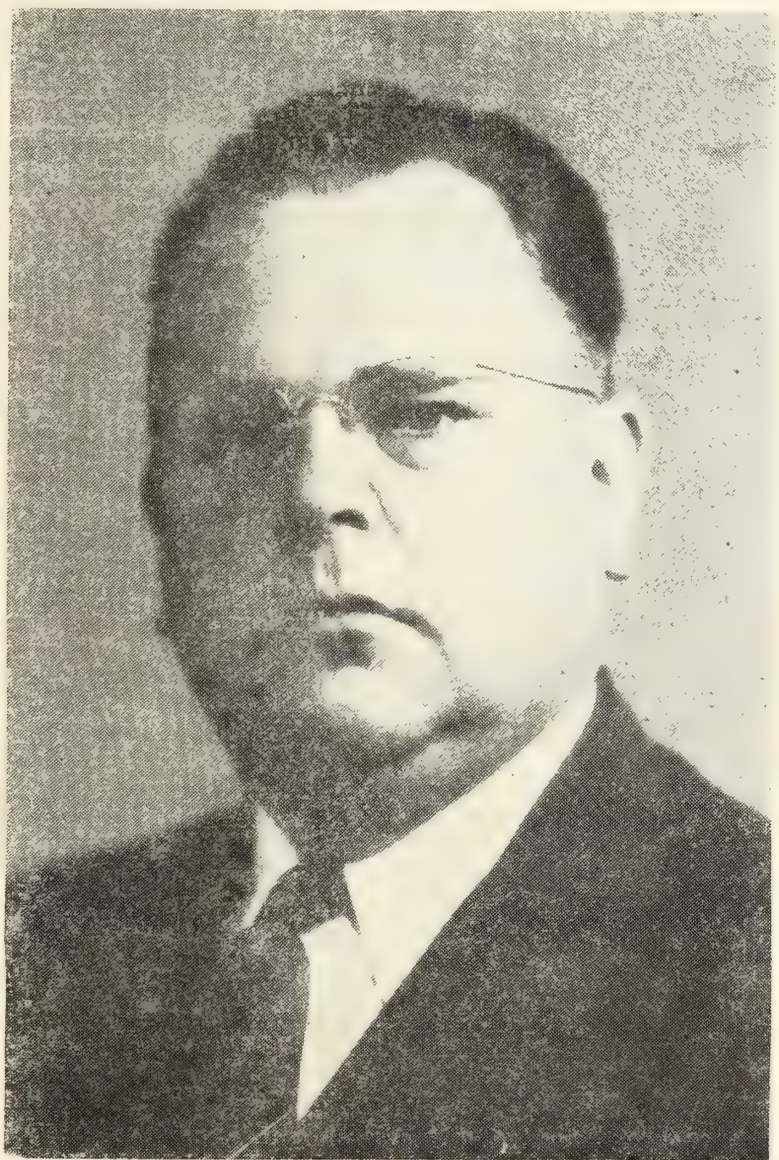
Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Song and Praise
1:45—Report of Treasurer, Rev. F. S. Van Hoose, Paintsville, Kentucky
1:50—Report of Credential Committee
2:00—Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention. President, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Desloge, Missouri
2:40—Report of Statistician, Rev. C. F. Bowen, Wake Forest, N. C.
2:45—Report of Free Will Baptist College, Rev. J. R. Davidson, Ashland City, Tennessee
—Address: "The Spirit of Knowledge," Rev. L. R. Ennis, Goldsboro, N. C.
3:30—Report of the Executive Secretary, Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.
4:00—Close

Wednesday Evening

8:00—Song and Praise
8:30—Missionary Symposium, Miss Laura Bell Barnard, Glennville, Ga.

(See PROGRAM on page 10)



Rev. M. L. Hollis, *Chairman of Home Missions and Evangelist*

FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGES

REV. JAMES A. EVANS, *Supt.* — Middlesex, N. C.

REV. PAUL WOOLSEY, *Acting Supt.* — Greenville, Tenn.

TENNESSEE FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Dear Friend of the Home:

We are now starting on the sixth year of our Orphanage Work. There is some danger that many of you who have talked and worked for the Orphanage may feel that the Home does not need your efforts as much as it did in the beginning. The need is greater now than ever before. It is true that there is more money in circulation than ever before, but there are more demands upon our money. Also there are drives of all kinds. If we let up now the Home will not only suffer, its very existence will be threatened.

God has blessed the Home in such a wonderful way because each of you have constituted yourself as a worker in behalf of the Orphanage. Some of the churches started out by sending an offering each quarter. Most churches now send monthly contributions; but a few still send quarterly. We are thankful for any amount whenever sent. However, if we are to operate on a business basis we must have a steady, consistent income.

Some churches began sending a monthly amount some years ago when there were only a few children and the demands on the Home were few. At that time the cost of living was low and our staff small. A large number of these churches have increased their monthly offerings. We trust that others will prayerfully consider doing so.

We find that people not even connected with a church—to say nothing about a Free Will Baptist Church—are interested in the Orphanage and will gladly contribute if given the opportunity to do so. Since present conditions make it impossible for us to work the field as we should, we must depend on you more than ever.

July has always been one of our lowest months. Let's work to make June and July the best months so far this year. One good way to increase your Church's contribution to the Orphanage is to see if there are not individuals in your church and community who will give so much every month, then add this to your regular offerings, and you will help to meet the increased expense at the Home.

If you know of any churches, Q. M's., Associations or individuals that you can interest in the Orphanage, we will greatly appreciate anything that you can do in this line. Let's all get busy at once. Thanks for the way you have always responded to all of our needs.

Yours for a Greater Work for the MASTER,

Paul Woolsey, Supt.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Itinerary for Mrs. Gertrude Ballard
Field Representative

Eastern Conference

July 10	Rock of Zion
July 11	New Bethlehem
July 12	Arapahoe
July 13	Oriental
July 14	Bethel
July 15	Trent
July 16	Mt. Zion
July 17	Warden's Grove
July 18	Mt. Olive
July 19	Dublin Grove
July 20	White Hill
July 21	Core Point Chapel
July 22	Symrna
July 23	Ephesus
July 24	Union Chapel

Central Conference

July 25	Shiloh
July 26	Free Union
July 27	Sidney
July 28	Belhaven

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary, North Carolina State Association

Tract Off the Press

The tract "Do You Know?" is off the press and ready for distribution. Ministers or personal workers wishing to distribute this tract can secure them by writing to me. The tract is free, but it cost a little to pack and pay postage, so send 9 cents per hundred to pay expenses. Address J. C. Griffin, 240 N. Pasteur Street, New Bern, N. C.

Help Send Your Pastor

How about sending your pastor to the National Association. At least helping him to make the trip by paying him for the two Sundays (the second and third) as it will take these two Sundays off in July for a person to go from North Carolina to Flat River, Mo., and return, providing he gets the first and the last of all the conventions and the National Association. My churches are helping me and I did not ask them to do it. So, I appreciate what my churches have done so much, that I want my brother ministers to enjoy the same blessing. Perhaps many of the churches have, and aim at doing the very thing that my churches are doing.

Our Business

Sometimes I hear people say, "I mind my own business" or perhaps the speaker is speaking of some one rather than self, and says, "He attends to his own business." But the term is woefully misleading, in fact it is deeply false in many instances.

God has made it my business to make this world a better place in which to live by helping those who need my help. It is my business to cheer the faint-hearted, to encourage the discouraged, to take bread to the hungry, to assist in the care of the orphan, to warn those who are living in sin, to tell the sinner that there is a God, who is anxious to save him from the penalty of sin and a Demon's hell, providing that he will accept the Lord Jesus Christ as a per-

sonal Saviour. It is my business to help to carry the Gospel to all parts of the world so that those who sit in darkness may hear about the Son of God who saves "to the uttermost."

Bishop Ralph Spaulding Cushman relates the following story in his book, "Will a Man Rob God."

"It was a decade ago during the depression that I ran across this illuminating phrase," 'It isn't any of our business, is it, Lord?' "A little child with a tender conscience used the words in her evening prayer. She had seen a poor man on the street in evident need." 'Oh, Mamma,' "she had said," 'let's help him!'

"The mother's answer was" 'Come along, dear. It isn't any of our business.'

"But that night, after she had said her" 'Now I lay me down to sleep,' "she added," 'O God, bless that poor man on the corner.' "And then remembering her mother's voice," 'But really, it isn't any of our business, is it, Lord?' "

Then Mr. Cushman says, "The tragic fact is that very many of us grow up in that pagan philosophy that the world about us is none of our business—unless indeed the needs and heartbreaks of the world come so near as to affect our own personal or family welfare."

At this time there are a great many, perhaps millions, whose business is the soul-object of making money, without having a feeling for others. They have no personal loss in the war. Every way they turn they are getting money. They do not care how many men and boys lose their lives just so they are living high and banking money.

One morning a few months back as I drove my car under the shed of a service station and asked for gas, a young man was watching a woman (I would like to say lady, but find no place) who was driving off, with an unusual expression on his face. I said, calling him by name, "What is your trouble?" The answer came, "That woman said that she hoped that this war would last ten years, because she and her husband were making more money than they had ever made, and living better." The young man was wrought up. It stirred my very heart. At that time I had five sons and two son-in-laws in the armed forces. I really would have delighted to have had about three minutes to have greeted her but had no chance.

We are a part of the human family. Whether we accept it or not, God has "made us our brother's keeper." Christ said, "I must be about my Father's business." Christ said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so, send I you." We are sent on a business. This business is to help others; not to live like hogs—all for self—but for others.

"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Eph. 5. 28).

We are not commanded to work and live for self, but it is our business to live for others.

The early church lived for others. "And all that believed were together, and had all things common. And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need" (Acts 2: 44, 45). We talk a great deal some times about "The New Testament Church." But I seldom hear very much about this part of the "New Testament church." But, it is my business, a God given business, to help the needy, whenever, wherever, and in whatever way I can for his good, and the GLORY OF GOD. Let us make this world a better place in which to live. "Help somebody today" the poet has written.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I will be available for pastoral work on Second and Third Sundays for the coming year. I shall be very glad to hear from any churches desiring my services.

J. H. French,
L-109 Trent Court.
New Bern, N. C.

THIRD UNION REPORT

The Third Union of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina convened with Dailey's Chapel Church Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April. Devotional exercises were conducted by the moderator. Ministerial character and devotional committees were appointed.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of ministers was called with nine present. Visiting ministers were Rev. J. Hansley and Rev. James A. Evans.

Rev. D. W. Hansley preached the introductory sermon. After the message we adjourned one hour for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened by devotions conducted by the moderator. The list of churches was called and all were represented except Lanier's Chapel. A short talk was made by Rev. Q. Hansley. Rev. James A. Evans, also brought a very interesting message about the orphanage. After the message an offering was taken for the Home which amounted to $54.71.

The reports of the various committees were approved.

Treasurer's Report

On hand	$ 8.49
Received at this Union	137.36
Total	$145.85

Disbursements

Orphanage Board	$ 50.00
Emergency Board	35.00
Superannuation	10.00
Church Extension	40.00
Expense of Union	5.50
Total	$140.50

Petitions were taken up and the next Union goes to Cabin. Rev. S. A. Smith to preach the introductory sermon with Rev. R. C. Kennedy on his failure.

A vote of thanks was extended to the church for the hospitality shown during the sitting of this Union.

Rev. S. A. Smith, Moderator,
Mrs. D. F. Chambers, Clerk

PROGRAM

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Thursday Morning

9:00—Devotional
9:15—Report of Promotional Secretary, Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville, Texas
9:30—Report of Board of Publication and Literature
—Address: "The Power of the Printed Page," Rev. J. C. Griffin, New Bern, N. C.
10:00—Report of Board of Superannuation, Rev. F. C. Zinn, Fredrichtown, Mo.
—Address: "The Support of the Ministry," Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C.
10:40—Report of National Sunday School Convention, Mr. W. E. Coville, Nashville, Tenn.
11:00—Song and Praise
11:15—Sermon, Rev. Floyd Cherry, Lake Butler, Fla.
12:00—Noon

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Song and Praise
1:45—Report of Home Mission Board, Rev. M. L. Hollis, Columbus, Miss.
2:15—Report of Special Committees
3:00—Final Report of General Board
3:30—Miscellaneous Business
4:00—Close

Thursday Evening

8:00—Song and Praise
8:30—Sermon, Rev. Melvin Bingham, Tulsa, Okla.

Friday Morning

9:00—Song and Praise
9:15—Report of Free Will Baptist League Board, Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C.
9:40—Miscellaneous Business
11:00—Song and Praise
11:15—Closing Message, Rev. L. E. Colliver, Ashland, Ky.
12:00—Noon — Benediction

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PLEASE ATTEND THE CONVENTION! !

Greetings in the Name of Jesus:

We want to say "Greetings to the Women's National Auxiliary Convention!" We are expecting you good women to attend the convention this year.

The sacrifice which you will be called on to make, perhaps, to attend the convention in July will be amply rewarded I am sure. We are depending, therefore, on you to come help us in this great cause which we are trying to serve for the glory of the Master, for after all **You** are the convention. We are asking that you do try to attend this convention. Remember, without you, we would have no convention.

Come with your reports of the past year, and let us make plans for the furtherance of the work in the year that lies ahead of us. Come with your prayers! We need your prayers and your presence that we might have a successful convention.

We shall be expecting you! Do not disappoint us.

Yours for Jesus,

Mrs. Eunice Edwards,
President National Women's Auxiliary Convention

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PROGRAM

Annual meeting of the Women's National Auxiliary Convention, Flat River, Missouri, July 10, 11, 1944.

Program Theme: Steadfast Witnesses in Today's World

Watchword for the Convention: "That all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord, even thou only."

Executive Committee Meeting on July 10, at 2 P. M. (Sessions of National Convention Departmental Chairmen with all State, District, and local Departmental Chairmen present at 10:00 A. M., for the purpose of discussing plans of work accomplished in 1944, and work to be accomplished in 1945. All departmental chairmen are urged to attend these sessions.)

Monday Night Session, July 10, 1944
Flat River Church

7:30—Hymn, Prayer, Devotional: "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound," Mrs. Alice Dickey, Kansas City
—Special Music
—Organization:
1. Enrollment of Delegates
2. Appointment of Committees
—Welcome Address, Mrs. Cecil Campbell, President of Missouri Auxiliary Convention. Presentation of Local Auxiliary Committees
—Response, Mrs. Ernest O. Griffith, Ky.
—Special Music
8:30—Convention Message, Mrs. Marie T. Hyatt, Tenn.
9:00—"Ye Shall Be My Witnesses", Playlet presented by the Flat River Auxiliary
—Benediction

Tuesday Morning Session, July 11

9:30—Hymn, Prayer, Devotional.
—"Spread the Tidings All Around," Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Alabama
—Fellowship Greetings, Rev. J. F. Miller, and other Ministers
—Reading of Executive Committee Minutes, Mrs. Lupton, N. C.
—Hymn
10:15—Message of the President, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, Mo.
—Special Music
10:45—Steadfast Witnessing through General Activities of W. N. A. C., Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Field Worker
11:00—Steadfast Witnessing through Christian Education of our Young People, Mrs. Opal Bingham, 2nd Vice-President
11:10—Steadfast Witnessing through Missions, Mrs. Sylvia Dodd, 3rd Vice-President
11:20—Steadfast Witnessing through Stewardship, Miss G. Baxter, 4th Vice-President
11:30—Missionary Address: "Personal Experiences in Cuba", Rev. Winford Davis, Chairman, Foreign Mission Board
12:00—Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon Session

1:30—Hymn, Prayer, Reading of Minutes
—Devotional: "Sing Above the

Battle Strife," Mrs. J. C. Griffin, N. C.
—Special Music
—Steadfast Witnessing:
Through W. N. A. C. Literature, Mrs. Agnes Frazier, 1st Vice-President
Through W. N. A. C. Plan of Work, Miss Rebecca Stewart, Corresponding Secretary
Through Personal Service, Miss Tommie Franklin, Acting 5th Vice-President
Through Observance of the Seasons of Prayer, Speakers to be selected by state delegations in attendance
—Through Gifts. Report of Treasurer, Mrs. Fannie Polston
Through Plans for 1945 Seasons of Prayer, Missionary and Stewardship, Education of F. W. B. Women and Young People, Chairman of Plan of Work Committee
—Special Music
2:50—"Sing in Triumph O'er the Tomb," Memorial Service
3:00—Miscellaneous Business
4:30—Closing Hymn
—Benediction

(Phrases from the Hymn, "Jesus Saves," have been selected to form the basis for the annual Convention devotionals.)

Mrs. Marie Hyatt will have charge of all music for the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
The Program Committee
for 1944

Mrs. Melvin Bingham,
Rebecca Stewart,
Gladys Baxter

NOTICE

The New Sandy Hill, F. W. B. Church, south of Bailey, will hold its regular Home-coming day program July 2, 1944. The public is invited to come and bring well filled baskets. The Rev. C. H. Coats will give the morning address. Singers are especially invited to come.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jesse Bunn

THE INFLUENCE OF MOTHER'S PRAYERS

More than forty years ago, one lovely Sunday morning, eight young men, students in a law school, were walking along the banks of a stream that flows into the Potomac River, not far from the city of Washington. They were going to a grove, in a retired place, to spend the hours of that holy day in playing cards. Each of them had a flask of wine in his pocket. They were the sons of praying mothers. As they were walking along, amusing each other with idle Jests, the bell of a church in a village, not many miles off, began to ring. It sounded in the ears of those thoughtless young men as plainly as if it were only on the other side of the little stream along which they were walking.

Presently, one of their number, whose name was George, stopped and said to the friend nearest him that he would go no farther, but would return to the village and go to church. His friend called out to their compapnions, who were a little ahead of them: "Fellows! Come back here: George is going religious; we must help him. Come on, let us baptize him by immersion in the water."

In a moment they formed a circle around him. They told him that the only way he could save himself from taking a cold bath was by going with them. In a calm but earnest way, he said: "I know very well that you have power enough to put me in the water, and to hold me there till I am drowned; and, if you choose, you can do so, and I will make no resistance, but listen to what I have to say, and then do as you think best."

"You all know that I am two hundred miles away from home; but you do not know that my mother is a helpless, bed-ridden invalid. I never remember seeing her out of bed. I am her youngest child. My father could not afford to pay for my schooling; but our teacher is a warm friend of my father, and offered to take me without any charge. He was very anxious for me to come; but mother would not consent. The struggle almost cost her what little life was left in her. At length, after much prayer on the subject, she yielded and said I might go.

"Preparations for my leaving were soon made. My mother never said a word to me on the subject till the morning when I was about to leave. After I had eaten my breakfast, she sent for me, and asked me if everything was ready. I told her all was ready, and I was only waiting for the stage. At her request I kneeled beside her bed. With her loving hand upon my head she prayed for her youngest child. Many and many a night I have dreamed that whole scene over. It is the happiest recollection of my life. I believe, till the day of my death, I shall be able to repeat every word of that prayer. Then she said:

"My precious boy, you do not know, you never can know, the agony of a mother's heart, in parting, for the last time, from her youngest child. When you leave home, you will have looked for the last time, this side of the grave, on the face of her who loves you as no other mortal does, or can, your father cannot afford the expense of your making visits during the two years that your studies will occupy. I cannot possibly live as long as that. The sand in the hour-glass of my life has nearly run out. In the far off, strange place to which you are going, there will be no loving mother to give you counsel in time of trouble. Seek counsel in time of trouble and help from God. Every Sabbath morning from ten to eleven o'clock, I will spend the hour in prayer for you. Wherever you may be during the sacred hour, when you hear the church bells ringing, let your thoughts come back to this chamber, where your dying mother will be agonizing in prayer for you. But I hear the stage coming. Kiss me farewell!

"Boys, I never expect to see my mother again on earth. But by God's help, I mean to meet her in heaven."

As George stopped speaking, the tears were streaming down his cheeks. He looked at his companions Their eyes were filled with tears. In a moment the ring which they had formed about him was opened. He passed out and went to church. He

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St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by

M. B. Hutchinson,

McArthur, Ohio

TAKING POSSESSION OF CANAAN

(Lesson for July 9)

Lesson: Josh. 14: 6-14; Judg. 1: 20, 21.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God" (Josh. 14: 9).

No greater accolade was ever given to a human being than that conferred upon Caleb when Joshua said to him, "Thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God"!

There is some blessing and some reward for obeying God and doing right in any measure; the large crown belongs to him who **"wholly"** follows God.

The history of Israel in the wilderness throws much light upon Caleb's standing and position on his eighty-fifth birthday. In Num. 14: 24 God had said of him, "But My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed Me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it." "Another spirit" is the crux of the matter.

Israel was characterized by the spirit of rebellion; Caleb had "another" spirit of obedience.

Israel was driven by a spirit of grumbling and complaint; Caleb had "another spirit" of quiet submission to God's plans and purposes.

Israel had a spirit of independence; she followed God only as far as it seemed wise to her to do so. Caleb had "another spirit" of complete and absolute obedience. So the heart of the text is that blessing and bounty alike come to him who **wholly** follows God in all things.

Not one out of a thousand readers of these frank words can claim kinship with Caleb, the man who "wholly followed the Lord (his) God." We delight in the possession of **limited** victory because we lag behind our Captain: we feast upon "seconds" because we dare not pay the price of purchase demanded by "firsts": we have a **little** land to inhabit because a full and complete inheritance comes only to men who pay the price of full and complete obedience.

II. Lesson High Points

Let us contrast Caleb's **complete** obedience with Israel's incomplete obedience:

We notice **three** things which delayed Israel's progress and brought grief into the camp. The **first** was the sin of Achan (Josh. 7: 1-26). Achan coveted and took of the part of the spoils that God had reserved for Himself. Achan's sin brought defeat to Israel. Before Israel could proceed further victoriously, that sin had to be uncovered, confessed, and condemned. And so it is with us in this Christian dispensation, any sin committed by us and unrepented of and unconfessed will halt our spiritual progress; it will break our fellowship with Christ; it will grieve and quench the Spirit; it will rob us of our peace (Ps. 32: 3, 4; Eph. 4: 30; I Thess. 5: 19). Should the Christian be overtaken in a fault, let him not be overcome completely. There is a remedy—"If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous: and He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I Jn. 2: 1, 2). "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1: 9). But we are not to make that an excuse for sinning.

The **second** thing that stopped the progress of Israel for a little was their compact with the Gibeonites (Josh. 9: 3-27). They had been commanded to keep separate from all the inhabitants of the land. The Gibeonites came with a plausible story of a desire to live in peace with them. They were insincere. And the Israelites made a compact of peace with them. They "asked not counsel at the mouth of the Lord" (vs. 14). The Gibeonites remained for generations in their midst (I Chron. 9: 2; Ezra 2: 43). There was no immediate bad results of this compact; but it was a bad precedent to set. The Christian believer is likewise warned to make no alliances with unbelievers (II Cor. 6: 14-18). But like Israelites, many have heeded not the counsel of the Lord and entered into alliances with unbelievers which have proved detrimental to their spiritual life. Such for instance as entering into marriage, business, and social relations. The church as a whole also has made compacts with the world in following worldly standards and customs. Let us learn that the more one is separated unto the Gospel of Christ, the freer he is to live and witness and serve. The more closely one is joined to the unbelieving world, the less influence he has.

The third thing which hindered the Israelites in their conquest of the land of Canaan was their slackness (Josh. 18: 3). After a time they lost their enthusiasm and driving power. The Lord was still working with them. The enemies had not grown any stronger. They simply let up. There is a time to "stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord" (Exo. 14: 13); but this was not the time. When God tells us to go forward, that is the time to move. This is a sin that has afflicted the Church from its earliest days. Paul had to remind the Galatians that they had run well for a time; and the same complaint could be made against every other church and nearly every individual.

—Selected

Note: The **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies from our own publishing house have the helps you need on this lesson. The Lesson High Points prove how much the Jewish people and the church have lost by not following in Caleb's footsteps.

That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more. Job 34: 32.

"WHERE DID YOU GET THAT?"

"I'm saved, Jesus has purchased me."

Alex. Marshall

In the outskirts of the city of Springfield, Missouri, "Revival Services" were being conducted. At the close of the address an invitation was given to all who were desirous of "getting religion" to go forward to the "penitent bench." Amongst those to respond was a young man who was thoroughly aroused to an apprehension of his guilt and danger, and threw himself flat on the floor beside the "altar rail" in deep soul agony, weeping bitterly. A number of Christian workers gathered around him, and instead of pointing him to Christ the sinner's Saviour, prayed and pleaded with God to have mercy on him.

A well-known worker, who was a helper of D. L. Moody during the last five years of his life, knelt beside the seeking soul, and putting his hand on his shoulder, said: "The Lord Jesus died for you," and opening his New Testament slowly read John 3: 16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlastiug life." "Lord have mercy on me," was the only response. The worker read the "wonderful words of life" of John 3: 16 six times to the awakened soul, and six times over the man exclaimed: "Lord have mercy on me!" As he read the Scripture the sixth time he observed that the young man was manifesting more interest in what he read. Hence he continued, and as the glorious Gospel declaration was being repeated for the eighth time, the young man raised himself from the ground, and looking into the worker's face inquired: "Where did you get that? Placing the open Book in front of him, the Christian worker asked the seeking soul to read God's royal Gospel declaration. Taking the New Testament into his hand, the young man read aloud the precious words that have brought comfort and peace to multitudes of weary, sin-sick souls. The Holy Spirit applied the message in power to the conscience and heart of the "inquirer." Getting on his knees, he exclaimed: "I am saved! I am saved! Jesus has purchased me!" Then jumping to his feet, he cried: "Jesus has purchased me!"

Many awakened ones, through bad teaching, have been led into by-paths. Instead of being directed to the Lord Jesus Christ some have been sent to pray for salvation, and others have been urged and entreated to plead with God for forgiveness, forgetting or ignoring the fact that God is beseeching them to accept of it as a free gift. "As though God did beseech you by us, we pray you in Christ's stead be ye reconciled to God. For He hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor. 5: 19, 20). God is now beseeching the unsaved reader to be reconciled to Him. He waits to be gracious, and longs that you should accept of His pardoning mercy. Many a one goes on "praying" and "striving," "vowing" and "resolving" to lead a better life in the future, instead of believing on the Saviour.

John 3: 16 is a clear statement of God's way of salvation. If the reader wishes to be saved in God's way, and on God's terms, and in God's time, he can be saved through believing the Gospel made known in that wonderful Scripture:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This passage reveals the astounding fact that in spite of your sins God loves you. Let that thought enter your heart, and allow it to simmer there. God hates sin, but loves the sinner. The proof and measure of His love was revealed at Calvary. If the reader has had any doubt of God's love to him, let him gaze by faith on that bleeding, suffering, dying Lamb of God, and ponder the agonizing cry, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Why did God forsake Him who always pleased Him? Why did God forsake the only One who loved Him with all His heart, soul, strength, and mind? The only proper answer is this: He died that we might be delivered from the slavery, penalty, and bondage of sin. The work accomplished by Him on the Cross has satisfied all God's claims. The Rock having been smitten, the water of life is flowing freely for you and me and every other sinner.

"Whosoever believeth in Him" is God's way of salvation. How simple! How grand! Note, it is not "Whosoever believeth in Him," and acts up to it, nor, "Whosoever believeth in Him," and does the best he can, nor "Whosoever believeth in Him," and holds on to the end. It is simply, "Whosoever believeth in Him," who was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities" (Isa. 53: 5), "shall not perish, but have everlasting life." Every one who believes on Christ is at this very moment the present possessor of everlasting life. And this is obtained on the assurance of the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ. Is there any safer testimony?

The moment that the seeking one ceased looking within and around and down, and laid hold of the soul-saving truth of the Gospel, he shouted: "I am saved! I am saved! Jesus has purchased me!" When he believed on the Saviour he saw that he was "redeemed with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1: 18, 19). Christ bought "the field," which is the world, for the sake of the "treasure." Being "bought" is one thing and being "redeemed" is another. Redemption is actual deliverance, and atonement is the ground on which deliverance is obtaised.

"There is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all" (1 Tim. 2: 6). The ransom has been paid and accepted, and you are entreated to believe the "glad tidings" and enter into life and liberty. Don't say that it is "too easy" a way of deliverance since it is obtained through the sufferings and death of the Saviour. He bore our sins in His own body on the tree (1 Peter 2: 24) that we might be delivered from the penalty and slavery of sin. His glorious atoning sacrifice is a perfect satisfaction to offended justice, and by believing on Him who did it all and paid it all, you will

obtain eternal life as a free gift and a present possession. If, however, you do not believe on the Saviour, and continue the course you are pursuing, what a terrible doom awaits you! All who die in their sins, neglecting or despising the salvation of God, will be eternally banished from Him who is the source of life, and bliss, and love. "Because there is wrath, beware lest He take thee away with His stroke: then a great ransom cannot deliver thee" (Job 36: 18).

Can the reader say with the young convert, "I am saved?" If not, why not? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16: 31). When you do so you will be enabled to adopt the familiar lines as the expression of your deep cherished convictions:

"I do believe it! I do believe it!
I am saved through the Blood of the Lamb;
My happy soul is free
For the Lord has pardoned me,
Hallelujah to Jesus' name!"

—Selected

NEW LEAGUE ORGANIZED

We, the young people of the community of May's Chapel, Wayne County, met on June 11, 1944, at the church to organize a Free Will Baptist League. The officers were elected as follows: President, Ralph Brogden; vice-president, C. L. Bowen, Jr; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Edith Gardner; assistant secretary and treasurer, Beatrice Basden; program committee was elected as follows: Dollie Bowen, Jaunita Barrow, Irene Anderson, Beatrice Basden.

After the election of officers was over, we adjourned to meet again on Sunday, June 18. Our first meeting was very successful. The program committee rendered a very interesting program. We will meet every Sunday evening at 8:00 at May's Chapel, and we are hoping to be able to carry out league programs in a very successful way which will be pleasing to God.

Mrs. Edith Gardner,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Boys and Girls Corner

A KING AND HIS PEOPLE CARING FOR GOD'S HOUSE

Joash was seven years old when he became king of all Judah. Instead of having lived in a palace all his life, he had lived in God's house. When he was a little baby, his own grandmother, who was a wicked woman, had tried to kill him. But his aunt had taken him to the temple, where she hid him. Now the bad queen was dead and the people were crowded around Joash, shouting, "Long live the king." Soldiers with gleaming swords had pledged themselves to obey him and fight for him. He could live in the palace now, without being afraid. All the treasures which the wicked queen had taken were his again.

Joash didn't rush away to see all these fine things, and he didn't declare a holiday, or a feast as many young kings would have done. You see, while he had been living in the temple, the good priest Jehoiada had told him much about God. The first thing he thought of was to ask his people to honor God and to take care of His house.

He had learned from Jehoiada about the times of King David, when every one had worshipped God and they had been a great nation. He knew how God had protected this people, and he knew they ought to be glad to serve Him. Jehoiada had taken him all through the wonderful temple and had told him about King Solomon, who built it. Then the people loved it and had guarded it. They were happy, too, because they came regulaly to honor God.

By and by, the people did not come regularly, and the beautiful temple, with its gold and silver ornaments and its carved stone, became ugly with dirt. The decorations were tarnished, some of the stones had fallen out and the steps were broken. You see, the people were not there to attend to it and it was all out of repair.

Joash could think of dozens of things which needed to be fixed. He had everything a king could wish for, yet he could not be happy until the temple had been restored to honor. He loved the building more than any one else because it had been his home when he was saved from the wicked queen.

At first, he had a hard time to raise enough money to hire all the carpenters and masons and stone cutters, and other workmen necessary to rebuild the house of God.

Finally he told Jehoiada to go get a big chest. "Now bore a hole in the lid,, and set the chest inside the door of the temple. Folks will see it there and will drop money into it."

The people already loved Joash. Now they were beginning to love God again. Every time they came to church they would drop some money into the chest, and one day Jehoiada told Joash the box was full. Then the workmen were hired, and soon the house of God was clean and beautiful again.

HONORING THE WORD

A teacher was telling her class of the time when the Lord Jesus fed the multitude with five loaves and two fishes. She said, "And of course you will understand, children, that it does not mean that Jesus actually fed all those thousands with a few loaves and fishes. That would have been impossible. It just means that He so fed the people with His teaching that they lost all sense of bodily hunger, and went home satisfied." But an inquiring girl put this question, "But, Miss _____, what was it that filled the twelve baskets of fragments left over."—Christian Herald.

WHAT IS A GOOD SERMON?

That is a good sermon which draws my heart nearer to God; which makes the grace of Christ sweeter to my soul, and the commands of Christ easy and delightful. That is an excellent discourse, indeed, which enables me to mortify some unruly sin, to vanquish some strong temptation, and weans me from the enticements of the lower world, and bears me above all the disquietude of this lower life, which fits me for the hour of death and makes Jesus Christ my Lord.—Isaac Watts.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

LEWIS.—The death angel visited the home and took away Brother Bart T. Lewis on May 24th. He was 74 years old on February 7th. He leaves to mourn their loss his dear wife, Martha Lewis, and 4 children, and 6 grandchildren, and a host of loved ones.

Brother Lewis had been in bad health for about two years, and he suffered very much, but he was always pleased to see someone to come by his bedside. He was a member of Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church, and was always present for church services when he was able to go. He was a great help in carrying on God's work.

His body was laid to rest in the church cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers to await the resurrection morning.

We loved him, yes we loved him,
But Jesus loved him more;
So He gently called him
To heaven's golden shore.

—Mrs. R. C. Bell

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ROWE.—The death angel visited the home and took Sister Bettie Rowe on March 31, 1944. She was 84 years old on October 4th. She leaves to mourn their loss 4 children and 36 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and loved ones.

She was a true member of Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church, and was always present when she was able to go. She had been in ill health for several months, and all was done for her that could be done. Her beloved husband was laid to rest about one year ago.

We all learned to love Sister Bettie, for she was always ready for the Master's call.

Sleep on Sister Bettie and take your rest,
Just lean your head upon Jesus' breast;
We loved you much because you were so true
But God in His divine wisdom loved you best.

—Mrs. R. C. Bell

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PAIT.—On May the 23rd the death angel visited Thompson Memorial hospital and called the soul of Brother Olin Pait to his home in heaven.

Brother Pait was in his 84th year when he died. He leaves two sons and three daughters. His wife and one daughter preceded him in death a few years ago. He leaves 33 grandchildren, and 86 great-grandchildren, and one great great-grandchild.

He was a member of the Center Road Missionary Baptist Church, but his home was ever open to the Free Will Baptist preachers, and at his request, his funeral was preached by a Free Will Baptist minister, Rev. M. H. Mellette of Turbeville, South Carolina, and assisted by Rev. W. L. Jernigan on May 24th, in Oak Grove Church. A very large audience attended the services which showed the esteem in which he was held by the people. His body was laid to rest in Oak Grove Cemetery beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

Brother Pait made his home with his youngest son, Archie, of Bladenboro, North Carolina. We would say weep not for him, but strive to follow in his footsteps to that celestial city of God.

By a friend, W. G. Wilson

LEAGUE CONVENTION PROGRAM

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the N. C. State F. W. B. L. Convention will convene with Hickory Chapel F. W. B. Church, Tuesday, July 4, 1944.

Theme: Victory Through Faith.

Text: 1 Cor. 15: 27—But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn: "Faith Is the Victory"—

Rev. J. Albert Harris, Music Director

9:00—Registration
9:30—Opening Assembly, Congregational Singing, Invocation
9:50—Welcome Address: Mrs. Archie Willoughby, Ahoskie, N. C.
—Response —Presiding Officer
10:00—Who's Who at the Convention—Presiding Officer
10:15—Introductory Business Session: Selection of Temporary Committees, etc.
10:30—Reports: Miscellaneous, including Camp Committee
10:55—Open Discussion. "What Methods to Use for Improvements in Leagues and League Work?" Conducted by Rev. R. P. Harris. (Be prepared to show your ideal method for new League improvements.)
11:25—Hymn: "Faith Is the Victory"
11:30—Convention Sermon: Rev. Henry Melvin, Durham, N. C.
12:00—Lunch and Social Hour
1:15—Congregational Singing and Devotions
1:30—Special Music
1:45—New Business — Reports of Temporary Committees, Motions, Resolutions, Election of Officers, etc.
2:45—Awarding of Shields
2:55—Hymn: "Onward Christian Leaguers"
3:00—Prayer and Meditation
3:05—Adjournment

THE INFLUENCE OF MOTHER'S PRAYERS

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had stood up for right against great odds.

They admired him for doing what they had not the courage to do. They followed him to church. On their way there, each of them quietly threw away his cards and wine flask.

From that day they all became changed men. Six of them died Christians, and are now in heaven. George is an able Christian lawyer in Iowa; and his friend, who wrote this account, has been for many years an earnest, active member of the church. Here were eight men convicted by the prayers of that Christian mother. And, if we only knew all the results of their examples and their labors, we should have a good illustration of a mother's prayers.—Mrs. R. C. Bell—Selected.

HOMECOMING DAY AT POWHATAN

The Powhatan Free Will Baptist Church will have its annual homecoming, celebration observed on Sunday, July 2, 1944. The services will begin at the eleven o'clock hour, and Mrs. L. E. Ballard will bring the message.

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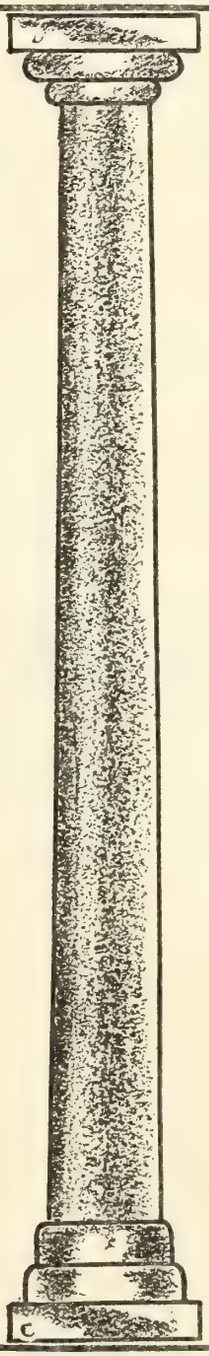
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Just to be glad the whole day through;
Just to be merciful, just to be mild;
Just to be trustful as a child;
Just to be gentle and kind and sweet;
Just to be helpful with willing feet;
Just to be cheery when things go wrong;
Just to drive sadness away with a song,
Whether the hour is dark or bright;
Just to be loyal to God and right;
Just to believe that God knows best;
Just in His promise ever to rest;
Just to let love be our daily key:
This is God's will, for you and me.

—Anon.

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CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

(A Column devoted to Churches needing pastors, and ministers available for appointments. Churches and ministers using this column will please inform the editor promptly when pastor or appointments have been secured. Notices will be removed within one month if request is not made for them to run longer.)

ST. JOHN F. W. B. CHURCH wants a pastor for the coming year. Write or contact George E. Moye, Route 3, Goldsboro, N. C.

REV. D. A. WINDHAM, Greenville, N. C. Available for pastoral appointments for First Sundays and for revivals during the fall.

REV. R. C. ALEXANDER, Robersonville, N. C., Box 301. Available for pastoral appointment for the coming year, and for revival work during the fall.

REV. W. K. JORDAN, Goldsboro, North Carolina, 713 Simmons Street. Available for pastoral appointments after November the first, 1944.

REV. J. H. FRENCH, New Bern, North Carolina, L-109 Trent Court. Available for pastoral services on Second and Third Sundays for the coming year.

If, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. Rom. 5: 10.

Jesus, my great High-priest,
Offered his blood and died:
My guilty conscience seeks
No sacrifice beside:
His powerful blood did once atone,
And now it pleads before the throne.

Not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. Rom. 5: 11.

EDITORIAL

BROTHER WETHERINGTON BETTER

Rev. L. H. Wetherington, of Clark, North Carolina, writes us that he is improving now in health, and is able to move about his room each day. He requests that the Christian people pray for him that God may restore him to his wanted health again.

Brother Wetherington has been connected with the Free Will Baptist Press for several years. He has been a member of the Board of Directors, and a Stockholder of the Press, for around twenty years, and has been loyal and faithful to the institution and all of its interests. Since his illness, he has been missed in the Board meetings of the Press.

All of the officials and the employees of the Press wish to express in this way their sincere regrets of his serious illness, and are hoping that he will soon be well again, and about his duties for the cause of righteousness.

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STATUS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION ROLL

For the month of June there were 109 new and renewal subscriptions entered on the Subscription Roll of the Baptist paper. During that period there were 77 names which were removed from the roll because of failure of the subscribers to renew their subscriptions. Thus we had an increase of 32 subscribers for the month. This is a little better showing than we had for the month of May, which was 14 as an increase for that month.

The Business Manager, who has been with the company for twenty-seven years, says that this is the first summer in which the subscription roll has not dropped below normal since he has been connected with the Press. He also states that the Baptist paper is now standing on its own, or paying its way for the total expense essential to get it out, and that this is the first time it has been able to do so since he has been Business Manager of the Institution. Surely we have a right to rejoice.

We are thankful for this, and wish to thank the church people for their increased interest and support of the Baptist paper. Let us hope that the subscription roll will continue to grow as the months pass. May we have even a larger increase for the month of July than we had for June. Surely, let us not go backward. Thus far we have made a gain each month during this year, though the increase each month has been very small. We do want the roll to reach 3500 by the middle of September, when the North Carolina State Association convenes at Reedy Branch Church, Pitt County. It can be done if the pastors, Sunday School leaders, Auxiliary workers and the Young People's League officials will get busy, and solicit church members in their communities for new subscriptions to the Baptist paper.

Remember, whatever you do, we shall be pleased with your interest and efforts. Many of you have shown your loyalty and active support for this worthy cause, and we believe will continue to do so in the future. Let us have your lists of names of new subscribers this month in such numbers that we shall be able to make a greater showing at the end of the month than we have since the month of January, 1944.

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REPRINTING OF LITERATURE

Just as we had expected, the orders for Sunday School and League literature came rushing in and exhausted our supplies before everyone had been amply supplied with the amount necessary for their use. Consequently, some of the quarterlies had to be reprinted in suffcient numbers as to enable us to meet the additional calls coming to us. For the Fourth Quarter of the year, we are hoping to print enough upon the first printing to supply every need coming to us. It is our desire to be able to meet every demand as they come to us for the literature so essential to the work of our Leagues and Sunday Schools.

CARTERET SUNDAY SCHOOL AND LEAGUE REPORT

The Sunday School and League Convention of Carteret County convened with St. John's Chapel, at Stacy, N. C., April 29, 1944. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 o'clock by the moderator. After the usual devotional exercises, the Convention was delightfully entertained with short programs, which were rendered by the various Sunday Schools and Leagues of the county.

We then entered into the business part of the meeting. The Secretary being absent, Mrs. Weldon Fulcher acted as Secretary. Rev. J. R. Forrest was appointed as reading clerk. There were eight Sunday Schools, three Leagues, five Ladies Aids, and two Women's Auxiliaries represented, with a total contribution of $16.50. The ministers present were as follows: W. E. Anderson, J. R. Forrest, and L. L. Willis. Sunday School Superintendents present were four. Assistant Superintendents, two, and teachers fifteen.

The S. S. Banner was presented to Welcome Home, and the League Banner was presented to Morehead City Senior League.

This being our Annual meeting and the time for election of officers, they were elected as follows: Elmer Garner, Moderator; Rev. W. E. Anderson, Assistant Moderator; Gladys Lupton, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Convention closed with praise and prayer. It will meet with Free Union at Sealevel, N. C., July 29, 1944.

Elmer Garner, Moderator,

Gladys Lupton, Secretary

Will Free Will Baptists Meet the Challenge?

Scripture text: Matthew 28: 19, "Go ye therefore."

I should like to invite you to read Matthew 28: 18 to 20, as we find in these words of the Master the great commission. You will of course note from the heading of this message that we are calling attention to our religious denomination as a whole. We ask the question, "Will we meet the challenge in this changing world? Briefly let us look back to what we have accomplished in these years as a denomination. What are the results? Jesus said "GO YE"; he did not say WILL YOU. Listen my friends, we need in our ranks today people with a vision and an understanding of just what Jesus was talking about. We are in a day of progress in every phase of life, we need to be up and about the Master's business NOW, while it is day, the night cometh when NO MAN CAN WORK. I do not care to be harsh nor do I desire to fail to declare the whole counsel of God to you, but my dear reader we must meet the CHALLENGE in this changing world.

FREE WILL BAPTISTS can do the will of God. We dust answer the call to GO, and now is that time. Let me say now that the ministry is at fault in many of the failures in which we find ourselves. We have been content to preach in the spring and summer months, some with part time endeavors as pastors where the multitude was, and needed food for their spiritual uplift and we have not met the CHALLENGE. We must not content ourselves with the present condition which now exists in our ranks. We must lead our people to a greater service in God. We now must move out into greater service for God.

Jesus issued the Challenge to the disciples to enter into a greater field of SERVICE, not just at home but abroad—to the world. Where have we gone in fulfilling this commission, and what have we accomplished? There must not be a soul who shall have to face God without Christ or a knowledge of the Saviour that you or I have failed to do our part in helping that person.

Looking back to that little band of apostles whom Jesus was addressing, we must say that the outlook was none too bright, when the cross was still bearing evidence of what Jesus had suffered. They, no doubt, were none too happy, but will you say that they did not meet the Challenge? Will you say that they did not "GO YE." To-day we enjoy the blessings of Salvation because they were willing to pay the price, willing to suffer, willing to carry the GOSPEL OF LOVE to you and to me. Will we meet the Challenge as Free Will Baptists, IN HOME MISSIONS, IN FOREIGN MISSIONS, IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION? We MUST meet the Challenge. Thousands of the LARGE CITIES of our various states do not have a church of Our Denomination. What are we doing about it? Let us awaken to the great door of opportunity which is now open to us. Why not begin now to make preparation to meet this challenge in the future? We have now more money than there has been in years. Remember, that God desires that we put his tenth, the tithe in service, that others may hear the message of salvation. Can we meet the challenge in our denomination in this fast changing world, when people need the lift that God alone can render? Shall we not RALLY to aid them? We must not fail, so may God speak to your heart and direct you that you may be an instrument in his hands to meet this condition in this changing world.

Elder U. E. Hopkins,
Red Bay, Alabama

I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth. John 14: 16, 17.

Come, Holy Spirit, come,
With energy divine;
And on my poor benighted soul
With beams of mercy shine.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary, North Carolina State Association

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Owing to the fact that I shall be in attendance at the National Association, there will be no "Notes and Quotes" week of the 19th of July. Immediately after I return I shall try to give to our readers some of the high-lights of the Association.

Pray for us and for the National Association. Pray that all the program of the denominational work will go over for the glory of God. Pray, also, that God will give to us special grace to enable us physically, and spiritually, to meet the demands and all responsibility placed upon us as Chairman of the Board of Publications and Literature.

Church Finance Association

According to the "Five-Point Program" for North Carolina, August is the time to put on a special campaign for the Church Finance Association, Inc. Every church and Sunday School and other auxiliaries should take at least one share each, or one membership certificate. This will cost the sum of $25.00, which can be paid in installments with as little as $1.00 per month, or can all be paid at one time. The latter is the best way. Take a share and pay for it. Send the money to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer, Lucama, N. C., and he will send you a certificate that you will be proud to receive.

Christian Education

Some of the churches have not made their offerings to the Christian Educational program as designed by the State Association in North Carolina. Some have postponed the time to a later date for various reasons. But, it is hoped that all who have not made an offering to Christian Edu-

cation will do so during July, make it the best possible. Send the proceeds to Rev. J. R. Davidson, Ashland City, Tenn.

Time Completely Engaged

Our time for the holding of revival meetings is completely taken up until the Third Sunday night in October, 1944.

The office of Field Secretary for North Carolina, which calls for me visiting all the conferences and associations possible, together with the serving of five churches as pastor, cuts into the time that I would use in revival, or evangelistic work. So, as I have had to say "No" to requests, this is to advise that I cannot take on any more meetings until about the first of November.

The Great Undertaking

The congregation at Bridgeton has begun plans to build class rooms to the church. Some of the material is already bought and the work is to start as early as possible. According to plans there will be seven class rooms which is to be of brick and brick veneer over the old work. Pray for us. Material is hard to get in some instances. But these class rooms are very necessary as the building is wholly inadequate for the present classes.

Donations Good

Mrs. James A. Evans, who has been out with a concert class from the Orphanage at Middlesex, and who has been in our home recently, while in New Bern and Bridgeton, informs us that "offerings are good" in our section of our state where she has gone with the class. Perhaps the St. Mary's church of New Bern, has excelled every other church, so far in the history of the concert class work, since the beginning of taking a class around. This church gave some more than $435.00 to the class on June the 27, 1944. If any church ever did more than this I would like to hear from that church, so that the credit could be given so as to inform our people.

Rev. W. B. Everett, "Uncle Bill," is pastor of St. Mary's and has been for several years.

A Challenge to God's People

In the 7th chapter of Second Chronicles we have this challenge from God, which was made to Solomon, but includes all people who believe in the word of God.

"And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice; If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people: If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

All who call themselves Christians should think seriously as to our state and standing with the Lord. Sin always brings disaster. The disastrous war that is now upon us is the result of sin. The sin of lust and greed, racial hatred, and a desire for world conquest, religious intolerance, superstition, stupid ignorance, and outright meanness breeds war and destruction. It makes no difference when nor where the war is, we find sin at the bottom. Disobedience to God brings chastisement from the Almighty. Some times it comes direct, other times indirect. But God will punish the transgressor.

In the scripture used for this message it says, "The Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice."

The trouble with many of us is that we are too far away from making sacrifice unto the Lord. We are too much inclined to use everything on self. We cry out, "Charity begins at home," when we ought to be evangelizing the world for Jesus.

God says, "If I shut up heaven there be no rain." Many of us have gotten away from the Bible doctrine and say, that, "God has nothing to do with the rain." But I believe that God can have something to do with it whenever, and wherever He desires. In fact I know that it is all in His hands. I believe it because the Bible says so.

Four Things for Us To Do

1. Humble Ourselves

God knows how prone we art to exalt ourselves. The nature of man is to "think more of himself than he ought." Man thinks that he can get along without God. We get upon our little mountains of fame and wealth, and our social standing gets popular with the higher ups. Then we think that we are better than our neighbors; then we get our racial envy mounted highly, and in our estimation we get to be somebody. So, God calls us down. We need to get down at the very feet of Jesus and confess our sins, saying, "Lord against thee and thy word have we sinned."

2. And Pray

If there ever was a time when we needed prayer more than today, I have no knowledge of such a time. Prayer meetings are so little in the minds of many—the majority—of professing Christians that millions have discarded them altogether for worldly pleasures, and sinful amusements. It is nothing strange to see church members strolling, or burning "precious gas" to see some of the works of the Devil on PRAYER MEETING NIGHT. Christians run after worldly pleasures and starve their souls and spirits to death. Millions are dying for lack of fellowship with Christ, and think they need nothing. Many of us never think to pray until some disaster comes upon us. Many are praying for rain, and for the war to come to a hasty close now. If we had prayed for the last twenty-five years, and backed our prayers with righteous living, there would be no war. Rain would be given wherever it is needed.

3. And Seek My Face

God tells us to "seek His face." When we find the face of God we will always find it in doing to others, and the putting down of sin. We find the

face of God among little children. Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." But many of us who claim to be Christians can listen to the cry of an orphan child and shake our heads with a "NO." Then walk off to the show, or to a Sunday baseball game and spend the money that belongs to God. If we find the face of Jesus we must turn our backs on all sinful things and "SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND."

We can only serve God in the truest sense, when we serve our fellowman. All other service is selfish. No selfishness is practiced when we are yielded to the holy Spirit of God.

We find the face of Jesus Christ, pictured, as "A Lamb led to the slaughter," thus making the supreme sacrifice.

We find His face as the "Lion of the tribe of Judea." The lion is the king of beasts, so "The Lion of the tribe of Judea" is a King who rules in peace and plenty for our good, but when our sins demand it then we are ruled with chastisement. Therefore, God says, "If I shut up heaven that there be no rain." Yes, God sends drouths when we have need of such a chastisement.

4. And Turn from Their Wicked Ways

It is no use to pray, or to seek the face of the Lord as long as we want to go on in our sins. In Isaiah 55: 7 the Lord says, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Then in the scripture under consideration he says, as stated in this topic, "turn from their wicked ways." Our trouble is we want the blessings of God, we want all of them, we want special blessings; but we want to go on in our sins. As long as men live in sin, follow after, and practice sin, there is no need of asking God for special blessings. Man must forsake his sins. Stay off from the Devil's play-grounds, and then God will listen to the prayers that are offered.

"Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the face of the earth for the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit" (James 5: 17, 18). But sin is the cause of the drought. Ahab and Jezebel had the rule. They were sinful and degraded. So, when the drought had run its course, Elijah and God were ready to take control. So, Elijah put the "hush" on Ahab's crowd of false prophets and the whole crowd went down with the sinful acts of Satan.

The people of God backed up Elijah. They repented. "Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the Lord that was broken down."

If we want the blessings of God to be showered upon us, let's "repair the PRAYER meeting altar." And along with that let us "Repair the ALTAR of CONFESSION." "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1: 9).

Why not meet the challenge of God? Why not quit the practice of sin and make the worship of God real? Why profess Christ and live for the Devil? How much do you love God when you walk right away from the house of God at the hour of prayer and go to some show house to see the works of the Devil? How much do you love God when you shout yourself hoarse Sunday afternoon at a baseball game, and then declare that you were too tired to go to church Sunday night? There is no wonder Paul said, we "Are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." (Read 2 Tim. 3: 1-7.)

Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phil. 4: 6.

His mercy is on them that fear him. Luke 1: 50.

A WORD OF THANKS FROM SOUTH NORFOLK CHURCH

The South Norfolk Church wishes to express through the BAPTIST our appreciation for the visit to our Church on June 25th, by the Editor of our paper, Rev. R. B. Spencer. We all enjoyed him and we want to say that we shall not soon forget the wonderful Sermon that Bro. Spencer delivered at the eleven o'clock service. It was inspiring and it was a real challenge to every Free Will Baptist present as well as those not present. It was a challenge to our people to "RISE UP AND BUILD," and we thank God for this message.

After the sermon there was an appeal for funds for the Building fund and there was raised $400.00 in cash and pledges. There were some of the members who were not present at this meeting, but they have promised to make their contribution along with others.

When I remember that we are a small group and think what we have accomplished, I am made to feel very proud of our little church, organized only nine months and starting from scratch without one song book. We have paid all our current expenses and have paid for property that is worth about $1,200.00, and I suppose we have all of that amount in the Building Fund at present, I do not have the figures on this, but our treasurer will soon submit these figures to the Baptist for your benefit.

We are doing all that we can to raise the necessary funds to build our church and every member realizes the need of a church. We know, that if we had a church in which to meet that we would have many more people in attendance at our services, but we can not hope for many people to attend where we now have to meet. It is simply too warm in a hall on the second floor for any one but a real Christian. I appreciate our people more when I see them coming to Sunday School and preaching in a building that has been locked up for three days and where one would do well to bring a fan along, I know they must love the Lord.

We are determined to build our church in September or October, if

there is any way possible to do so. This is a great Mission Field and we must have a church here that represents our denomination, and we will have it real soon if our people will help us in this most worthy cause. I am willing to give my last dollar, and I have already done that more than once to help to build a church here. Will you do that for your Lord? I want to see the Kingdom of God grow and expand and I know that it is my duty to GIVE and WORK to that end, and God being my helper I shall keep on, for in so doing I know that I am laying up for myself Treasures in Heaven, and at the same time making it possible for the little children, as well as grown up people to have a place to go on the Lord's day to worship Him. Friends of Christ, will you help build His Kingdom? Will you help us to build that we may be in our own church before the winter comes?

Again I want to thank Bro. Spencer, for the fine article that he put in the Baptist last week concerning our work and our field of work, and may God arouse our interest, and may we unite and build for the future. May we build for our Master!

H. Edgar Harden, Pastor

REPORT OF GEORGIA STATE CONVENTION

The Georgia State Auxiliary convention convened with Patmos Church, in Baker County, Milford, Georgia, on June 8, 1944. The convention was opened by the congregation singing a hymn and Rev. E. C. Morris led in a word of prayer. The devotions were conducted by Mrs. W. E. Lane, and the welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Sallie Woodard. Miss Dot Harvey made the response.

The various auxiliaries made their reports, which were followed by the convention sermon, delivered by Rev. Likesey of Glennville, Georgia. The message was very inspiring. Following the message lunch was spread on the church lawn.

The afternoon session was opened with the devotions being led by Rev. S. T. Shutes. Following this a program was given by members of the local church. Mrs. Bill Kidd then made a talk on the subject, "Has America Forgotten God?" Mrs. W. B. Griffin spoke on the subject, "Seek Ye First the Kingdom" and Mrs. J. F. Harmon spoke on the subject, "Stewardship as I See it."

In the business period there were reports made from the various vice-presidents and committees. Mrs. E. C. Davidson, delegate to the National Convention of last year, made her report. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this convention. The next convention will be held at Glennville, Georgia, in June, 1945. The benediction was offered by Rev. T. B. Mellette.

Mrs. Alma McDonald, President,
Mrs. Lola Hand, Secretary

"INVADING"

The Devil is invading America as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, showing the people the beauties of this world, backing them by the thousands down to a demons hell for their bodies to be cremated, (Rev. 20: 9). Yes, the devil is showing them every beauty that the flesh lusts after. He carries them to the dances, to the saloons and on to the bathing pools. He will please all sinful flesh with some of those beauties.

Dear People! "Watch lest ye enter into temptation." The good spirit is all that will make you hate these things. Remember that the good spirit will not stay in your body and go with you to these sinful places, for when sin enters the Spirit will leave you. Remember the devil will try you every way. He knows what you like and the easiest things to tempt you with. If you haven't the good spirit, he is about as sure to make you sin as the sparks are to go upward.

Dear People, don't you see the devil carrying your boys and your girls on down to a demon's hell? Are you blind?

The invasion in Europe made many a heart sad for fear their boy would be killed, but don't seem to care about the devil carrying their boys and girls down to a burning hell. His word teaches us not to fear them that can kill the body, but fear him that can destroy both soul and body in hell. I felt about the saddest over the poor old boys in the invasion in Europe that had no Christian mothers to look up toward the pearly gates of Heaven, and ask the great God of Heaven to be merciful to their boys. It is so encouraging to a boy that knows he has a Christian mother praying for him while he is in a bloody battle.

Oh Preacher! are you sleeping and taking your rest while the devil is leading so many souls astray? Are you just preaching, or are you trying every way you know to win souls for Christ? Preachers, work every day for the devil is gaining. Can you sleep and take your rest watching so many people follow the Devil? Don't you suppose the good Lord thinks you are a lazy worker?

Consider fathers and mothers, don't you believe the Bible, what God says? So, don't sleep on and take your rest, and make good of this life, for if you don't do something, you have no promise in a world to come only eternal destruction.

B. E. Coxwell,
Route 1, Box 176A,
Blountstown, Florida.

INTERESTED IN THE BAPTIST

It is a pleasure to write concerning your good paper. This is my first time to write to the Baptist paper, and I want to say that it gives me great pleasure to read it. Since I do not have the opportunity to go to church as I used to, reading the Baptist paper is a great joy to me.

I am a member of little Bethel Church near Ideal, Georgia. The pastor of this church is Rev. W. R. Lawhorn. As I am in poor health, and will have to go to the hospital very soon, I do want the Christian people to pray unto God for me that I may recover from my illness.

May God's richest blessings be upon all of the good people is my prayer. I shall be very glad if some of you good people will write to me. My address is Reynolds, Ga., Route 3.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. H. B. Theus

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NEWS AND VIEWS

By L. Everett Ballard

Speaking of "views" we have just returned from a trip across the state to our beloved mountains, and some of the views were good, and some saddening. Of course we got a thrill from looking out from mountain tops once again, and from visiting with old friends and dear relatives. Also, some of the things we learned about the work in the mountain section lifted us up; for we did hear of some progress being made by the churches there. But, as we passed through town after town, and city after city, all the way across the state, teeming with humanity, busy and seemingly prosperous, and our minds dwelt upon the fact that in most of these towns there is not to be found a Free Will Baptist Church—these "views" were a bit depressing. O, what a field we have for Home Mission work right here in the Old North State, if we would only claim it! We ought to have at least two good ministers working all the time, supported by Mission funds contributed by the rest of us, going into these towns, holding meetings, organizing mission work, and staying with the same until it grows into a church, then leaving it in other hands while they go on, and on, and on pioneering for the Lord Jesus and our church. Surely, such a Home Mission program would receive the blessing of God. Let us pray over this!

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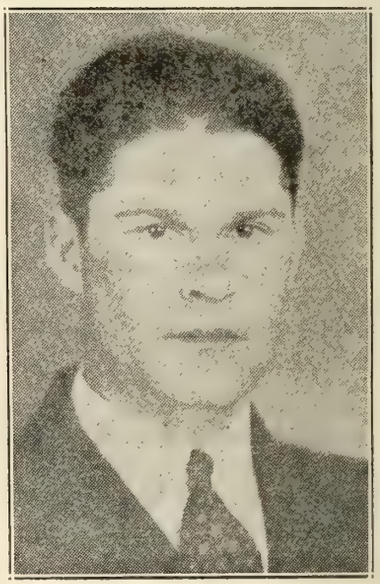
We made the trip across the state in the company of our dear Bro. Willet W. Moretz, who is pastor of four churches in the vicinity of Wilson and Greenville. Our brother could not be very cheerful, for he had received word that lightning had set fire to the printing shop at his home in Swannanoa, and the shop and all equipment had been destroyed. When we arrived at his home we found that this was indeed true. The loss was complete, and, unfortunately, there was no insurance to replace the property. To our brother minister this was more than just the loss of property valued at around $3,000. It meant the loss of a "means unto an end," for Bro. Moretz depended upon his "part-time" printing to supplement his salary from churches and make it possible for him to travel the distance necessary to serve these churches, and engage in general in the work of our denomination. In view of this, it is the opinion of the writer that it would be a noble thing for the churches and friends of this good man to come to his rescue, and by special offerings, and personal contributions, help him to replace at least enough of his printing equipment to carry on the regular contract printing he has. If it was a matter of putting a man "in business for business sake", so that he might make a profit for some selfish reason, we would not make such a suggestion; but it is a little different when a man is depending upon something in connection with the Lord's work, and has the misfortune to lose that something. Brother Moretz receives mail at either Swannanoa, N. C., or Box 1254, Wilson, N. C.

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At this writing Mrs. Ballard is visiting our son, Beverly, at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Auburn, Ala. A letter from her brings the news that our boy is active in local church work, which of course, gladdens our hearts. Mrs. Ballard will return to Middlesex, N. C., July 1st, to begin her work as Field Representative of our Orphanage.

REVIVAL AT MACEDONIA

Recently a ten days revival was held at Macedonia Church at Ernul, North Carolina. Rev. Clinton Lupton of Bayboro, North Carolina, was the evangelist who did the preaching. Each evening the church was filled to its capacity, and a prevailing atmosphere of the Holy Spirit was experienced by many.



Rev. Lupton

Thirty-six new converts were gained and a number rededicated their lives anew to Christ. The congregational singing was enjoyed by everyone as was the many special numbers by a visiting quartette and local talent.

The thirty-six new converts were received into the church on Sunday, July 2, 1944, with a large crowd present. The Lord's Supper was celebrated Sunday evening with an unusually large number, 108, participating in the taking of the bread and wine, and the washing of the Saints' feet.

As a result of the interest shown in the revival, the church and community people began to hold midday prayer services for rain. Large crowds of people, both church people and non-church people attended these midday services, and offered unto the Lord many prayers for rain, and the rain came. From that they began to hold Sunrise services on the second and third Sunday mornings, just as

the Sun was rising. These were very effective services, and many attended them from various sections of the community to pray for rain. Prayer services will continue.

The revival has had more effect on the church and community for the cause of righteousness, and the stirring up of the people for the good of everyone than anything that has happened in quite a long time. In fact it was the best revival that has been held at Macedonia Church in a long, long time. The people were quite liberal in the support of the meeting, paying the evangelist one hundred and fifty dollars for his services, and also paying the quartette a nice sum of money for their part in making the meeting a success. The pastor, Rev. R. B. Spencer, attended the meeting most of the time and rendered great help in making the revival a success.

By a Member of the Church

MACEDONIA CHANGING PASTORS

The Reverend R. B. Spencer of Ayden, North Carolina, has pastored the Macedonia Church, Craven County, North Carolina, for the past two years. Both the young people and the old people love him. He has been a faithful and true servant to all of his duties as a pastor, and the church is in a fine working condition. The church has made splendid progress under his leadership. A few of the outstanding accomplishments are as follows:

First, the perfecting of the "Church Budget" system, which has been a satisfactory means of financing the church and its work. During his pastorate the church has had money in the treasury to pay every obligation which it has assumed.

Second, the church has purchased one hundred hymnals for the purpose of giving the congregation a greater variety of hymns to sing, both in the regular services and in revival meetings.

Third, the three Sunday School rooms in the church have been painted, nice furniture placed in them, and linoleum rugs placed on the floor.

Fourth, book pockets have been placed on the back of the seats for the placing of the song books at the close of each service.

A project is now in progress to add more space to the present structure, as a supply room and library. Plans are being set forth for landscaping the church lawn, to make it more beautiful and attractive. Some progress has been made for the revising of the church roll. It is a new and splendid plan by which delinquent church members, and those who have moved away from the church and community can be contacted, and brought in a closer relationship with the church, or request that their names be transferred to some other church of their choice where they are living.

The church has established a new plan of selecting new pastors, which is proving to be a splendid way to avoid any "political manner" of electing a new pastor by bringing on the floor, for election one, several named by the different ones in the congregation. In the past such has been a bad practice, creating friction among some in the church. The new plan is so arranged as to select the pastor desired by the majority of the church through the Board of Deacons, and then to have the church to vote on the one selected, thus avoiding friction in the election of the new pastor. The church has had an old custom of changing pastors every two or three years, which has worked a hardship, in some cases, on both the church and the community. With the new system, the pastor incumbent, might stay a longer term if he is found satisfactory to the majority of the people, and thus this will prove, in all probability, a great advantage to both the church and the community.

The new pastor who will succeed Brother Spencer is Rev. J. R. Bennett of Bridgeton, North Carolina. Brother Bennett has pastored the church in the past and it is expected that he will take up the work where Brother Spencer laves off, and carry it on even to higher success.

Board of Deacons of
Macedonia Church

REVIVAL AT DAWSON'S GROVE

As it has been a good while since you have heard from us over here at Dawson's Grove, I will let you hear about our revival which has just closed.

Brother R. C. Wiggs came over on Monday night, June 19th, and preached for us until Friday night. There were only five nights, but they were very successful, and we were all brought closer to the Lord. We received 17 new members, and on Saturday afternoon they met at the water-side and were baptized by Rev. R. P. Harris. That night we met at the church and the new members were received into the church by the laying on of hands. The Church Covenant was read and Brother R. P. Harris brought us a wonderful message on "Follow Me." After the message, we had Communion and washed each other's feet.

Thus closed another glorious revival. We pray the Lord will lead and keep them in all trials and temptations, and give them faith in God and love for one another. May they all be faithful to their church and to the blessed Lord who has done so much for all of us.

Yours in Christ's name,
Mrs. Lula I. Harris

NOTICE

As you know it is nearing the time for our CHRISTIAN WORKERS' INSTITUTE to convene at PEARCE CHAPEL, which is located 4 miles east of Smithville, Miss. It is on a good gravel road. If you should be interested in knowing more about God and his handiwork you are invited to send your applications and fees to E. E. Cowart, Smithville, Miss., Rt. No. 1.

The Institute will begin on Monday following the 3rd Sunday in July, 1944. I shall be very glad to see you at the Institute. I remain,

Your Brother in Christ,
E. E. Cowart, Secretary
Pearce Chapel Institute

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, *New Bern, N. C.*

ADVICE TO AUXILIARIES IN EASTERN DISTRICT

The work of the First Vice-President is to get subscriptions to the Baptist paper, and to act as president in case of the president being absent. Reports of the First Vice-President should be sent to Mrs. Viola Blizzard, Deep Run, North Carolina.

The work of the Second Vice-President is to see that Christian Education is supported. The reports should be sent to Mrs. L. H. Wetherington, Clark, North Carolina.

The work of the Third Vice-President is to see that Missions, both home and foreign, is supported. The reports should be sent to Mrs. H. C. Barnes, Cash Corner, North Carolina.

The work of the Fourth Vice-President is to see that the church is cared for, such as seeing that there is fresh flowers for the services, and to have it swept each time before a service is to be held. To encourage tithing is also a part of her work in the church. Send reports to Mrs. Louise Bedsworth, Davis, North Carolina.

The work of the Fifth Vice-President is to see that the Orphanage is supported in a great way. The reports are to be sent to Mrs. Ruby Stilly, New Bern, North Carolina, Route 1.

The work of the Sixth Vice-President is to see that all old ministers are supported. The reports are to be sent to Mrs. Ed Smith, 140 Pollock Street, New Bern, North Carolina.

To all people of the Third District, I wish to say that I appreciate your confidence in me to be your president, so please pray for me that we may accomplish much during the year.

Yours in the service of the Master,

Mrs. Walter Rhodes,

Beulaville, N. C.

MARLBORO AID REPORT

Our Aid held its regular meeting on Tuesday night, May 31, 1944, at the home of Mrs. Bob Hinson. The meeting was opened, the scripture was read, and a hymn was sung. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Clyde Brooks, and different members made talks on our lesson.

The business session was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called and sixteen members responded to their names. We had three visitors present for the meeting.

Aid Activities

Dues paid in	$2.70
Surprise package	.90
Flowers taken to the sick	10
Trays taken to the sick	5
Sick visits made	52
Bible chapters read	92
Cards sent to the sick	19

After the business was over, the meeting was dismissed by all present repeating together the Lord's Prayer. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, and all enjoyed them very much.

Mrs. John Murphy, Secretary.

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LEE'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY MEETING

The ladies of Lee's Chapel met at the home of Mrs. Melia Williford on Friday, June 16, 1944. The meeting was called to order by the president, a song was sung, and then Mrs. Williford led in a word of prayer.

The Scripture reading was by Mrs. Smith, and then the members sang, "Onward Christian Soldiers." Mrs. Granville Byrd made a talk. Mrs. Lura Tart and Mrs. Williford also made talks. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Elmore and Mrs. James West. Mrs. Taylor gave some very helpful remarks on tithing. Then sentence prayers were offered by several members. Mrs. Stone and Mrs. West gave interesting readings.

The women decided to make some improvements on the church yard and the church building as soon as some lumber could be purchased. We met at the church on "Invasion Day" at one o'clock noon for special prayer services. A large crowd was present, and a most impressive service was rendered by Mrs. Lura Tart. We voted to organize the Mid-Week Prayer meeting. After our first Wednesday night service, a very happy scene took place at the home of Mrs. James West. Elaine Register, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Register, who has been sick in bed for several months, was saved at her home on Sunday night, and wanted to be baptized. She is only thirteen years old, but is a bright and promising child. She was taken up and baptized in a bathtub by the preacher. She desires the prayers of the good people that she may be restored to her wanted health again.

Mrs. James West

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MAY'S CHAPEL MID-WEEK PRAYER SERVICE

We are reporting on the Mid-Week Prayer service which was held on June 7th. It opened with song, "Stand Up for Jesus," and Brother Jesse Barrow offered prayer. The scripture lesson was read from Psalm 40. A reading was given by Mrs. Anderson, on the subject, "The Result of Sin." Then a trio was rendered entitled, "Kneeling at the Cross."

Mrs. Mae Rouse, the leader of the meeting, had prepared a paper which she read at this time before those present. The subject of this message was "How to Be Happy." Following this message, a trio was rendered on the theme, "A Little Talk with Jesus." Then another prayer was offered by Brother Barrow.

Each Wednesday night we have arranged to have a new leader for the services. There were thirty in attendance at this meeting, and we praise the Lord for such sweet fellowship, and for the privileges which were ours to enjoy.

—Church Reporter

SPECIAL PROGRAM AT SOUTH NORFOLK CHURCH

The Congregation of the South Norfolk F. W. B. Church since its organization has naturally been concerned for the spiritual welfare of the estimated two thousand souls of F. W. B. faith that have located in and around the area of Norfolk of which 95 per cent are conceded to have migrated from North Carolina. We have written letters, cards, have telephoned and made personal calls on all we have been able to contact. But all this has not been good enough to attract but just a small number.

Thereupon we decided to start an extended program, designed primarily, to build up our church and Sunday School attendance and at the same time bring these good people under our care and keeping. It was also in grateful consideration of the many Churches of North Carolina that have given us such splendid members, and have so generously contributed to our Building Fund, that we shall in consecutive manner endeavor to recognize these many **Churches by Counties.**

The first county selected to be so recognized is Beaufort in Honor of its seven (7) Churches: Belhaven, Sydney, Trinity, Free Union, Shiloh, Piny Grove, and Ephesus, which have given us seven members and more visitors than any other county.

This program will have its beginning on the fourth Sunday in July. All of these churches are invited to turn out and visit us. More than that, we ask the members of these churches, to send word to all their friends and relatives of our faith, living in or around the Norfolk section, that this day will be dedicated to the Free Will Baptist Churches of Beaufort County and that it is to be an occasion for a grand get-to-gether, at the South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church, for all the people from that county living in this area of Tidewater. Rev. Duffy Toler, a life long resident of Beaufort County, has been invited to be the principal speaker for the day.

According to plans, visitors upon arrival will register and be given small ribbons to identify them as visitors from the Honored County. A reporter will be on hand to send to the "Baptist," a detailed account of the day's program, including a report on each church's representation. It is our prayer that these churches will develop a friendly rivalry that will inspire them to strive in many ways to see their respective churches well represented. We feel sure that whatever the cost of the program might be it will be money well spent if it leads to the saving of lost souls, and the rededication of lives to the service of God.

Patterned after this plan, subject to improvements, other counties so far sponsored, have been selected in the following order: Pitt, August 6; Craven, August 13; Tyrrell, August 20; Washington, August 27. Other counties will be announced later, as plans can be completed.

The prayers of all Christians are earnestly requested, that God will crown our humble efforts with glorious success, in this undertaking to advance the kingdom of God on earth.

Devotedly,

Robert M. Gradeless, Clerk,
2508 LaFayette Boulevard,
Norfolk (2), Virginia

(Edit. Note: This presents to these honorable churches of Beaufort County a wonderful opportunity to present at these services a LOVE GIFT to their Building Fund, together with special offerings at the two services. It might also give other counties a definite figure to aim for in the helping to build the South Norfolk Church this fall.)

NO BIG MEN

By A. R. Flowers
Lucama, N. C.

An old colored minister down in one of our Southern states says, "T'ain't no big men in the country these times. Them Yankees ain't got none and we ain't. All the big men jest died off, I reckon. And now you just can't run no country 'dout big men. Things have been too easy and too soft for a good number of years, to raise big men, and you just can't raise big men in a country less ye got some trying times to raise dem in."

Now, this old colored minister has discovered one very important fact in the making of men, who have been makers of history in their fearless undertakings in the service of Christ. Not many great men have been developed from that class of boys who grew up on "flowery beds of ease, with a silver spoon in their mouths."

Forty years ago (February 1, 1900) I sent my first old pupil to King's Business College in Raleigh. He has made good (very good). September 2, 1900, I sent my first old pupil to the University of North Carolina. He too has made me feel very proud of him; and since then I have sent scores of my old pupils (together with many boys and girls that I have helped in extension causes,) to about fifty different colleges and universities; and I yet have to have the first one returned. And of the nineteen business colleges that I have been patronizing all through these years, not one of them has returned one single boy or girl because he or she was a failure.

Now listen readers. Of all this number of young men and women that I have helped to find their way in colleges, universities, business colleges, medical colleges, Bible colleges, and in hospitals for the training of nurses, I doubt that there were more than fifteen or twenty who did not need to go some of the way on borrowed funds; and many had to go all the way on borrowed funds. So, the old colored minister has a good deal of common sense about the worth of self-reliance in the making of great men.

A recent survey shows that out of every one thousand successful men (men who have made the world a better place in which to live) that more than three hundred came from the farm. About two hundred started as apprentices in some manufacturing company; about one hundred and seventy-five began as apprentices in printing establishments and that probably as many as sixty started at the bottom in Railroad work and made their way to the top. Not more than fifty of the one thousand men had wealthy parents.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

WOMAN'S PART IN NATIONAL LIFE

(Lesson for July 23)

Lesson: Judges 4: 1-9, 13-16.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this"? (Esth. 4: 14).

Deborah is alive to-day in the home, churches, and the foreign mission stations. Her ministry is still as courageous as it is gentle. She is a woman of prayer to whom God can reveal His program. If there is a scarcity of men who have "understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do" (I Chron. 12: 32), she rises to the occasion **foreordained** to leadership. She is the keywoman, not because of her ability, but because of her faith.

Marie Sarrafian Banker, Armenian musician and devoted Christian worker, illustrates what we are trying to say. In her Book **My Beloved Armenia** she describes such a life of dependence upon God and independence of circumstances, both in Armenia and America, as fills us with spiritual envy. Harried by the "unspeakable Turk" in his religious fury against Christians, she was hiding with her parents in the cleft of a rock, in a little town in Caesarea. "I was just a baby, could not yet talk plainly. We had escaped from the Turks, hiding in the cave till the wrath of the king, Sultan Hamid, calmed down and let the Christians see the sunshine, and breathe the open air, and begin to live again. I do not remember how the newborn baby was behaving, nor the rest of the family were doing, but I do remember what my father and mother were doing—they were praying. Oh, yes, I remember very plainly that Father was on his knees reading from the Holy Book, and my dear mother was on her knees holding the flickering candle, which was the only light in the pitch darkness of the cave. This is the very first memory of my childhood days—the most beautiful and saintly picture of my loving parents. I treasure it so tenderly, this recollection of childhood days, and thank my Heavenly Father for granting me such Christian parents, who taught me to love my Saviour from the cradle. * * "The little Turkish boys, clothed in tatters, gathered in groups to frighten us and chase us while we were going to school. That was their first attempt in torturing the Christians. It was hard for us to cross the streets, where they were waiting in ambush to beat us, or to take our lunches and books, and cause us all kinds of trouble early in the morning. Many times we stayed home from school, afraid to go. We could not complain to their parents, nor to the police force. They were allowed to do everything they wanted to, and we had to suffer it in silence."

Later, when as a student she was on her way to college, she had to pass between Turkish soldiers, who, especially as it was war time, might easily have killed an Armenian.

"I started, head up straight, with authority over them all. The Lord gave courage to me. All of a sudden I noticed the soldiers place their guns up to their shoulders, and, with heads down, stood in a very erect position, which is an honor due only to the highest officer of the army. As quickly as possible, they made way for me to pass. They were in that position, until I was in my compartment of the train, and, when the conductor closed the door they resumed their normal position.

"Dear reader, can you tell me what had happened? I have no words, but I have a song of praise for the Almighty God, who saved me from the hands of the enemy by a miracle. Either He was walking with me like the Highest Officer of the army, or He transformed me into a high officer before the eyes of the enemy. Nothing is impossible with Him. No, not one thing!"

—Selected.

II. Home Work

1. What three women were instrumental in saving the life of an infant destined to become a great leader? (Exo. 2: 2-10).

2. What woman played an important part in helping to make possible the capture of Jericho? (Josh. 2: 1, 4, 15, 16).

3. What woman's presence inspired a whole army in time of battle? (Judg. 4: 8, 9, 14).

4. What woman slew the commander of a mighty army of her people's enemies? (Judg. 4: 17-22).

5. What foreign woman gleaned barley, gained a husband, and became a link in the ancestry of Christ? (Ruth 2: 3; 4: 10, 13, 17-22).

6. What woman prayed for a son, and when she had him, gave him back to the Lord's service in early childhood? (I Sam. 1: 10, 11, 22, 24-28).

7. What woman brought provisions to an army and later became the king's wife? (I Sam. 25: 14-42).

8. What woman risked her own life in order to save her people? (Esth. 4: 13-16; 5: 1, 2).

9. What woman was told that a sword should pierce her soul? (Lu. 2: 34, 35).

10. What woman ministered to the physical needs of Jesus? (Lu. 8: 1-3).

11. How did God use the weather to defeat Sisera and his Army? (See page 20 of our **Advanced** Quarterly. Compare Judges 5: 4, 5, 20, 21.)

12. Study the Notes on verses 9 and 16 in our **Senior** Quarterly.

REVIVAL

Saint James Free Will Baptist Church of Phoenix, Alabama, witnessed a fine revival in May, 1944. The Reverend K. V. Shutes, of Cordova, Alabama, did the preaching. There were about thirty who were converted, and twenty took membership with the church. Rev. H. L. Knighton is pastor of the church.—Member of the Church.

Subscribe to the Baptist

OUR FATHER

We had a loving Father,
Who was kind and true;
He gave his heart to Jesus
His duty always tried to do.

He was a Christian Father,
He taught his children right;
Taught us to love Jesus
To walk in His blessed Light.

He was a living example
He walked the pilgrim way;
Loving and helping others,
Trusting Jesus every day.

He was a loving husband and Father
We had a happy home;
But Jesus called, "Come up higher;
Never more on earth to roam."

We said, "Goodbye until some sweet day."
And when our life's work is over,
We'll meet at the end of life's way,
And go to be with you on the heavenly shore.

—M. M. B.

GOOD COMPANY

A crowd was waiting at the railway station for the train. The signals were up and the train was soon due. A young man, evidently from the country, with a satchel in his hand came running. Following him was his old father. It looked as if the old man feared he might lose sight of his son in the crowd. And he wanted to give him a few words of advice as a farewell. He called out to his son who was now some distance ahead of him, "My boy! One thing you must promise me, that you will beware of bad company. In the big city there are many kinds of people. Some of them will approach you only to lead you into evil."

The people who stood around heard these words, they looked questioningly at the son, then at the father. This embarrassed the young man and he answered his father in an impatient tone, "You've always got to be preaching to me!"

The station agent standing there awaiting the train heard the words. He looked at both father and son in a kindly and earnest manner. Then in a quiet and mild voice, but loud enough for everyone on the platform to hear, he said, "Take the Lord Jesus with you, young man. Then you will always be in good company."

This frank and cheerful testimony of an official on duty made a deep impression on all those who heard it. To some it proved a lasting blessing. —Our Young People.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Second Union meeting of the Central Conference which is to be held with Hull Road Church, Greene County, Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in July, 1944.

10:00—Devotions, Rev. M. A. Woodard
10:15—Business
10:45—Message on Stewardship by Mrs. Brantley Speight
11:15—Song Service
11:30—Sermon by Rev. James A. Evans
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Devotions, Rev. Albert Harris
1:15—Business
1:45—Message, "The Need of Christian Education in the Life of the Youth," Rev. Bruce Barrow
2:15—Special Music
2:20—Message, "The Women's Auxiliary in Relation to the Church," by Mrs. H. L. Spivey
2:50—Miscellaneous Business
3:00—Benediction

MY SAVIOUR'S VOICE

One day my Saviour gave me birth,
In this dark world of sin;
Gave me a heart to love Him,
A tongue to praise His name.

I went astray from His loving embrace,
And lived awhile in sin;
I did not know my Saviour's voice
I did not care for Him.

I thought the ways of the world were gay,
And it seemed to me the best;
Though my heart was full of sorrow,
And my spirit was distressed.

In that sad and lonely state,
A sweet loving voice I heard;
"Come unto Me, ye weary one,"
As He said in His precious word.

I listened then to the Saviour's voice,
I heard what He had to say;
He touched my heart with His tender love,
And the burden rolled away.

And now when cares and troubles come,
I bow on my knees and pray;
But if He seems to tarry long
I can almost hear Him say:

"Child, be patient 'til the end of the day
Twilight shadows are gathering near;
I'll remember your troubles and trials
For to Me you are so dear."

Mrs. J. H. Rising,
Bladenboro, N. C.

ALABAMA ORPHANAGE NEWS

We are going to have another RALLY DAY at the Orphanage on the Fifth Sunday in July, 1944. Remember that we will meet at 10:00 A. M. There will be sacred harp singing in the morning, and a message at 11:30. There will be singing in the afternoon out of the "Seven Shape Books."

The Board of Trustees of the Orphanage will meet also in the afternoon. Eldridge is on Highway No. 78 U. S., and about 25 miles west of Jasper, Alabama. It is between Winfield and Carbon Hill, Ala. It is on the Greyhound Bus Line, and the Frisco Railroad.

This is your invitation to come and be present for this occasion. We are hoping that you will be there. We wish that every preacher in the State could be present on that day for this rally.

K. V. Shutes

P. S.—Bring a lunch or eat at the cafe. K. V. S.

Boys and Girls Corner

RAHAB AND THE TWO SPIES

By Mrs. Venie M. Carney,

Durham, N. C.

After Moses died in the land of Moab the Lord chose Joshua, the son of Nun, to lead the people of Israel. God promised him the same thing that He had promised to Moses. He was to possess every place that the sole of his foot walked upon. Wasn't that a great promise? So Joshua, being directed by God, sent out two spies to secretly spy out the land of Jericho. When they came to Jericho they found lodging at the home of a woman named Rahab.

Someone told the king of Jericho that there were spies in Rahab's house, so the king sent to Rahab and asked her to send the spies from her house. But Rahab hid the spies until the king's messengers had gone. "Run quickly," said Rahab to the messengers, "and you will overtake them." They did as she had told them, believing what she had said, concerning the spies.

After they had left, Rahab went to the spies and pleaded with them that they would spare her and her people when the walls of Jericho fell. They promised her that they would spare her and all her people if she would save them all in her house. After fully understanding each other she said, "Hurry, get to the mountain, before the king's messengers return. Hide yourselves there three days, then you may go on your way." She let them down by a cord through the window and they went to the mountain and hid themselves three days, as Rahab had told them. The pursuers searched everywhere but they never found them.

The spies returned to Joshua and told him all that had happened. They said, "Truly the Lord has given us all the land because the people there are afraid of us."

Time passed on, and when God gave the command they marched around the walls of Jericho once a day for six days. The seventh day they marched around the wall seven times. The seventh time they marched around Joshua said, "Shout, for the city is yours." They shouted and the priests blew their trumpets and the walls of Jericho fell down flat. They utterly destroyed every man, woman, ox and sheep. Everything was destroyed except Rahab and her people. Rahab's people were spared because she had hid the spies.

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts for the month of June, 1944

Illinois (by the Rescue Church and S. S.)	$ 450.00
Missouri	432.51
Ohio	365.00
Georgia	137.34
Texas	120.17
Oklahoma	41.70
Alabama (by Christian Workers' Institute)	10.22
Kentucky (by Pikeville church)	6.00
South Carolina	2.00
National Women's Auxiliary Convention	440.63
National Unified Program Fund by F. S. Vanhoose, Treasurer	300.63
	$2,306.20

Winford Davis, Treasurer

HOW TO KILL PREACHERS

If you want to kill off the best preachers that ever lived, try some of the things listed below:

1. Only hear him when convenient. Stay away from church on the slightest excuse.
2. Do your entertaining on Sunday. Do not worry about the church service, the preacher will be there.
3. Never invite anyone to attend church.
4. Do not tell the pastor of any who are sick, or about new people who have moved into the community.
5. Do not help to make visitors welcome at the church.
6. Criticise him for not calling.
7. Do not make him welcome when he calls.
8. Overlook his good points and keep looking until you can find something to criticise.
9. Never offer your services in the Church work. (The preacher might faint.)
10. If he preaches a good sermon, try and forget it, and do not put it into practice.
11. Never thank the preacher for his services to you. Nor appreciate that he is trying to make a better community in which to live.
12. Do not pray for him. (Paul asked his churches to pray for him.)

—Selected by Thos. E. Beaman

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

In my little message, I should like to encourage all Christians to continue on serving the true and living God, helping and encouraging those who are weak. You are to help bring back the wanderers to the fold of Christ. It is certainly a great privilege, as well as a responsibility, to work for the Lord. We must certainly realize that our Lord's return is drawing very near, as all Bible students believe.

I should like to give a genuine and fair warning to all unsaved people that they had better prepare to meet God in peace. They are to quit transgressing God's law and accept his Son Jesus as their personal Saviour. He will keep us in the way of righteousness, if we will follow in His footsteps.

If anyone is inspired to turn to Jesus, after having read this brief message, I should like for you to write to me. I will be pleased to hear from you, and to hear your testimony.

Mrs. Lorraine (George) Best

NOTICE

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Dear Brothers:

Some time ago I mailed to you some Literature sent to me by the

National Board of Superannuation. The purpose of this was two-fold: First, to inform you of the National Superannuation Program. Second, to make a complete SURVEY of Free Will Baptist Ministers.

You received with this Literature three blanks that you were asked to fill out and return to me. These blanks are not an application for Insurance. (They will come later.) These blanks are to furnish information that your State and National Boards need in planning their work.

To date very few of you have returned the blanks. Please observe the following request.

1. If you have not already returned the blanks, please fill them out and return as soon as possible. This IS Important.
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M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer,
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SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist State Association for the month of June, 1944.

Receipts

June 1, Balance on hand	$753.70
Receipts for month of June	1.00
June 30, Total to account for	$754.70

Disbursements

June 30, Office expense (Postage and supplies)	$ 11.97
June 30, Travel (60 miles)	1.80
June 30, Checks to Retired Ministers	122.50
Total paid out this month	$136.27
Balance on hand July 1, 1944	$618.43

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June 1, Union Chapel L. A. S.--$1.00

M. L. Johnson,
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REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School convention of the Midway Association met at Zion Church, Blakely, Georgia, on Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1944. The meeting was opened with song and prayer. The churches represented were as follows: Macedonia, New Light, Cedar Springs and Zion.

The programs rendered and the many songs sung were enjoyed very much by all present. Rev. W. T. Wiley made an interesting talk on the Sunday School work. Following this dinner was spread on the church lawn.

The afternoon session was opened with singing, and then the business of the convention was entered into. Brother John Barnes led the devotions, and Mrs. John Barnes offered a word of prayer. Brother Barnes made a talk on the Sunday School, and Encampment. These talks were enjoyed by those who were present.

The secretary made a report, stating that there was in the treasury $41, which is to be retained until the next convention. The election of officers was as follows: Moderator, Brother Evaston; Assistant Moderator, Rev. John Barnes; Secretary and Treasurer, Brother R. B. Lyle; Program Committee, Mrs. Laura Anderson, Mrs. O. W. Gordon and Brother Evaston.

The next session will meet with Macedonia Church, Miller County, on Friday before the third Sunday in June, 1945. It was then moved and carried to adjourn until the next time in course.

Mr. Evaston, Moderator,

Mrs. R. B. Pyle, Acting Clerk

There shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. Zech. 13: 1.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to her heavenly Home our faithful member and co-worker, Sister Julia Elizabeth Wood, be it resolved:

First, That we the members of the Ladies Aid of the Wintergreen Church do bow in humble submission to His Holy will. We feel keenly our loss, yet our loss is her eternal gain. We miss her, but her Christian character will ever be an inspiration to us;

Second, That we extend to her family our sincere sympathy and commend them to the God of love and mercy, who is able to comfort and keep them in a time of trouble; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Free Will Baptist paper, and a copy to be recorded in our minutes of the Ladies Aid at Wintergreen Church.

Mrs. Callie Turnage, Secretary.

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BAILEY. It was on the night of June 17, 1944, that God and his holy angels visited the Brown's Community Hospital and took little Nancy Dail, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Bailey of Bear Grass community.

Little Nancy was only nine days old, and was sick only a short period of time. The nurses did all they could for her, but the Lord saw that He could do more than they, so He took her home with him to live.

She leaves to mourn their loss her heartbroken parents, one brother and two sisters, Hilda and Shirley, and several Aunts and Uncles. Her funeral was conducted by Elder B. S. Quin of Bear Grass, and she was laid to rest in the Bailey Cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers.

Sleep on little Nancy,
I hope to meet you some day;
In that bright and happy Home
That is in heaven far away.

—Mrs. Seth Bailey, Mother

I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn. Zech. 12: 10.



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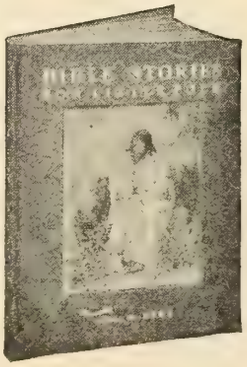
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There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you.

Give love, and love to your life will flow,
And strength in your inmost needs;
Have faith, and a score of hearts will show
Their faith in your work and deeds.

Give truth, and your gifts will be paid in kind,
And song a song will meet;
And the smile which is sweet will surely find
A smile that is just as sweet.

Give pity and sorrow to those who mourn;
You will gather in flowers again
The scattered seeds from your thought outborne,
Though the sowing seemed in vain.

For life is the mirror of king and slave,
'Tis just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you.

—Madeline S. Bridges

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These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 1 John 5: 13.

Faith hath an overcoming power,
It triumphs in the dying hour;
Christ is our life, our joy, our hope,
Nor can we sink with such a prop.

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us. 1 John 5: 14.

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EDITORIAL

"Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face" (Ps. 89: 14).

The Psalmist was speaking of God's righteous dealings in this verse with mankind. He was assured that God is always honest with every person, rendering to each one his just dues at His own good pleasure. God could not be otherwise toward man, His highest of creation. He shows mercy to all who are deserving, faithful and true to Him. His goodness He has placed in the world for man to enjoy, and to be thankful unto Him for His wonderful kindness. The Psalmist sensed this thought of God for His nobles of creation, and felt it his duty to honor and adore His great name.

People today are to take thought of this great truth: God is just, merciful and longsuffering toward all mankind. They should be willing to admit this fact, revere His glorious name and live true Christian lives. The holy promise is reassuring, and the reward is eternal. There is nothing to lose when a person takes his stand for Christ and righteousness. He can rest assured that God will reward him for his faith and trust in the things that are eternal. God's grace is sufficient for everyone, His goodness is boundless, and His truth shall endure for ever. Man need not fear the consequences if he will confide in the Lord, and walk in the straight and narrow way which leads to life eternal.

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Most of the revival meetings which have been reported to us for publication in the Baptist paper this summer show that a goodly number of people have been converted to the Christian faith and they took membership with the church. This is certainly gratifying not only to the evangelists and to the local churches, but also it is a happy thought for all Christians everywhere. It shows that more people are becoming serious concerning the great need of manifesting faith and trust in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, and are willing to follow Him as the true Guide of their lives.

There is great room, however, for more people to turn to the Lord and be saved. In practically every church community, whether large or small, in this country there are around fifty percent of the people who do not claim any allegiance or affiliation with any church. That is to say, more than half of the population in the United States have not made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. This is appalling when one considers the fact that our nation is called the leading Christian nation in the world. It simply shows that there is yet much to be done here at home for the winning of those unbelievers to the Christian faith. The ministry and the local church leadership throughout the nation need to put forth even greater efforts, as time passes, to impress the truth of the Gospel of Christ upon the hearts of the unbelievers, and seek to win them to Christ.

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The great prophet Jeremiah said, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is" (Jer. 17: 7). He uttered a great truth in these words to the people of Israel for their own good, for he well knew that they needed to think of their God who had been true to them. They were an erring people, and God had to send His prophets to them to tell them what they were to do, if they wanted to receive His blessings and favors.

It is equally true today that these words apply to those who put their faith and trust in God. They will receive His blessings, have His mercies extended unto them, and reap the joy of being faithful to Him. The man of sin, on the other hand, does not know what a blessed thing it is to be a child of the King, nor does he understand just what he is losing by remaining a servant of the Devil. He cannot have any hope for the future so long as he lives a wicked life and dies in his sins. But the child of God, as the prophet assures, is blessed and has hope, for he knows in whom he believes and trusts, and is assured that he will be rewarded in that final day for his faithfulness to the Lord.

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Christians are urged by the Holy Word to "hold fast to that which is good." The "holding fast" carries much meaning with it. The trouble with many professed Christians is they hold fast to some things which are not considered good in the sight of the Lord. Taking strong drink is one of them. Using profanity is another. Taking the advantage of friend or neighbor in some business transaction is another act which is not considered a good practice in the eyes of the Lord. But they will do this very thing if they see in it great gain for themselves. Some of them will argue that it is all right to go to dances and the public bathing beaches for sport and merriment. But God did not say these are good things for mixed groups of people to indulge in.

The holding fast to that which is good in the Scriptures means standing faithfully and true to the teachings of God's Word. Obeying the commandments of God would be holding fast to good precepts. Loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength would be holding fast to a good principle. Being a brother in deed and in truth to our fellow man in times of need and distress would be manifesting the spirit of the Good Samaritan, and holding fast to one of the great teachings of Christ. Certainly, it is a good habit to study the Bible regularly for the purpose of becoming better informed concerning God's Holy Word, and to be able to live better lives here in this world. Whenever men and women act in accordance with this great teaching of the holy One, they will be doing the will of the heavenly Father.

Do We Have Room for Jesus?

By Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
Goldsboro, N. C.

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Lu. 2: 7).

Christ was sent to the world as God had promised; but, when the time of His birth drew near, Mary, His mother, found no room in the inn for them, therefore, He was born in the manger. There was made no place for Him to be born. And even today there is no place for Jesus in the hearts of many people. In every place we go today we find that there are those who have no room for the Christ.

If we could visit every town and village in this country, we would find in every place that there is no room for Jesus in the hearts of the majority of the people. We would find that the pleasures and the frivolous things of the busy life which the people are living in this age are taking the place of Christ in the hearts of men and women, boys and girls. They are too busy with the things of this world to find room in their lives for our Lord. He is being pushed aside, and sin and Satan are having the right of way in their lives.

If the President of our nation or some other great man were to visit our state, and even in our home, everyone would take time to welcome him because he was considered a great man. Yes, we would find room for him in our homes, and even in our places of work. Certainly, everyone would give him a cordial welcome. But not so with Jesus Christ who is the greatest one that ever lived. There would be no room for Jesus if He were to pay this sinful world a visit. The great majority of the people would not take time to bid Him welcome.

In the past many did not find time for Him in their lives, however much He was needed in their lives. They had no time to serve Him. He is needed ever so much today, but men and women, boys and girls do not find time to serve the Lord. Christ was sent into this world to give light to those who sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death. He came to guide our way into the paths of peace. But are we letting Him guide us in the ways of peace? The answer is "No" in a very large measure. We are forgetting to make room in our lives for Jesus. On the other hand, we are letting Satan rule our lives, and lead us into the worldly places of sin.

Let us pause for a moment, and think of what Christ did for this world, and how we are carelessly casting Him aside. As there was no room for Him back in the days of old, so there is no room for Him now in the hearts of many people. He grew up here among men, and then gave His life on the cross for this sinful world. It was for your sins and for mine. He did everything for us, even shedding His precious blood on Calvary that we might live eternally. Yet, many of us find no time for Him in our hearts. Many are not even willing to give Him a part of their time. No, there is no room for Him in their busy lives, for they are seeking to get gain and to have a good time with the evil things of this world.

God's word says, "Today is the day of salvation." Then, why do we say some other time will do. Then I will make room in my heart for Him. But God says, "Today is the accepted time." He has declared that He will be our God, and that we are to be His people, and to come out from the world. His people are to be separate from the world of sin and vice. God has promised His blessings to everyone who will come out and take a stand for Him. Having His promises assured, let us rid ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh, and put on the whole counsel of God. We are to remember that Jesus has already provided for our salvation, for He bore our sins on the cross that we might be saved.

Why do people continue on in sin when they know that God has said that they will be damned, if they do not change their wicked ways. There is but one God and one Mediator for everyone of us. Why not then make room for Jesus and accept Him and be saved before it shall be everlastingly too late. Seek Him while He may be found! The Word says, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Remember, everyone of us shall have to give an account of the way we have lived before God. If Jesus were to come to earth today, could we welcome Him, knowing we had lived in sin and for the Devil? Would we be afraid of His coming again to earth?

Christ gave Himself for our sins that He might deliver us from this evil world, according to the will of the heavenly Father. Christ will deliver us if we will look to the cross of Calvary. It is the duty of everyone to make room for Him in their hearts, and to follow Him all the way to Calvary. We cannot receive His promise unless we are willing to follow Him all the way; and be prepared to have a home in heaven in that great day.

Friends, there is strife on every hand in these days, but God will supply everything if we will let Him rule in our hearts and guide our steps day by day. No one knows just what is ahead for us, but God is able to foretell all things. He knows what will be, for He holds the future in His hands. Dear Christians, let us all pray that all America may find room in the hearts of the people for Jesus Christ. Let us pray for those boys who are fighting and dying to keep America free, so that we can worship God according to the dictates of our conscience. Our boys need our prayers, as well as they need our money to win this great struggle.

I had the privilege of being in a meeting not long ago, and hearing one of the boys in service testify to

the fact that they knew the American people were praying for them. He made this remark, "If it were not for the prayers of the American people, it would be unbearable." Friends, there is not enough praying yet for our boys on the battle fronts. God says, "If we will humble ourselves, and will pray, He will hear from heaven, and heal our land." Are we praying? What about it, Christians? Are we finding time and room for Jesus? Or are we neglecting to make room for Jesus, and failing to give Him a part of our time? Sinners, how about your case? Why not accept Him in your hearts and live for Him? Do you want that heavenly reward? Do you want to be able to enter that heavenly home and life with Christ for ever more?

RADIO PREACHING OF BLOOD THEOLOGY SMEARED

By Thos. E. Beaman

The old fashion gospel of the blood atonement for sin is now smeared, and no longer wanted over the radio by a group of radicals in America, who are determined to freeze all fundamental Radio preaching off the air. By various means and cunning craftiness this is being slowly accomplished.

On October many religious programs now on the larger broadcasting systems will go off the air for good. Those programs that do remain on the air will be regulated by such rules as will make it difficult to stay on the air. For example no acknowledgement of funds received can be made, no references to money can be made, and no appeals for funds can be made. Many other things that the average person does not know about are being used to get the old fashioned gospel preaching off the air to stay.

Dr. Gilbert, from the nation's capitol, in a recent article tells how the smear campaign is being put on, and we quote him as follows:

"There is abundant evidence here in the Capitol to indicate that a well-planned "smear" campaign is being directed against Gospel broadcasters.

The propaganda "offensive" was spearheaded by a series of articles in widely-circulating magazines. The articles, written by poison-pen artists of the radical anti-religious movement, held up to public scorn the leading religious broadcasters of the nation.

The old-fashioned faith was ridiculed, while the charge was made that Gospel broadcasting is a "racket." The authors of these articles speculated over the "income" or "take"—as they vulgarly called it—of the various Gospel broadcasters.

One of them concluded, "there is gold—not in 'them thar hills'—but in selling salvation over the radio."

The "smear" campaign has just begun. A whole new series of magazine articles "exposing" so-called "commercial religious broadcasting" will soon be published.

Since the Federal Council of Churches receives free time for its speakers over the national network, and therefore does not need to appeal for funds over the air, its programs have been exempt from the slander of the "smear" brigade.

Behind this propaganda campaign against Gospel broadcasters is the definite design to eliminate the Gospel from the airlanes.

The anti-religious radicals have no objection to the continuance of "social gospel broadcasts" such as those sponsored by the Federal Council. But they are determined to drive Bible broadcasts from the air.

The "social gospel" is really a help to the radical cause. It is only the Blood Theology which the anti-religious radicals like their father, Satan, really fear and abhor.

This anti-Gospel Crusade, from evidence gathered here at the Capitol, is well-organized and well-financed. It will succeed, unless Christian public opinion is quickly organized and decisively exercised in the near future. A real crisis will soon develop; a showdown is approaching. Christians can meet this crisis by earnestly praying that God will defeat the forces of irreligion which seek to rule the Gospel off the air lanes."

Surely, the time is at hand when we must bestir ourselves as a church and as a people, and join hands and efforts with other fundamental faiths in a honest and business-like method in contending for the rights of freedom of religion, one of the great cardinal principles of this American Republic. We can pray, we can work, and we can give, to keep the old fashion gospel and the Blood Theology on the airlanes.

Radio preachers over the nation are now organizing themselves, reshaping their programs and methods, with the hope of holding what they can, and continuing as long as possible the ministry of the Word over the air. Where renewal of contracts can be made, and where new contracts for time can be had, they are being made, even though there are many restrictions which will lessen the freedom of preaching which once we had.

Shall Free Will Baptists share in these programs, and in the further preaching of the gospel, we love and believe in, over the air? The answer can be found in the response we gave to a recent independent movement for Free Will Baptists to seize a golden opportunity to obtain some of these contracts while they may be had. Contracts for time on the air are being signed up just as fast as we have the money and the pledges with which to buy these contracts.

The new Free Will Baptist program, which will go on the air the first Sunday in August will be known as THE ABUNDANT LIFE HOUR. This program will be heard over several stations. Competent talent has been secured, and the programs are being prepared. For the time being all the staff are serving without pay. They are donating their time and talent to this great Cause. Should you wish to have a part in this undertaking donate through your church, or mail direct to THE ABUNDANT LIFE HOUR, P. O. Box 120, Goldsboro, N. C. Make your remittance payable to Miss Katherine Beaman, Treasurer.

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SNEAD'S FERRY CHURCH DEDICATED

On June 25th a large number of people met with Rev. L. J. Potter at the church for the purpose of assisting him in the dedication of this new church. It was with great pleasure that the people took part in this important occasion and noble work of the Lord.



Rev. L. J. Potter

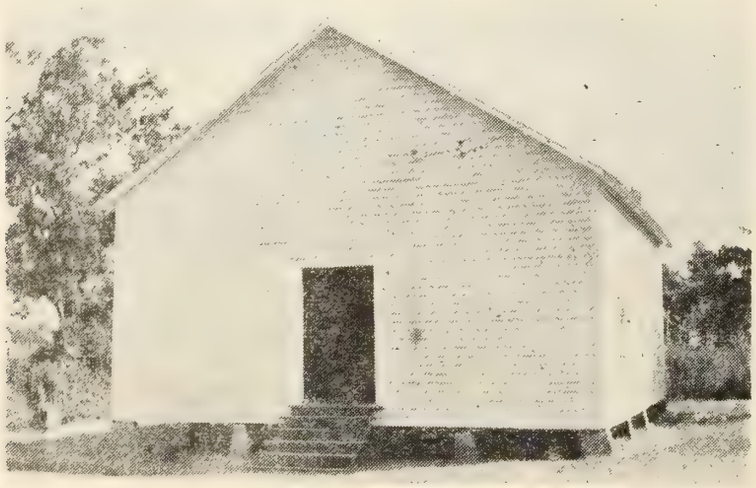
The services began with congregational singing and prayer. The history of the church was given by Rev. D. W. Hansley of Folkstone, North Carolina. The sermon was preached by Rev. L. J. Potter. Rev. James A. Evans, superintendent of the Middlesex Orphanage, had charge of the dedication service. Everyone present seemed to be very happy over the dedication, and enjoyed the day immensely. This was shown in a special way when everyone gathered at the noon hour out under the nice shade trees, and around the long table, which was spread with many good things to eat. It was indeed an enjoyable occasion, and everyone partook of the fine dinner spread before them.

Now, we will give just a few words about the church and its pastor. The church is a nice little building which is located in a fine neighborhood. It has a Sunday School, a prayer meeting, a Ladies Aid society, and preaching twice each month by the pastor.

May I say for Brother Potter that he is a splendid Christian gentleman, a fine gospel minister, and a hard worker. Since 1939, he and his associates have labored hard to make the new church a living reality. I am quite sure that he and his church people have seen some hard and dark days in connection with his work, but he remained steadfast, always trusting in the Lord to lead him safely through to success.

May God's blessings rest upon him, and his faithful congregation, is my prayer.

Rev. W. L. Jernigan,
Bladenboro, North Carolina,
Route Two



Snead's Ferry Church

AN IMPORTANT REQUEST

Reverend L. H. Wetherington, president of the Board of Directors and Stockholders of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, is sending out this early a call, requesting that the churches, and Union meetings of the State appoint someone to represent their stock at the Annual Stockholders meeting which will be held in September. He felt that it is important to have at this coming meeting a good representation of stock held by individuals, churches, union meetings and conferences.

Brother Wetherington is looking forward to being able to attend this Stockholders meeting in September, as he is now improving in health. He is greatly interested in seeing the business of the Press go forward, and to have it serve the whole denomination even in a larger way during the coming years.—R. B. Spencer, Secretary to the Board.

THE SECRET OF ABIDING JOY

(Habakkuk 3: 17-18)

Here is an old prophet who had the secret of a happy life, even though the fig tree shall not blossom and the vines have no fruit on them, yet I will rejoice in the Lord. He is saying, even though the Chaldeans invade the land and burn up the vineyards and oliveyards, hinder the harvest, steal the flock, and rob me of every earthly possession, Yet I will rejoice in the Lord of my salvation. I wonder if we could say that in the day of calamity.

The Christian Has Joy

Many Christians may have long faces, but every true believer has a joyful heart. The joy of the true believer is like the calm of the settled water in the deep sea, undisturbed by the elements that disturb the surface. The peace of God that passeth all understanding is joy unspeakable and full of glory. We, like Habakkuk, are not looking on this life only, but in the great beyond. When we look in the future there is something

that makes us want to get closer to God.

This Joy Is in the Lord

Habakkuk said, "I will rejoice in the Lord." This joy implies knowledge. You cannot rejoice in the Lord unless you know Him, and surely if you know Him you would love Him and rejoice in Him. In order to rejoice in God, we must first find something in Him that will satisfy every desire of our hearts, and fill every longing of the newborn life. The cross of Christ is the only bright spot on earth where guilty men can share the joy and happiness of heaven.

This Joy Is the Joy of Salvation

Habakkuk says here, "I will rejoice in the God of my salvation." This is the God that so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. How it thrills our heart to think that God so loved us that He was willing to pick us up out of the miry clay and set our feet on the solid rock. Those who are saved have something to rejoice over.

This Is the Joy of Anticipation

In verse 19 we read, "He will make my feet like hind's feet, to walk upon mine high places." The Christian life is not only a life of happiness and joy, but also a life of progress, a climbing from one high place to another. Not grasping at bubbles that vanish with the touch, but the laying hold of spiritual certainties. The Christian's prospects are high, but the hope of the wicked shall perish.

This Joy Is Independent of Earthly Possessions

Habakkuk says, "Although I am stripped of all earthly possessions, yet I will rejoice in the Lord." You see, brethren, the joys of the believer are not in the things of this world, but independent of them. Job says, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." If you are an unhappy Christian it is because you know so little of your Lord. The joys of this world is like the flash of a rocket that glares for a moment and is gone. The joy of the true believer is like the star in the Heavens, it abides for life, it abides forever. The joy of the Lord is your strength. Why not trust Him today. O the joy of knowing Him as your own personal saviour, not as someone elses, but yours. Will you not say as Habakkuk said, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation, and trust in Him for everything?

Rev. R. W. Allman,
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JOTS AND DOTS

I am quite sure most of my readers are familiar with the type of sacrifices that were offered to the Lord from the time Aaron became High Priest, or even from the time Abel offered his first sacrifice, (Gen. 4: 4).

I hope none of us have gotten the idea that because we are living under grace, or in the age of the Christian dispensation that we have been excused from offering sacrifices unto the Lord, most certainly we have not.

While Abel and the High Priest were commanded to offer dead, burnt sacrifices, we are commanded to offer living sacrifices. Did someone say what kind of living sacrifices shall we offer? Romans 12: 1, says, "Present your (or our) bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your (or our) reasonable service."

I would like to say, if we present this sacrifice holy as we are commanded to do, we will have to quit doing some of the things that some of our church members are doing. I shall leave that for each one to decide what they are to leave undone. On the other hand, some of us will have to get to doing things that we have been omitting to do. Each one can think of something he should have done, I am sure.

We understand if the sacrifice isn't holy, it will not be acceptable unto God. So my prayer is, may each of us strive to make our sacrifice holy.—AMEN.

J. E. Ingalls

REVIVAL AT SOUNDVIEW

The revival at Soundview Church began on June 25th and closed on July 2, 1944. It was a very good meeting with the Spirit of Christ working wonderfully in the hearts of the people who attended the services. Rev. W. L. Jernigan, of Bladenboro, North Carolina, brought the messages each morning and evening. We are hoping to have brother Jernigan with us again to hold a meeting for us.

Our esteemed pastor, Rev. David Hansley, of Folkstone, North Carolina, was with us some of the time. He gave much assistance in the meeting by his singing and praying, and encouraging the people to turn to Christ, and be saved. Our people certainly did appreciate having both Brother Jernigan and Brother Hansley with us in the meeting.

On Sunday, July 2nd, there were fourteen precious souls who came forward and accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. It was a great and happy time with the saints of God to see those young people coming to the fold of God. The baptismal services were held on that Sunday afternoon. At the evening services the people gathered at the church, and the new converts were properly received in the church as members of the body in Christ.

We are asking all who may read this account of our revival in the Baptist paper to pray for the new converts and for our church, for we realize we are few in number and need the prayers of God's praying people. We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us, and may the Lord bless and save many in every revival meeting being held this year.

Ampie Lewis

All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matt. 21: 22.

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REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School convention of the Second Union meeting district of the North Carolina Central Conference convened with Piny Grove Church on April 30, 1944. Rev. R. N. Hinnant, pastor of the church, delivered the convention sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. The convention was favored with special music throughout the day by Mrs. Jessie Davidson, Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Rev. R. N. Hinnant, and Rev. Albert Harris. Special prayers were offered for Rev. C. H. Denton, who is very ill, and also for Sister Lela Nobles who is in the hospital.

Mrs. Hubert Worthington delivered a fine message on the subject, "How to Become an Efficient Sunday School Teacher." This was followed up by the Institute work of the convention. It would have been very helpful if more of the Sunday School teachers could have been present for this address.

The convention was well attended, and we are grateful for the progress which is being made in the work of the Sunday Schools. We are asking that all of the Sunday Schools strive to keep their work interesting and going strong for the advancement of God's kingdom. We want to say to those who have not as yet come into our convention, will you please send delegates next Fifth Sunday to the convention? It will meet with Hull Road Church in Greene County. We need your co-operation and you need the help of our convention, therefore, will you do your best to have your school represented on the Fifth Sunday in July?

The Convention Banners were won by King's Cross Roads Sunday School. They are doing a great work in that Sunday School, as well as others are moving forward in a good way. St. Delight and Reedy Branch won second place for these banners. May other Sunday Schools join us and work hard to win the banners next time.

The officers for the convention were re-elected for the ensuing year. They have done a fine job and we appreciate their splendid work done in the convention. May each of us do our best to support this great cause, and thus do our part for the church of tomorrow. We are hoping that each Sunday School in our district will send delegates to the next convention which will convene on Sunday, July 30, 1944, at Hull Road Church. Look for the program at a later date in the Baptist paper.

Mrs. H. L. Spivey,
Publicity Director

PROGRAM

Program for the Sunday School Convention of the Albemarle District at Belhaven.

10:00—Song Service and devotions conducted by Rev. Albert Harris
10:15—Remarks by the president
—Recognition of ministers
10:25—Minutes of last convention, list of Sunday Schools and response from delegates
10:40—Business
11:10—Special music arranged by Mrs. William Webster
11:15—Sermon by Rev. D. W. Alexander
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Song service and devotions conducted by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
1:30—Business resumed, and report of committees, etc.
2:00—The Benefits Derived from the Sunday School Convention by Rev. W. A. Hales
2:30—Song and benediction
Alonza L. Reynolds

THE LIQUOR EVIL

By Rev. G. T. Dell

The liquor evil is a damnation to any man who makes it, sells it, or who drinks it. It damns him morally and spiritually, regardless as to how he deals with and handles the cursed stuff. It will damn him eternally unless he repents of his sins with Godly sorrow and seeks forgiveness. Liquor injures the health of all who drink it, for it is a deadly poison. It brings on diseases and death will sooner or later follow the taking of strong drink.

The man who makes liquor is a murderer, and the man who sells liquor disturbs the peace of joy in the hearts of the people who buy from him. The finest of manhood and womanhood is destroyed by the use of liquor. The liquor dealer robs the pocket books of millions of people, making of them and their loved ones paupers and outcasts, beggars and vagabonds in the world.

Think of thousands of wrecks on the highways due to drinking and drunkenness of thousands of people. Think of the innocent people whom these drunken drivers kill and ruin for life each week in this country of ours. Many a man and woman ends their life in drunkenness and crime. They are self-murderers, I repeat.

The liquor curse breaks more hearts, blights more lives, and wrecks more homes than any other thing in the world. It causes the commitment of more crimes, fills more prison cells, digs more graves, and damns more souls than any other thing in our land. We cannot afford to be a friend to this damnable curse which is destroying the purity of our nation. Who is the person that will cast his or her vote for it? Who is he that can afford to make this damnable stuff? It is no respecter of persons, for it will ruin all who persist in drinking it. It will drag down kings and rulers from the highest thrones. It will cast them down to a drunkard's grave, and demon's hell. It will do the same to the poorest and the meanest man in the earth. Any

any all will fall before its mighty power. It will pull a man down from the most trustworthy position in the land, and make a rascal, a thief and a wretch of him. It will rob any man of his good name, which is rather to be chosen than great riches, silver or gold. It will rob him of his God-given privileges of being a noble citizen, a worthy father or a loving husband. It will bring starvation to the mouths of little children, sorrow and death to a loving mother's heart. It will take joy out of the home and place therein trouble and want in its stead.

Finally and most tragic of all, it will rob the man, woman, boy or girl of heaven, the sweetest joy of life to come. It will debar them from receiving the mansion, the crown, and that everlasting life. Oh, how cursed, how wicked is strong drink! By it men become vile and wicked, cruel and hateful, and cause them to use the most vile language in the presence of little children. Under the influence of strong drink men will beat their wives, bring wrinkles to her once beautiful face and send her to an early grave. No real gentleman can run as a candidate on a "wet ticket" and be true to God and his fellow man. How can men and women go to the polls and vote for any person who is for whiskey? Would any man or woman who is a Christian dare to go to the polls and vote a "wet ticket?" Woe be unto that man who gives his neighbor strong drink! Let us hope that we shall not see any person who has been born again by the blood of Jesus Christ, and saved by the grace of God ever drink liquor or vote a "wet ticket."

I do want to thank Brother W. F. Clark for his message on "Holiness in Reality." Also there is a thrill that comes to me from reading Brother Griffin's message on "Old-Fashion Sanctification." Thank God for such fine messaves. We are glad that we can live such beautiful lives.

Whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward. Mark 9: 41.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD WORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

Greetings in the name of our Lord! I do not remember just where I left off in my last letter, but anyway I went to Ohio, and visited the Women's Auxiliary Convention, and their State Association. Brother John Kemper's church at Porter entertained the meeting. They have a beautiful brick building with basement and meals were served there. Our women and men both are working in Ohio. They are not only working for one part of our great program, but for all of it. I spoke one night. The women took an offering for our work, which amounted to $22. We thanged them very much for this fine offering.

Brother W. J. Shepherd's report showed that he was really working as their State Evangelist, and he was re-elected for another year. Some of the Kentucky brethren visited the Association for one day, but on account of Brother F. S. VanHoose receiving a message that his brother was dead, he stayed only a part of one day. I stayed through the entire sitting of the convention.

My next place which I visited when I left Ohio was Pikeville. The pastor, Brother Maurice Roach, has been pastoring this church only a few months but he is doing a fine work. We held services for a few nights, and organized a women's auxiliary with the women. From there we went to Paintsville to the Auxiliary convention. These dear women have been faithful, and they are still working hard for the glory of God. The churches in the mountains are far apart in most places, and it is not very easy to carry on the work like it is in some places. These dear women deserve much credit for their great efforts to carry on the work of the Lord. They have done a wonderful work for their orphanage during the year. The orphanage will be dedicated "free of debt" in July.

We certainly did enjoy very much this convention. Sister Griffith, who has been president for the past year, has done a great work. Sister Webb is the Field Worker for the women. I next visited the Laskey Church, and got the women back together. Sister Flora Porter, who had done such a splendid work and was our first convention president, had been very ill and was in the hospital six months of last year. But, thank the Lord, she is able now to be back in the work again. Sister Hall, a very fine woman of God, was made president.

My next visit was the vacation Bible School which was conducted by Brother and Sister Roach at Pikeville. They used their own talent in the church as teachers. It was a wonderful success. Think how we do need to put these Bible Schools on in all our churches. From this place we went to the Kentucky State Association, which convened at McAndreus. The meeting was great in every way, for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit was there. I had the privilege of representing the National Association, and the Women's Auxiliary Convention. Brother VanHoose was moderator of the Association.

After we had attended several conventions and associations, we were felt led to go to Illinois. We visited several of the churches before the National Association was to meet. At this writing we are now in Illinois.

God bless and help everyone is our prayer,

Lizzie McAdams

(Edit. Note: Circumstances and delay avoided us from publishing this article before the convening of the National Association.)

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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UNION GROVE AUXILIARY REPORT

The Women's Auxiliary of Union Grove Church met on Wednesday afternoon, June 21, at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Fleming with sixteen members present and two visitors. Mrs. Luther Lynch was in charge of the program. The topic for discussion was "Steadfastness in Home Missions." The opening hymn was "How Firm a Foundation."

The scripture was read by Mrs. Ernest Edgerton, after which the members prayed in unison the Lord's Prayer. Interesting talks were given by Miss Louise Edgerton, Miss Eudell Sasser, Mrs. Bertha Morris, and Mrs. Deanye Morris. Following the talks the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the roll was then called. The dues paid in amounted to $8.30. There was $2.65 collected for the Pollyanna Box. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. There were 98 chapters read in the Bible by the members since the last meeting, and 45 visits made to the sick. Six flower designs and four trays were taken to the sick. Eleven garments and 13 papers and magazines were distributed.

Mrs. Deanye Morris was appointed program leader for July. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Luther Lynch in July. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Miss Louise Pittman,

Corresponding Secretary

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OAK GROVE AUXILIARY REPORT

Our auxiliary met at the church on July 5, at 4:00 P. M., and Mrs. Malcomb Warren had charge of the program and conducted the devotions. The topic for discussion was "Steadfastness in Christian Education." Mesdames Bryan Bizzell, J. A. Lewis, N. R. Lewis, R. W. Tart, and Kermit West were on the program.

Activities of the Auxiliary

Chapters read in the Bible ------118
Sick visits made ----------5
Cards sent to the sick ----------4
Trays sent to the sick ----------2
Quarts of milk given to the needy 37
Flowers taken to the sick --------1

There were fourteen members and two visitors present for the meeting and they took membership with us.

Mrs. Annie McPhail, President,
Miss Thelma Lee, Secretary

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DEEP RUN AID REPORT

We held our regular meeting in the church on Thursday afternoon before the third Sunday in June, with the president, Mrs. Roy Hill presiding. The meeting was opened with the members singing a hymn.

Mrs. Elton Harper was in charge of the devotions, and at the close Mrs. Harper offered a word of prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the roll was called with ten members present. The dues collected amounted to $2.80. The treasurer reported $22.08 on hand.

During the business session we decided to order flavoring to sell. The subject of tithing was discussed and all that would do so were urged to begin tithing. At this time we are glad to state that we have nine members who are paying tithes. We are hoping that the other members will decide to do so.

Our president worked the chest during the past month, and she was wonderfully blessed with raising $14.20 to report to the meeting. She kept the chest for one month only, but was greatly rewarded by being able to make such a good report.

Auxiliary Activities

Quarts of milk given to the needy 126
Bible chapters read ----------216
Sick visits made ----------5
Trays taken to the sick ----------4

We the members of Deep Run Aid request the prayers of all other Aid societies that we may go forth with a greater work in the name of the Lord. The meeting closed with a song, and the benediction was offered by Mrs. Elton Harper. Mrs. Whitford Hill and Mrs. Rachel Underwood were hostesses.

Mrs. Roy Hill, President,
Mrs. Ruthie Hardison, Secretary

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SIDNEY LADIES AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid of Sidney Church held its regular monthly meeting on June 15, 1944. The meeting was opened with the members singing a hymn, and the members repeating the Lord's prayer.

One of the members, Mrs. Katie Roper, read the scripture lesson from the 27th chapter of the Book of Numbers. She then made a short talk on the subject of "Missions." After the talk Mrs. Roper led in a word of prayer, and Mrs. Edwards closed the prayer.

Activities for the Month

Bible chapters read ----------126
Sick visits made ----------15
Daily Bible readers ----------3
Dues paid in ----------$1.65
Money raised for Jehoiada Chest ----------$1.00
Money raised for free will offering ----------22c

The secretary was requested to write each member, and urge them to attend the next meeting, which will be in July, and to bring all available octagon coupons that they might be sent to the Orphanage. The meeting closed with the members singing a hymn, and Mrs. Gordon offered the benediction.

Mrs. Agnes Edwards, President,
Mrs. Jordan Clayton, Secretary

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REPORT OF FOURTH UNION AUXILIARY

The Fourth Union Auxiliary convened with Daniel's Chapel in Wil-

son County on the fifth Sunday in April, 1944. The convention opened with a song and prayer was offered by Rev. Johnnie Vernelson. Then the Conway Trio sang two numbers for the convention. The welcome address was made by Mr. Charlie Pittman, and the response by Mrs. Paul Thigpen.

An offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $17.41. The Five Points Quartett rendered a number for the convention, and Rev. Joyner offered prayer. The convention sermon was preached by Rev. W. L. Hart. He used as his text Acts 2: 22. Following the message the various committees were appointed.

The afternoon session opened with the devotions being led by Vernon Sullivan, and the Conway Trio gave two more numbers. In the business period the roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The ministers present were: P. C. Wiggs, Vernelson, L. B. Manning, Joyner, Hamilton and Hart. The various committees gave their reports.

The Banners were presented to Edgewood for their having the best Sunday School, and to Dilda's Grove for the best Ladies Aid. The same officers were re-elected to serve for another year. There was an offering taken for the Conway Trio, which amounted to $8.15. The convention was then entertained by the Daniel's Chapel with a program, which was given by the name of a "Dream." Everyone enjoyed it very much. The convention was then dismissed in a word of prayer by Rev. C. D. Hamilton.

Mrs. R. L. Summerlin, President,
Mrs. C. D. Hamilton, Secretary

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ST. MARY'S AID REPORT

The Aid members of our society met at the home of Mrs. Debbie Narron, July 6, at nine o'clock. The meeting came to order by the members singing a hymn, and all repeated together the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. Laura Watson conducted the program. The life of Paul was told by Mrs. Augusta Kirby. Paul's vision was told by Mrs. Debbie Narron. The society reported 249 chapters read in the Bible, 14 visits made to the sick, 3 trays given to the sick, 93 quarts of milk given to the needy, and 4 flower designs taken to the sick.

The treasurer reported for this meeting $12.45 on hand. We had a special prayer for rain. The meeting closed with the benediction.

Mrs. Gencie Kirby, President,

Mrs. Hubert Narron, Secretary

KEEPING TO THE TRACK

Fredk. C. Watts

I expect you know much about railway trains. You know the riddle perhaps that asks the reason why it is dangerous to go to sleep in a train, and the answer—because the train always runs over sleepers!

A hundred years ago, or less, many boys and girls had not even seen a railway train, and many fathers and mothers were frightened of traveling that way. Things have moved on since those times, and you came into a world of trains, and motor cars, and airplanes, and all sorts of other wonderful things.

Have you noticed a man with a long hammer going all the length of the train, as it stands in the station, tapping the wheels? When a train has traveled a long distance it is important to see that the wheels are sound and he can tell by the noise the hammer makes when striking them, whether it is safe for the train to proceed. Such a test is a good thing, and saves many an accident.

Tests are good for us, too. Our difficulties and our troubles, our work, and our pleasures, our home life and our school life, all test us and show what sort of stuff we are made of. God, too, tests us in many ways. The Psalmist long ago asked God to look right down into his life and see if there was anything wicked there. Then he asked God to put right what was wrong, just as when the train is found to have a faulty wheel it can be put right before it goes on with its freight of precious lives.

There is another very important thing and that is, that the train should keep to the track. A great deal of trouble is taken in laying down railway lines. They have to be very exact, neither more nor less, and the train must run on those lines or the result will be terrible. Sometimes, we read in our newspaper of an engine jumping the metals, and then sad things happen. Now God has laid down certain lines for us to travel on. The Ten Commandments are like the two railway lines—our duty to God, and our duty to our fellow man. Life is safe on that double track. Suppose the railway engine could think and speak like we can, and said to itself, "I am tired of this road. It looks more pleasant to go across the fields. What a nice change it would be!" Suppose it left its proper track and tried to run just where it fancied! We should soon be hearing of a terrible accident and many lives lost. It is like that with us. If we foolishly forsake God's way—"the highway of the King"—we are asking for trouble.

A boy brought up in a good home, taught to love good things, went regularly to God's house, in due course left home for a situation in a big city. All went well for a time, and then he allowed himself to be influenced by companions who told him there was "nothing in religion," and that it was silly to go to church. He went their way and the result was he got into debt through gambling, neglected his duties and was dismissed. He left the right track and paid the penalty.

It is foolish for us to think that we know better than God, and that our way is better than His. Jesus says, "Follow Me," and if we heed that call, we shall find ourselves on the safe and happy road that leads to heaven at last.—The Christian.

With thee is the foundation of life: in thy light shall we see light. Psa. 36: 9.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
Grace to pardon all our sin;
Let the healing streams abound,
Make and keep us pure within.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

GIDEON'S FAITHFUL FEW

(Lesson for July 30)

Lesson: Judges 7: 4-7, 15-21. Please read Judges 6, 7, and 8.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"For there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few" (I Sam. 14: 6).

The theme of our lesson centers round the truth contained in our "Golden Text"; "For there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few" (I Sam. 14: 6). Here we learn of **God's unlimited power.** When He purposes to work He does not require huge armies, the most modern and most destructive weapons to win His battles. He had but to **say the word** and the waters of the Red Sea **divided,** giving passage to the Israelites, and at His Word **they returned** engulfing Pharaoh's host (Ps. 78: 12, 13; 136: 13-15). Not once but scores of times God has used the **elements** to frustrate the evil purposes of man.

We think of the beginning of the Christian faith. With a **few faithful souls,** Christ willed to establish His great and glorious Kingdom of souls redeemed by His Blood (Rev. 5: 9). Thousands followed after Him, were fed by His hands (John 6: 10), but how few were fit to fight in His cause. His teaching (vs. 60) and His demands (Mat. 16: 24-27) put them to a severe test, and large numbers who professed discipleship deserted Christ, leaving Him with a small band of disciples (John 6: 66-69). The many were **sifted** and from these He chose twelve to be with Him (Mk. 3: 14), and seventy were sent forth to teach and to heal.

Count the total number of true Christians. How many of them are separated from the **world? Take** again the separated. How many of them are **zealous, consistent, hard working** disciples of Christ, of Peter, or of Paul? How many of us are there who would make the grade if God's standard for the 300 were applied to us spiritually?

II. Sentence Sermons

1. God makes careful choice of those who are to serve Him, for there are many whom He cannot use (Judg. 7: 4).

2. God's sifting process serves to reveal hidden traits that no one knew were there before (vs. 5).

3. Bowing the knee does not qualify anyone for spiritual service, unless it is bowed unto the Lord (vs. 5).

4. It is usually only a small fraction out of a large company that God can really use (vs. 6).

5. God has ways of encouraging those who put their trust in Him against discouraging circumstances (vs. 15).

6. If God gives the order any equipment will be adequate, but not otherwise (vs. 16).

7. It is safe to follow the example of a Divinely-led leader (vs. 17).

8. Gideon's army had no other sword than "The Sword of the Lord," but it was enough (vs. 18).

9. It is very important for every man to stand in his place in fighting for the Lord (vs. 21).

10. It is well to blow the trumpets and break the pitchers, but we must not forget the battle cry (vs. 20).

—Selected

11. Study what our **Advanced Quarterly** has to say on the topic, — **God Sifts the Men.**

12. Study the comment on verses 19, 20, and 21 in the **Senior Quarterly.** That goes for all the lesson material in our quarterlies.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

While the Preachers Talked

Not long ago, three preachers and a Christian layman were riding together on a train. They chatted about the things of the Lord, and were enjoying real fellowship. When the matter of personal work came up, the preachers frankly admitted to each other that it was never easy for them to approach another individual about Jesus Christ. While they were discussing the probable reason for this difficulty, the layman left them and sat down beside a soldier farther down the aisle, engaging him immediately in conversation that led toward the presentation of the Gospel. Is it any wonder there were three very red faces, and that one of the three said with evident feeling: "May the Lord forgive us. We three preachers sit here **talking** about soul winning, and he goes and **does it!** (From Moody Monthly).

"Throw out the lifeline to danger-fraught men,
Sinking in anguish where you've never been;
Winds of temptation and billows of woe
Will soon hurl them out where the dark waters flow!

"Soon will the season of rescue be o'er,
Soon will they drift to eternity's shore;
Haste then, my brother, no time for delay,
But throw out the lifeline and save them **to-day!"**

PROGRAM

Program for the League Union of the Albemarle District.

Theme: Living Together in Our Fathers' World
Hymn—Onward Christian Leaguers
Devotions conducted by Sara Ann Reynolds
Duet—"This Is My Fathers' World," by Louise and Ruthe Doughtie
Youth's Part in Tomorrow's World, by Willinette Willoughby
"Learning of His work in His world," by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
"Laborers together in Our Fathers' World," by Ruth Doughtie
Business
Hymn—"We've A Story to Tell to the Nation"
League benediction

Mrs. H. I. Fowler

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REVIVAL AT PINE LEVEL

The Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church was very fortunate in having the Rev. Ralph Lightsey, of Bristoe, Georgia, and of Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, to conduct our revival meeting.

The opening service of the meeting began on Sunday evening, June 25th, at the eight o'clock hour. The meeting continued through Sunday night, July 2nd, with Rev. R. N. Hinnant of Micro, North Carolina, in charge of the song services. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed these services. Special music was arranged for each service by Brother Hinnant and Miss Bessie White of the local church. Rev. Albert Harris of Enfield, North Carolina, attended the eleven o'clock service on Sunday and rendered a message in song, which was enjoyed by all present.

Brother Lightsey held a Young People's service each evening at 7:30 with much interest. He brought forceful messages, and it will take time and eternity to tell how much good was accomplished. There were eighteen added to the church. There were sixteen to be baptized and two came by letter. The baptismal services were held at Little River on Sunday, July 8, at 3:30 by Rev. M. L. Johnson of Lucama. Brother Johnson will begin the pastoral care of Pine Level Church in October, 1944.

All the said membership of the church fell in love with Brother Lightsey, and will look forward to his return to our community in the near future. He is a young man about twenty-five years of age. He is deeply consecrated to the Lord's work. We are praying for his success, and hope that he will come to Carolina, and settle and help us in a much needed field for young ministers.

Mrs. S. H. Styron,
Pine Level, N. C.

PROGRAM

This is the program for the Cape Fear Union meeting which will be held at Yelverton's Grove Church on July 29, 1944.

Theme: Christian Education

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions by Rev. M. E. Godwin
10:15—Enrollment
—Churches report to the Finance and Allocation Committee
11:05—Intermission
11:10—Song service
11:20—Sermon by Rev. M. L. Johnson
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Rev. H. R. Faircloth
1:15—Report of Sunday School Board
1:30—Educational Report
—Address by Rev. W. K. Jordan
2:00—Report of Mission Board
—Report of Finance and Allocation Committee
2:30—Report of Program Committee
—Treasurer's Report
—Petitions for the next union
—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Closing remarks and prayer by Rev. Herman Wooten

W. A. Jackson,
W. H. Lancaster,
Mrs. Mack Cannady,
Committee

PROGRAM

Program for the Union Meeting of the Albemarle District to be held with Belhaven Church.

10:30—Devotional conducted by Bro. W. C. Brinson
10:45—Remarks by the moderator, Rev. W. A. Hales
10:50—Business period. Minutes read and list of churches called
11:20—Special music by Ruth and Louise Doughtie
11:25—Message by Rev. P. C. Wiggs, Subject: "Opportunities"
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotional conducted by Bro. L. E. Ambrose
1:15—Special music and news from the Orphanage by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
1:30—Business period. Report of committees, etc.
—Miscellaneous business
2:00—Closing hymn and benediction

Mrs. Archie Willoughby

HOW JESUS BRINGS SOUL PEACE

In a machine shop one day one of the machines which a young woman was running began to work grudgingly and with difficulty, and finally stopped altogether. "Notify your foreman," was the rule posted on all the walls, the idea being that it is easier to rectify trouble in the beginning than to wait till it has run its course. He came at her call and investigated silently and keenly for a few minutes. Suddenly with a darting glance he pounced on a small bit of metal which had slipped into the works and made everything go wrong. "Now you are all right," he said, "that's what made all the trouble."

"Oh, how did you fix it so quickly?" the girl cried, delighted with the smooth running of the machine in contrast with its former behavior.

"Just took out the obstruction," he told her, holding up the offending bit of iron in his fingers for her to see. "You had something in your machine that didn't belong there. That always means trouble. Drop a pin in a piano, and see how soon you'll spoil the harmony."

It is a parable of the trouble with hearts and souls and lives that lack harmony and refuse to "run smoothly." There is something in them that does not belong there. That mischievous, ruinous something is sin. Jesus finds it, removes it, and peace and harmony are the natural result.—Unknown.

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Boys and Girls Corner

KEEPING THE LORD'S DAY

In another book we read the story about how God made this world. First He made the light for us to see by, and then the dry land where we could live and where the flowers and trees could grow. After these, He made the bright sun, and the moon and all the little stars, and, by and by, all the birds and fish of every kind. Finally He made man and put him in the beautiful Garden of Eden.

It took God six long days to do all these things. Then on the seventh day He rested. The Bible tells us He blessed the seventh day and hallowed it. He wanted His people to rest from their work on that day, too, so they always did their work in the six days, and on the seventh they rested and met to worship God. God wanted to make sure they wouldn't forget, so He had a commandment put in the Bible. This is what He said, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."

The Jews were very strict about keeping their Sabbath, but they made many foolish laws concerning it. They did not see the real beauty of the day which God wanted kept for Him. Why, once when Jesus was here on earth, He and some of His disciples were going through the fields. They were hungry and the grain was ripe, so they picked some as they walked along and were eating it. Some of the Jews didn't think it was right for them to even pick the grain on the Sabbath.

Another time, Jesus met a man who had a lame hand. He couldn't use it at all, and Jesus wanted to make it well. Some people near by said: "You can't cure his hand today; this is the Sabbath." Jesus asked them if one of their sheep fell into a pit on the Sabbath, wouldn't they pull it out? Then He taught them the beautiful lesson that it is all right to do anything good or kind at any time in the week.

The Bible says, "This is the day which Jehovah hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." That means that the people should rejoice and be glad because God has blessed them, and has given them everything they need. They should be happy and should sing beautiful songs of praise. That is what God wants us to do on His day.

We do not keep the same day the Jews did. In membory of Jesus we keep the first day of the week instead of the seventh. His disciples always met together on the first day of the week. Jesus arose from the dead on the first day of the week, and ever since then that day has been the Lord's Day.

SECOND UNION REPORT

The Union meeting of the Second District of the North Carolina Central Conference convened with Piny Grove Church, in Pitt County, on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in April, 1944.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. R. C. Wiggs, and a chain of prayers was entered into on the behalf of Brother C. H. Denton and Sister W. B. Nobles. The following ministers were present: D. W. Alexander, W. A. Dail, D. A. Windham, R. H. Mason, Albert Harris, W. G. Ennis, R. C. Wiggs, Bruce Barrow, M. A. Woodard, L. R. Ennis.

A motion was made and carried for the union to pay the remaining $15 due the Church Finance Association, Incorporated, and to purchase another certificate. The union was favored with several fine messages during the day, especially the one on "Stewardship," by Rev. R. C. Wiggs, the one on "Superannuation," by Mrs. M. A. Woodard, the one on "Christian Education," by Rev. L. R. Ennis.

The union sermon was preached by Rev. L. R. Ennis. His text was taken from First Timothy 1: 7. At the close of his message an offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $20.56; Rev. W. B. Nobles, $9; Rev. C. H. Denton, $15.10; Needy Ministers' Fund, $31; refund $5.17; Union $78.50; on hand $2.77; total $162.10. The disbursements were as follows: Offering for the Orphanage $20.56; appropriation to the Orphanage $39.25; Rev. C. H. Denton $15.10; Rev. W. B. Nobles $15; special offering $9; clerk $5; Needy Ministers' Fund $31; total paid out $154.54; balance in the treasury $7.56.

It was a very good day with fine singing led by Rev. R. C. Wiggs, and special music by Rev. Albert Harris. At the noon hour the people were invited to a long table which was filled with plenty of good things to eat. Everyone helped themselves. All churches were represented except Arthur. After having attended to all business claiming our attention, we were adjourned to meet with Hull Road Church in Greene County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in July, 1944.

Rev. D. W. Alexander, Moderator,
E. C. Hines, Clerk

FIFTH UNION REPORT

The Fifth Eastern Union meeting of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina convened with Dublin Grove Church in Beaufort County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in April, 1944. It was opened with song and prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

As the moderator was not present, Rev. J. R. Bennett was called to act in his stead. After the appointment of the different committees, there was offered prayer by Brother J. R. Bennett. There were six ministers present for the meeting, and twenty-nine churches answered to the roll call. A special prayer was offered for the boys the world over, who are in the service of their country.

The union sermon was preached by Rev. Duff Toler at the eleven o'clock hour. It was enjoyed by all present, after which dinner was served on the church grounds. Everyone enjoyed the good things to eat spread on the table.

The afternoon session opened with a song and prayer by Rev. Duff Toler. An offering was taken for Rev. B. W. Wells who is very ill at this time, and the amount was $34. Mr. E. M. Prescott made a wonderful report on the F. W. B. Press at Ayden, North Carolina. Rock of Zion and St. Delight churches placed petitions before the union for the next session,

and St. Delight received the highest vote, and therefore the next union will convene with it.

Treasurer's Report

On hand from last union	$ 8.53
Received at this union	147.91
Total	$156.44

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	$100.00
Church Finance Corporation	15.00
Anna Phillips Loan Fund	20.00
Missions	10.00
Clerk	7.50
Total paid out	$152.50
Balance in the treasury	$3.94

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union. The union adjourned with praise and prayer.

Rev. J. R. Bennett,
Moderator pro tem,
Rom Mallard, Clerk

BIBLE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Johnston County, held its Vacation Bible School Commencement Friday night. A picnic supper was spread on the ground at seven-thirty, after which the program was given which was enjoyed by all. Mrs. D. O. Wilder was director of the school, and the following people had charge of the different classes: Kindergarten Class was taught by Mrs. Cassie Williamson, Miss Mary Lou Hocutt and Mrs. Worth Creech; Primary teachers: Miss Mozelle Driver, Mrs. Worth Davis and Mrs. Bettie Thompson; Junior class: Mrs. J. Ralph Strickland, Mrs. S. B. Strickland and Mrs. Herman Creech; Intermediates: Mrs. D. O. Wilder, Mrs. B. B. Richardson and Mrs. A. L. Tippett.

There was an average attendance of eighty-three each day. Of the eighty-eight on roll, fifty-five received perfect attendance and honorable certificates. A Chistian spirit was shown throughout the school. Both pupil and parent took a very active part in doing everything they could to make the school a success. Every one feels that it was a great thing for our community as this was the first Bible School ever held in this community. We feel that many things were instilled in the minds of the boys and girls that will help them to live better lives for their Lord.

Mrs. D. O. Wilder

PROGRAM

This is the program of the Second Union meeting of the Western North Carolina Association which will convene at the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex on July 29, 1944. Time: E. S. T.

Morning Session

10:00—Song by the congregation
—Devotions conducted by J. C. Varnell
—Appointment of committees
—Welcome address by Rev. James A. Evans
—Response by Mrs. D. C. Wilder
—Reading minutes of last meeting and roll call of ministers
11:00—Sermon by Rev. T. E. Beaman
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions led by Dee Bissette
—Business period
—Roll call of churches
—Report of treasurer
—Petitions for the next union
—Report of committees and officers
3:30—Adjournment

Mrs. Wade Strickland,
Z. C. Bissette,
Committee

Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching. Luke 12: 37.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

CAUDELL. On March 26. 1944, the soul of Mrs. Mattie Caudell answered the summons from above, and laid down the cares of this life to take up a new life. She was born on March 16, 1866.

For many years she had been a member of the Free Will Baptist church at LaGrange, North Carolina, and also a member of the L. A. Society. She is survived by her husband, one son, four grandchildren, one sister, and one brother.

We feel sure that Aunt Mattie is resting in the sunlight of our blessed Saviour. It was a pleasure to her to do or say some comforting word and pray with those who were in trouble. She was one of the best patients I have ever helped to nurse. I hope and pray that I may live a life that will be a shining light to someone like she was to me.

Bettie will not soon be forgotten, for she was loved by all who knew her.

—Written by a friend,
Mrs. Lucy Anderson

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BISSETTE. Second Lt. George Lee Bissette died in an airplane crash June 29th. He leaves to mourn their loss his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Bissette, 4 sisters, 7 brothers and many friends.

Lt. Bissette had been a member of New Sandy Hill F. W. B. Church for the past four years. He had been in the service of his country for about 2½ years.

After a military funeral, his body was the first to be laid to rest in the Church Cemetery. A mound of beautiful flowers covered his grave.

"He wore a pair of golden wings, a friendly sorta lad—
You know that they were proud of him, his Mom and Dad.
But then one day the angles came and took him right away,
To give him even brighter wings in Heaven, there to stay."

By Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bunn

It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him. 2 Tim. 2: 11.

I plead the merits of thy Son,
Who died for sinners on the tree;
I plead his righteousness alone—
Oh, put the spotless robe on me!

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RECEIPTS FOR JUNE, 1944

Current Fund—

Cape Fear Conference

Goldsboro	$ 17.41
Johnston Union Sunday School	15.00
Powhatan L. A. S.	10.00

Central Conference

Rose Hill	9.45
Hugo Auxiliary	5.00
Winterville Sunday School	6.00
Rose of Sharon	5.00
LaGrange Sunday School	5.70
Dildy's Grove	7.50
Hull Road S. S. and L. A. S.	10.74
Fourth Union	44.00
Edgewood Ch. and S. S.	3.30
Antioch	10.00
Dawson's Grove	7.35

Eastern Conference

Mosley's Creek S. S.	10.00
Grey Branch S. S.	3.00
St. John's Chapel	8.82
Union Chapel S. S., Beaufort Co.	26.12
Deep Run L. A. S.	1.00
Sandy Plain L. A. S.	5.00
Bridgeton Missionary Society	8.00
Sound View Sunday School	5.00
Morehead City S. S.	6.34
Carteret County Union	25.00
Core Creek	18.71
Pilgrim's Rest S. S.	3.00
Warden's Grove	8.00
Davis	7.50
White Oak	6.00
Snead's Ferry	12.08
Kinston F. W. B. Church	20.00

Rockfish Conference

Wilson	20.00
Rain's Cross Roads	5.00
Pleasant Plain	21.00
Holly Springs L. A. S.	1.00
Friendship S. S.	5.87
Marsh Swamp	10.00
W. K. Ballentine	16.00
Lt. Chester H. Pelt, Chaplain	20.00

Central Conference

Parker's Chapel	1.50

French Broad Conference

Cedar Hill	3.00

Miscellaneous

Refund	3.66
Farm, dairy and garden cash sales	360.64
Truck Hire	39.58
Concert Class	2,018.47
G. W. Stevenson (parent)	10.00
Mrs. Sallie Cahoon	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Liverman	2.00
Mrs. Retha Wood (parent)	10.00
Elbert M. Conover	6.00
By W. B. Hall	4.56
Total	$3,146.30

Land Fund—

Central Conference

Free Union	$ 100.00
Fourth Union	25.00
Total	$ 125.00

Chapel Fund—

Bridgeton	$ 10.00
Total	$ 10.00
Grand Total	$3,281.30

CONCERT CLASS RECEIPTS JUNE, 1944

Pee Dee Conference

Oak Grove	$ 109.04
Bladenboro	61.36
Mt. Calvary Church	16.00
Mr. Calvary S. S.	20.00
Pee Dee Union, Mt. Calvary Ch.	16.00
Beaver Dam	46.34

Eastern Conference

Folkstone	30.31
Rooty Branch	40.60
Whaley's Chapel	30.00
Core Creek	180.00
Friendship	75.00
Bridgeton	85.00
St. Mary's, New Bern	438.00
Brice Creek	28.00
Morehead City	42.68
Holly Springs	40.00
Beaufort	63.64
Welcome Home	24.63
Pilgrim's Rest	43.34
Davis	50.00
Free Union	31.84
St. John's Chapel	68.50
Edward's Chapel	47.00
Long Ridge	26.00
Snow Hill	50.01
Pearsall's Chapel	55.55
Cabin	45.00
Sandy Plain S. S.	7.58
Sandy Plain Church	42.42
Sandy Plain L. A. S.	5.00
Beulaville	50.86
Bethlehem	50.04
Snead's Ferry	50.20
Snead's Ferry S. S.	1.10

Cape Fear Conference

Smithfield	31.30
West Clinton	23.13
A friend from Sea Level	1.15
Concert Total	$2,018.47

NOTICE

STOP — READ — ACT

To All North Carolina Free Will Baptist Ministers

Dear Brothers:

Some time ago I mailed to you some Literature sent to me by the National Board of Superannuation. The purpose of this was two-fold: First, to inform you of the National Superannuation Program. Second, to make a complete SURVEY of Free Will Baptist Ministers.

You received with this Literature three blanks that you were asked to fill out and return to me. These blanks are not an application for Insurance. (They will come later.) These blanks are to furnish information that your State and National Boards need in planning their work.

To date very few of you have returned the blanks. Please observe the following request.

1. If you have not already returned the blanks, please fill them out and return as soon as possible. This IS Important.
2. If you have not received this literature, please send me your name and address, and I will send you the literature by return mail.

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer,
North Carolina Board

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matt. 18: 20.

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Leaders

Some leaders lead too far ahead,
  High-visioned, unafraid;
Yet, ages after they are dead,
  We tread the paths they made.

Some leaders lead too far behind,
  Nor seem to keep the track,
Yet they bring you the deaf and blind,
  Who else would hold us back.

And some seem not to lead at all,
  Slow moving on the way,
Yet help the weary feet and small
  Of those who else would stray.

Lead on, O leaders of the race!
  Your work is long and wide;
We need your help in every place—
  Before, behind, beside.

—Anon

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NOTICE

The third quarterly meeting of the Rockfish Union will convene with Oakdale Free Baptist Church, Saturday before the fifth Sunday of this month, July 29.

In order to get to Oakdale church leave Rockingham, N. C., on highway No. 74, just before getting to the county home, turn to the left. The church is 1 1-2 miles from the county home.

Rev. C. K. Hopkins, Clerk.

Thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee. Psa. 9: 10.

EDITORIAL

Reports, reaching us from the recently held National Association, are to the effect that this session was indeed a good one. Steps were taken to move forward the denominational work in a greater way than heretofore. In the fields of Christian education, Superannuation, Missions, etc., greater emphasis were placed on the need of broadening out the work in each phase, and setting forth greater efforts in the way of raising more money for the extension of these fields of endeavor of the denomination.

It was shown that in the raising of finances for the National Program, there has been a splendid growth each year since the organization was established. This is a good sign for the denominational work, and with the forward look being even more promising, may everyone look forward to greater progress being made during the ensuing year.

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It is quite striking to note that messages are constantly coming to us about new Prayer Meetings being started in many of the rural and village churches over the country. These short notes state that prayer services are being held now in some churches in which there had not been regular prayer meetings in a long time.

In those churches, at least, the people must be getting serious about the great need of prayer, and are willing to take the time to assemble at the church during one day each week, either at the noon day hour, or at the evening hour for prayer. They are beginning to realize, as never before, possibly, that this world is in such a sinful condition that they must do more praying to God for the ushering in of a better day. They evidently are feeling that it is their duty to turn unto the Lord, in sincerity and in truth, and pray to Him for relief of burdened hearts, for holy guidance and for the cause of loved ones laboring under the pressure of war and destruction.

If there ever was a time when people should turn to God in prayer it is now. In addition to the world being engulfed in the greatest war of all time, evil of all types or kinds is broadspread as never before over the land. Both the old and the young are confronted with every kind of temptation conceivable wherever they may go in this country. And to resist these alluring temptations of Satan and his servants requires great determination and fortitude on the part of those who would stand firm for Christ and righteousness. There is still a greater need, on the part of the church of the true and the living God, for a definite stand against these evils which are so prevalent in the land. All Christendom should arise with the determination to move forward for God and righteousness as they have never done before in this good land of America, and seek to move the rest of the people to the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of penitent sinners.

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Many of the churches in this section of the country are already looking forward to plans for the work of the ensuing year. That is to say, those that know changes of pastors will be made at the end of this pastoral year are looking around for the minister whom they desire to become their new pastor.

As a convenience, both to ministers who are desirous of pastoral work, and also to churches seeking new pastors for the coming year, we have arranged in the Baptist paper a column entitled, CHURCHES AND PASTORS. In this column any church or any minister seeking to let it be known that they need work or need a pastor, may let us know, and we will run their request in this column for four weeks, or longer if requested. The object is to be of service to anyone who may desire to use this column.

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We took the time the other day to look over the Baptist Honor Roll on the inside page of the Baptist paper. We became especially interested in seeing a large number of the names of the ministers listed with others. When we had made a count of them, we were gratified indeed to note the interest they have been taking in securing subscriptions among their church people for the Baptist paper. We want to thank them for their efforts put forth to greatly enlarge the subscription roll during the present year. We are asking that they continue this interest, and help us to raise the roll to 3500 by the middle of September, 1944.

We desire to thank also all others who have shown their interests during the year by sending in large lists of names of subscribers for the paper. We are hoping that they will also continue on in the good work, and boost the roll to the desired number by the time the North Carolina State Association convenes in September of this year.

There are others whose names are not on the Honor Roll, but who have worked in one way or another, and have given their lists of names to others, desiring to get on the Honor Roll. We want to thank them also, and ask that they, too, continue on and help us to reach the 3500 mark in September. We are hoping that other ministers, Auxiliary workers, Sunday School leaders, etc., will join these who are sending in subscriptions, and help to boost the subscription list from time to time. We have received quite a number of cards, expressing thanks for the good messages in the Baptist by different writers, and also stating how they appreciate reading it.

NOTICE

This is to advise all who may be concerned that our address is now Post Office Box No. 245, Columbia, North Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Hales

Sinful Mothers and Fathers

As we look out upon the world today, we see it engulfed in war, destruction and sorrow. There are countless and all manner of sins being committed on every hand. Let us note what St. Luke said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" (ch. 13: 24).

Jesus was in the world in a time like this when the people were going out after the worldly goods, and taking part in all kinds of sins. They grieved Jesus as He looked into their corrupt hearts. Satan is loose today here in this world, my friends, seeking whom he may devour. He has the majority of people in his hands. There is no wonder that Jesus would have gathered the children of Jerusalem together as a hen doth her brood under her wings, but they would not go to Him for comfort and protection. In this present world conflict sin is abroad in the land. This is a time when men and women all over America need to be upon their knees praying for a deep settled peace in their hearts. They should pray for that peace which should go unto all nations.

It makes me to shudder when I think how mothers and fathers in all age-groups are doing evil in the presence of their children, and rearing them up under bad environmental conditions. We see mothers and fathers in the pool rooms, in the dancing halls, and in other wicked places. All manner of sin is placed before them, and they do not seek to shun such places, nor do they try to keep their sons and daughters from such places. If we do not condemn such things, we are guilty as those who indulge in them. We need to go to Jesus in prayer, and seek to cleanse our own lives before we try to help others to get right with God.

We believe Jesus groans in the Spirit when He sees this world in such a sinful condition. He would like to take it under His wing of protection, but the people will not heed his loving call. Our soldiers on the battle fields in the different lands are pleading to those back home to get their hearts right with God. They are asking for prayer. Many of them have left homes in which neither mother nor father had any knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and His love for the world. Those soldiers who had very little religious training now know the need of a Christian mother and father. How can mothers and fathers be satisfied to let their sons and daughters go out in the world without any Christian training? There is no wonder that the world is sinful when the mothers and fathers have practiced sin so long.

You sinful mothers and fathers who have been so neglectful and careless about your lives should change, repent and come to Christ, and be saved. Jesus is coming soon, and where will you stand, if you do not repent of your sins? When He comes He will separate the just from the unjust. You should pray that you may not enter into temptation. Jesus is able to keep you from perishing, if you will turn unto Him before it shall be too late. Those who are not prepared to meet God will be cast into that eternal punishment.

Will you listen to the words of Jesus in the sixteenth chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel? "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he shall reward every man according to his works." Thus, it is certain that our reward is sure. We must be prepared to meet the judgment. We are to make ready for that great day while we have the time and opportunity, for the Son of man cometh as a thief in the night.

C. R. Houston,
Colquit, Ga.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
North Carolina State Association

Some of the High-Lights of the National Association

FIRST, A great spirit of fellowship was manifested right from the beginning. Almost every one seemed to be happy—it looked that way to us.

SECOND, Rev. James F. Miller, who had served as Moderator for six years, in the most efficient manner, was succeeded by Rev. J. R. Davidson, Assistant Moderator, who had served the same period of time as assistant to Brother Miller.

THIRD, There is an old adage, "Money Talks." If this is true and it is, the Free Will Baptist Association is speaking in terms that can be understood. The entire fund for the year of 1940-41, as received by the Associational departments, was $7,414.98; in 1941-42 the amount was $15,260.33; in 1942-43 the amount reached $31,469.03 and in the year of 1943-44 we went over $49,000.00. These figures show that we are going forward.

FOURTH, The Board of Publications and Literature, which was created in Columbus, Miss., in 1942, and which had never had funds to do anything, was given a start. The Association voted to give this Board $500.00 from the executive department. The women's Auxiliary gave to the Board a check for $100.00. And a check which was allocated to the National Association by the Free Will Baptist Press, of Ayden, was turned over to the Board, and a $7.00 dividend earned from the sale of the Six-Point Record system for Sunday School supplies received, thus giving this Board the amount of $807.00 to start business. The Board purchased from the Sunday School Convention the plates for the printing of the aforesaid "Record System and Sup-

plies," at a cost of $150.00, thus leaving a balance of $657.00.

FIFTH, The Foreign Mission report was extremely encouraging. The accomplishments for the past year have been great. God is blessing. And great plans are going for another year. A book on Missions, the manuscript prepared by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, our much esteemed missionary to India, is by the will of the Lord, to be published in a short time, and will be used as a text book in the teaching of missions. This book will give the much needed information to our people regarding the mission fields.

SIXTH, The report of the past year's work at the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee, was good. However, owing to the rationing and the problem of building there has been no enlargement of buildings, for the time being. But the growth in students for the year was encouraging. Also, the prospects for another year in student membership is good. The full arrangements for the coming year had not been received by the Association proper when we were obliged to leave the Association, but we believe that God worked out all things well, as so many are praying for the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

SEVENTH, The work of Superannuation is going forward in the field of protective benefits. Contracts are ready. Literature explaining the insurance of insurable ministers can be had by all interested parties, and every young minister should be interested. Remember that the National Association is not engaged in benevolent benefits. This belongs to the states and district organizations. Watch your mail box, if you are a minister, for Superannuation literature.

EIGHTH, The Executive Secretary, Rev. Robert B. Crawford, showed by his report that the executive department has been very busy and very successful in the efforts for the year. His work was so satisfactory that he was re-elected for another year, with all field workers to be directly under his supervision.

NINTH, Elections, further than the Moderator, as mentioned before, were Rev. Raymond Riggs, Assistant Moderator; Rev. F. S. VanHoose was re-elected Treasurer and Rev. E. C. Morris, was re-elected Secretary. Rev. Rashie Kennedy, Nashville, Tenn., was elected to succeed Rev. Clarence Bowen, as Statistician. Bro. Bowen, declined to accept, owing to his many pressing duties in his college work, furthered by a "lack of co-operation by clerks of districts and state organizations in getting statistics." And may I say, no person can fill the position and give statistics without full co-operation of district and state clerks.

Rev. D. W. Hansley, of Folkston, N. C., was elected as a member of the Superannuation Board. (As to others elected in the National Association proper we do not remember just now.)

In the Sunday School convention, Rev. Damon Dodd, was elected President, succeeding Mr. W. E. Coville, both these live in Nashville, Tenn. In the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Damon Dodd succeeded Mrs. Agnes B. Frazier as First Vice-President.

Tenth, The church of Flat River refused, by vote of the church, to accept of what is called, "The Registration Fee," as they wished to do the entertaining themselves, without help. This they did in the most efficient manner. It was "tops" all the way through. It was the "Missouri style." The pastor and his good wife, Rev. and Mrs. Cecil Campbell, were leaders in the entertainment, and they were masters of the job.

ELEVENTH, These "Notes and Quotes" are written from memory as we lost our original notes, and there are many other things that we might mention that are good. We cannot mention the name of every one, and those whom we have mentioned are not mentioned out of favoritism, but as essential to information. We mean to slight no one. Also, there may be some slight errors as we do not claim to have a perfect memory, if so, we will gladly repent, if the error is brought to our attention.

NOTE: We are very sorry that, owing to conditions which arose in our home work, and the sudden physical disruption of our body, that we had to leave off the Friday morning session of the Association, which was scheduled to begin with devotions at 9:00 a. m. and close at 12:00. Some very important business was to be presented during this time. Brethren, forgive us.

FINAL COMMENTS, May I say, again, "We are moving forward as a Denomination." We may not all see eye to eye, in every detail, as to the way of doing things; and this is not absolutely necessary, the thing is the doing of what should be done, but as shown by note No. 3, "Money Talks" and this part of the program shows that we are going forward.

The Free Will Baptist church has always been EVANGELICAL in its teaching and form of doctrine, but now we are forging ahead EVANGELISTICALLY. Our Bible College is teaching EVANGELISTIC services. As, it has been said, by Rev. L. R. Ennis, so many times, "Missions must run education, and not education run missions," or words to this effect. In other words, the Missionary Spirit must prompt us to educate persons for the great "Go Ye Command." This education must be for those who have a definite call to the various fields of MISSIONARY ENDEAVOR, or the SALVATION OF THE LOST.

So, with the successes achieved in the past four years, let us one and all, with renewed energy, "Lay our all on the Altar of Service," and if Jesus tarries, make this ensuing year the greatest for the SALVATION of the LOST in the history of the National Association.

HOW TO BE HAPPY

Robert Gray Mowat

Oh, I will trust in Jesus,
His Blood my only plea,
And with His eye to guide me
How happy I will be!

No matter what the weather,
His love will cast out fear.
And so I'll simply trust Him
Each day through all the year.

RECKONING BIBLICAL TIME ACCORDING TO PURPOSES

By Eld. A. J. Jenkins

As to human action and relationship, God is an accurate calculating time keeper in the fulfilment of His plans and purposes.

Without the revealment of God to his devoted people, it would be impossible for the wisest of His creatures to "know the times or seasons, which the Father holds in His own power."

God appoints the time for each of His purposes, and they mature at the exact time.

"When the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of the woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we (His creatures) might receive the adoption of sins" (Gal. 4: 4-5).

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens" (Eccl. 3: 1). The Divine Word of truth makes foolish those teachers of "science falsely so called," who teach contrary to truth. First, mankind has been upon this planet in a state of development (evolutionists theory) moving closer to perfection, for millions of years. Of course, the exact number of millions of years these "so-called scientists" cannot fully agree upon, even among themselves.

A Record for Calculation

After the flood God gave us a counting time to start from, and the system through the generations of Noah's son Shem. Before the flood the time system was counted from Adam, through the line of Seth, and by this system it is easier to calculate, and even to prove that the time from Adam's creation to the flood were 1,656 years, as follows:

From Adam's creation to the birth of Seth _____130 Yrs.
Then to the birth of Enos __105 Yrs.
To the birth of Cainan, ____ 90 Yrs.
To the birth of Malaleel, ____ 70 Yrs.
To the birth of Jared, _____ 65 Yrs.
To the birth of Enoch, ____162 Yrs.
To the birth of Methuselah, _ 65 Yrs.
To the birth of Lamech, ___187 Yrs.
To the birth of Noah, _____182 Yrs.
To the flood _____600 Yrs.

From Adam's creation to the flood according to Gen. 5: 3-29; and 7: 6 were _____1,656 Yrs.

From the beginning of the flood to the birth of Shem's son, Arphaxad were _____ 2 Yrs.
To the birth of Salah, ____ 35 Yrs.
To the birth of Eber, _____ 30 Yrs.
To the birth of Paleg, ____ 34 Yrs.
To the birth of Reu, _____ 30 Yrs.
To the birth of Serug, ____ 32 Yrs.
To the birth of Nahor, ____ 30 Yrs.
To the birth of Terah, ____ 29 Yrs.
To the death of Terah, at which time his son, Abraham was 75 years of age, and then crossed the Euphrates river, into the Promised Land were _____ 205 Yrs.
From the flood to God's covenant with Abraham in the land of Canaan, Gen. 11: 10-32; and 12: 1-7, were _____ 427 Yrs.

Calculations on 1 Ks. 6: 1-2; and 11: 39-43

From God's covenant with Abraham to the exodus were _____ 430 Yrs.
From the Exodus to the beginning of the temple building were _____ 480 Yrs.
To Solomon's death and Rehoboam's reign, _____ 36 Yrs.
To Abijah's reign, _____ 17 Yrs.
To Asa's reign, _____ 3 Yrs.
To Jehoshaphat's reign, ___ 41 Yrs.
To Jehoram's reign, _____ 25 Yrs.
To Ahaziah's reign, _____ 8 Yrs.
To Athaliah's reign, _____ 1 Yr.
To Joash's reign, _____ 6 Yrs.
To Amaziah's reign, _____ 40 Yrs.
To Uzziah's reign, _____ 29 Yrs.
To Jotham's reign, _____ 52 Yrs.
To Ahaz's reign, _____ 16 Yrs.
To Hezekiah's reign, _____ 16 Yrs.
To Manasseh's reign, _____ 29 Yrs.
To Amon's reign, _____ 55 Yrs.
To Josiah's reign, _____ 2 Yrs.
To Jehoahaz's reign, _____ 31 Yrs.
To Jehoiakim's reign, 3 Months,
To Jehoiachin's reign, ____ 11 Yrs.
To Zedekiah's reign, 3 Months,
To Jerusalem's desolation, _ 11 Yrs.
To the end of the seventy years' desolation in the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, _____ 70 Yrs.
To the end of (ancient time) dating up to B. C. 1 Year, 570 Yrs.
From the Abrahamic covenant through to B. C. 1, 1979 Yrs.

The above figures are based upon the record of Israel's kings, as recorded in 2 Chron. 12 to 36 chapters; Ezra 1: 1-6; Dan. 5 to 9 chapters.

It is well established that two years after the overthrow of Babylon in 538 B. C. by Darius the Mede and his nephew, Cyrus the Persian, the first year of Cyrus' exclusive rule began, which year was 536 B. C.

So putting together the three great periods of time from Adam's creation onward, we get the following calculating table:

From Adam's creation to the flood were _____1,656 Yrs.
From the flood to the Abrahamic covenant, _____ 427 Yrs.
From the Abrahamic covenant to the end of B. C., 1,999 Yrs.

From Adam's creation to the end of B. C. were __4,062 Yrs.
From the beginning of A. D. 1 to 1943 cover_____1,943 Yrs.

Thus from Adam's creation to present time we have existed _____6,006 Yrs.

Prophecy Destining Gentiles

At the overturning of Israel's typical Theocracy in the year 606 B. C. by king Nebuchadnezzar, Babylon became the third world power, noted in Biblical history as the beginning of Gentile world power, (Jer. 25: 9; 43: 10).

God used Nebuchadnezzar to punish backslidden Israel, and his plans also gave great favor to Daniel and others, (Dan. 4: 1-3).

Jesus Himself referred to Gentile world power in (Lk. 21: 24), and there being seven of the kingdoms constituting Gentile world power, would these end, and the righteous children of God be free again? In Rev. 12: 6-14, there are 1,260 days referred to, as time, and times, and half a time. Hence seven times would be 8,820. Counting 30 days to

the month this makes 294 months, and 12 months to the year, makes 24 1-2 years. This 24 1-2 years marks the time of the beginning of the madness of Nebuchadnezzar, and at the end of one-seventh of Gentile world power (Ezek. 4: 6-8, rule).

In as much as the count of the Gentiles "seven times" in Ezekiel's calculation, the beginning was in 607 B. C., and it seems reasonably simple to calculate the time of the end of Gentile rule. From the fall of 607 B. C., to the fall of B. C. 1, is exactly 606 years. From the fall of B. C. 1, to the fall of A. D. 1 is one year. Hence from the fall of B. C. 1, to the fall of 1948 is 1948 years, the end of the Gentile world power calculated as follows:

From Adam's creation to the flood, _____1,656 Yrs.
From the flood to the Abrahamic covenant, _____ 427 Yrs.
From the Abrahamic covenant to the end of B. C. __1,979 Yrs.
From the beginning of A. D. 1, to 1944 _____1,944 Yrs.

Thus from Adam's creation to 1944, _____6,006 Yrs.
From 1944 to 1948 are four years, totaling _____6,010 Yrs.

The last four years are accounted for in Dan. 12: 11 on this cauculation.

In the year 1598 the Roman ruling power set aside the "Daily Sacrifice" (Dan. 12: 6-7).

Now the 1290 days, the "Daily Sacrifice," were set aside, and the 654 years since it were restored make exactly 1944.

Shortly after the war (Number Two) is brought to a close, there will be another civil war in the United States with **Labor and Farmers** on one side, and all others against them, and this will end before 1948 is over, for during the last half of 1948 a **Theocratic Government**, based on Leviticus, chapters 18, 19, 20, 21, shall be set up (Rev. 13: 11-15).

At the close of this last civil war, the seventh Gentile power shall be overthrowed (Rev. 17: 8-11).

This message does not portray the second advent of Jesus, but here are a few reminders near at hand:

The people before the close of 1948 will be fulfilling Lk. 17: 26-30.

The people living in 1948 will see the "Abomination" of Mat. 24: 15-26 set aside by the civil war.

The prophecy of Isa. 8: 10-15, relative to Gentile World powers will be fulfilled during the civil war, doing away with war lords.

The great test of Gentile rulers spoken of in Mat. 25: 25-29, will undergo every scrutinizing thought spoken here.

The prophecy against all Christendom, by name only, as spoken by Ezek. 28: 19-24, is to be fulfilled during the early part of 1948.

Gentile World Power is having its last chance now, in 1944, and what they are manifesting under their master in Rev. 20: 7, will all end when Jesus shall overthrow all kingdoms, Dan. 2: 44, and shall set up His Theocracy of Leviticus, chapters 18 to 21, in 1948.

REV. M. L. HOLLIS RESIGNS EAST TUPELO CHURCH

At the regular Quarterly business meeting of the East Tupelo Church, held on Sunday, June 26, Rev. M. L. Hollis tendered his resignation as pastor, effective September 24, 1944. In a written statement given the Board of Deacons he said, "After much thought and prayerful consideration, I hereby offer my resignation as pastor of this Church." In speaking to the entire body he expressed regrets at leaving, but felt that it was for the best, as he had entirely too much work and would not be doing the church and himself justice to try to carry on.

Rev. Hollis held a tent meeting here in 1931 which led to the organization of the church with about 70 charter members, this being the first church in the town. He was elected as the first and only pastor the church has known since its organization. Under his prayerful and dynamic leadership, a nice brick veneer church and a six-room parsonage were built and paid for. The past year has been one of the most successful the church has enjoyed and some outstanding work has been accomplished in the Home Mission and Christian Education fields.

We regret very much that he is leaving and will ever remember him as one who was always ready to go and minister to the needs of humanity at any time.

We pray that God will continue to bless him in the great work whereunto he has been called, that his health will improve and that yet many souls will find the Lord through his ministry.

We, the Board of Deacons of East Tupelo Church, respectfully commend him to any church that may seek his services as a pastor, evangelist or Christian counselor.

C. C. Davidson,
D. P. Marcy,
L. E. Duncan,
R. L. Winders,
Deacons of East Tupelo
F. W. B. Church

THE WANDERING SHEEP

By Edith Gunderson

So glowing seemed the sky ahead,
So rich the grass beyond,
So gay the silver brooklet led
To distant sparkling pond,
I ran aside, I left my Guide,
Heard not His call so fond!

Then sudden lightning rent the sky!
I heard the wild wind moan;
A maddened tempest swept on high—
I found I was alone!
"Dear Shepherd kind! Oh, find me! Find!"
I cried in piteous tone.

The Shepherd's arm encircled me—
What peace my heard did fill!
"Fear not, my wand'ring child," said He;
"I'll keep thee safe from ill!'
His voice as calm as tender Psalm
The tempest's roar did still.

O blessed storm, be't e'er so wild,
Which drove me to His side!
So would He teach His straying child
Near Him e'er to abide.
"O Friend so near! O Shepherd dear!
Forever be my Guide!"

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TEACHING SUGGESTIONS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

By Rev. J. Albert Harris
Director of Literature, North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute

Are you seriously studying and thinking "How can we make our class and Sunday School more interesting, and improve attendance?"

If you have, let me assure you that you teachers can do more than anyone else to solve the problem. You should make your lesson each Sunday so interesting, instructive, and inspirational that the members of your class would not be easily persuaded to skip a class. The lesson should really live, and be applied to the lives of those you are attempting to reach. Remember, you teachers have a better opportunity to reach lost souls in your classes than your pastor. He needs your assistance.

First of all I should like to recommend a book entitled "Youth Talents for Christ." This is a little book with several chapters, each a different lesson or talk for someone to deliver in your class or in a devotional period before the Sunday School. It is a splendid way to encourage and train young people to assist in devotional programs.

It has been said that a child remembers 10 per cent of what he hears and 50 per cent of what he sees. One picture is worth 10,000 words. If this is true the FLANNELGRAPH BOARD should be a big asset to any school. It is "teaching with pictures."

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Teaching with Flannelboard is very simple, and is the foundation for all illustrative teaching. A piece of 3-ply board, plasterboard, or heavy cardboard, size 28 x 40 inches is required. Cover the board with a piece of dark blue, black or dark gray outing flannel, allowing it to overlap so that it can be tacked to the back of the board. Then cut backgrounds from colored flannel.

After the board has been prepared, you are ready to begin. Each article is placed on the board as the teacher is explaining the lesson. There are cut-outs of people, animals and scenery which make up the picture. Each article placed on the board adds something else to the picture and to the lesson, and when completed the pupil has a vivid impression of the lesson, both in words and in the picture unfolded on the Flannelboard.

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Feeling the need for constructive education and training for our Sunday School workers throughout this and other states, the executive committee of North Carolina Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute offer this as the first of a series of articles to suppliment our Institute work.

Our Institutes are held once each year, however, we feel that is not often enough. Therefore we plan to give a year round training service through the Baptist, praying for the day when our Assembly Grounds might be a reality in order that we might go forward with our Institute work in a real way.

We solicit articles from Sunday Schools, or District and State Sunday School Conventions. Write us about the progress you are making, or new methods of teaching that you use. Have you held a successful membership drive? If so, tell us how you did it. "Tell to teach, listen to learn."

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PROGRAM

The following is the program of the Sunday School Convention of the Second Union meeting district of the North Carolina Central Conference, which will be held at Hull Road Church in Greene County on Sunday, July 31, 1944.

Morning Session

9:45—Devotions by the local Sunday School
10:00—Business
10:15—Sunday School
11:00—Song services
11:30—Convention Sermon by Rev. R. B. Spencer
12:00—Lunch

1:00—Devotions
1:15—Business
1:45—Message: "How to Become an Efficient Sunday School Teacher," by Mrs. Katie Sawyer Jackson
2:30—Closing song and benediction

By the Committee

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MESSAGE FROM CUBA

Greetings to the members of our Free Will Baptist family:

We have read with great interest our Bro. Davis' report in the Free Will Baptist. We are happy to report his trip a real blessing to our people. He won their admiration as we went from community to community.

The work goes on with people being saved and new places opened as our boys push into unoccupied fields.

I think the wisest move we ever made for Missions in Cuba was to establish the Bible Seminary. From its humble walls have gone this summer, six students to preach, testify and lead the lost to a saving knowledge of this great Gospel which we have had committed unto us. They are going, demonstrating the spirit of self-sacrifice, getting just enough to live on, and preaching and witnessing from house to house every day in the week. It is no unusual experience for the boys in the country places to have one hundred fifty or two hundred people at the services. One boy came to me saying, "I am going to preach. I don't want any salary." I had to tell him that the small amount ($8.00 per month) was to help repair shoes he would wear out and to buy him a meal when he was hungry. One of our boys went without three meals as no one invited him home to eat.

We are teaching our people to carry responsibility for themselves, sharing the expenses, that we might go into new, untouched fields.

You will be interested in knowing that the field we have written about a number of times, called Reymates now has a regular pastor and one of the students is covering parts of that field. Two chapels are under construction in that section. It is a field in which we could have two missionaries giving their undivided attention. As it is, the present pastor, Pedro Rojo, rides horseback 60 miles once a month. Rojo comes in very enthused over the way God is working and using his ministry. On my last trip to Sabalo Rojo and I visited the sick father of one of our students. He is a cowboy on the ranch. We talked with him about his soul and before leaving had the joy of seeing the father, a daughter and son give their hearts and lives to the Lord. Almost all the family have been converted and they make wonderful Christians.

The progress in the Cangre, where we have the Bible School, is very gratifying. There are four services a week on the farm. Since May there have been twenty conversions. During this past month, $13 was given in tithe. I think this is remarkable. A group of new converts just two months converted, giving their tithe. It is also remarkable to hear the children praying earnestly for their neighbors.

Our great need is experienced and consecrated native missionaries giving their undivided time to the fields that are so white.

Pray for these boys who are going forth limited in preparation for so great a task.

The coming year we expect to double our student body, which will make at least 14 students. Our great need now is more buildings to house them and the teachers.

Pray for the health of the missionaries. We have all had sickness these days which probably is to be expected during the worst season of the year, but we believe by faith and prayer God can deliver us from these infections.

My sister, Dr. Mason, has been with us a month and has made it possible for us to screen our kitchen and dining room, thus keeping out the flies. The sanitation in the town is none too good. Almost every home has a pig in the yard or kitchen. Sometimes they die and are cast out into the lots. Nobody bothers to bury them. They are left to the buzzards. Just now, Mrs. Willey has two or three people hunting head bugs. Well, all this is a part of the Missionary's life.

Pray that God will give us great wisdom as well as health.

Lovingly,

Thomas H. Willey

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIBLE COLLEGE OPENING

This is to certify the fact that the doors of the Free Will Baptist Bible College located at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, will be opened to students desiring to enter for special training for service on September 14, 1944. Those who have Bulletins will observe the following in the "CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL YEAR": "September 14, Wednesday, 7:00 P. M.—Dining Hall opens." It should read: September 14, Thursday, 7:00 P. M. Dining Hall opens, in as much as the fourteenth is on Thursday instead of Wednesday. We trust that no one will be confused by this error. We ask the Brotherhood at large to pray much for the coming session.

Signed:

Henry Melvin, Chairman,
J. R. Davidson, Secretary,
Melvin Bingham,
Winford Davis,
Fred A. Rivenbark,
Board of Trustees Free Will Baptist Bible College

He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. Job 5: 19.

ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Free Will Baptist of
North Carolina;

Greetings:

Once again we come to you with news from The Church Finance Association of the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina.

As you already know, August is designated by our Five-Point Program, as Church Finance Association month.

I am happy to report the following facts to you, as we enter into the month in which this cause will receive special attention.

1. The Association now has a total membership of 165.

2. There have been 121 Certificates paid for in full, and the 121 "Life Membership Certificates" have been issued and delivered.

3. There has been invested, by the 165 members, a total of $3,612.98 in the Association. This is a Permanent Building Fund that is being used and will continue to be used by Free Will Baptist for building and repair of Church Property. This money is loaned to churches, and when paid back is made available to other churches. No member or officer of the Association receives any personal profit from the Association. The officers do not receive any salary for service rendered. The interest received from the Loans made is used to pay the expenses of operation, and then the balance goes into the Permanent Fund to be used by our people on and on.

4. The Association has been able, during its four years of operation, to make five loans, amounting to $8,447.45. We now have an application for another loan that will probably be completed in the next few days.

5. While we are justly proud of what the Association has done up to now, we are receiving applications in an ever increasing number, and we do not have the money to grant them all. It is hoped that during the month of August our people will respond to this worthy cause and keep right on responding until we are able to take care of the needs of all our churches.

6 Remember that the Funds to Loan to our churches must come from our people in the form of your Membership Dues. If you or your organization has paid for part of a $25.00 Membership, why not finish the $25.00 and get your Certificate in August. If you have not paid any thing, why not at least start paying on a membership now? Our people are counting on you. The Church Finance Association IS a Free Will Baptist Project, controlled and endorsed by the N. C. State Association.

7. Send your Funds to M. L. Johnson, Treasurer, Lucama, N. C.

M. L. Johnson.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF PAUL

(Written by an Intermediate Sunday School pupil of Daily's Chapel Sunday School, Seven Springs, North Carolina.)

The Apostle Paul was not always a friend of the Lord Jesus, and He was an enemy of the disciples. Saul set out with a party to Damascus, but before they reached the city a light from heaven suddenly shone around them and Saul fell to the earth. While he was lying in a helpless condition, Jesus spoke to him. Saul was afraid because he thought Jesus was dead. He arose and was blind. Saul remained blind three days and then the Lord told a man named Ananias to go put his hands on Saul that he might receive his sight. As soon as Saul had his sight back, he was baptized. Then he became known as Paul.

Very soon after he was converted, he began preaching. The first place he preached was in Damascus. The Jews disliked Paul, so they tried to kill him. One night the disciples let him down in a basket outside of the city, and he escaped. Then he went to Jerusalem and stayed there with the disciples several days.

Paul then returned to Antioch and remained there a year, preaching the gospel. Barnabas and Paul were then sent out as missionaries. They went to Seleucia and then on to Cyprus. They were known as the first missionaries ever to be sent out by the church to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. They went from place to place until they came to Lystra. There they healed a crippled man. The Jews stoned Paul until they thought he was dead, then threw him out of the city and left him. He regained consciousness and the next day he went to Derbe with Barnabas.

After Paul and Barnabas were sent out as missionaries, they preached to people who were not Jews. These people were called Gentiles. About fourteen years after Paul was converted, he visited the church at Jerusalem. Peter, James and John received Paul and Barnabas as Apostles, and ministers of the gospel of the Lord Jesus.

Paul and those who were with him heard of a place where on the Sabbath days the people gathered and worshipped there, so Paul went there. He and those with him found a woman whose name was Lydia. She believed in God and was the first person to accept Jesus as her personal Saviour in Europe. While Paul was in Philippi, he was put in prison.

After Paul and his companions left Philippi where Lydia was converted he went to Thessalonica. On the Sabbath days Paul would go to the synagogues and preach to the Jews. Sometime after he visited Thessalonica, he wrote a letter to the people. Paul continued on his missionary tour and went to the city of Athens, but he did not stay there long because the people there were idol worshippers, and they did not receive Paul very kindly.

Paul soon left there and went to Corinth. Here he met a certain Jew named Aquila, and his wife Priscilla. After Paul found these good people, he remained there for some time and preached in the synagogue every Sabbath day. Paul then went to the city of Ephesus. He had enemies there. He stopped preaching in the synagogue because many of the Jews opposed him. He went to a school and preached to the people there. He

remained there two years preaching on Sabbath days. During this time many of the Ephesians became Christians.

Bobby Creel,
Daily's Chapel S. S.,
Seven Springs, N. C.

SIMPLICITY OF FAITH

An elderly woman was starting on a railroad journey from a terminal out of which many trains move, although in different directions. Not having traveled much on the trains, she got confused. Afraid that she was on the wrong train, she showed her ticket to somebody in the seat immediately in front of her and said, "I want to go to Bay City, Michigan. Is this the right train?" "Yes, madam." Still, she was not quite at ease, for she thought that perhaps this fellow passenger might have got into the wrong train too; so she stepped across the aisle of the car, and showed her ticket to another person, and was again told, "Yes, madam, this is the right train." But the woman was a little uncertain still. In a few moments a man came in with the conductor's insignia on his cap; she beckoned to him, and said, "I want to go to Bay City; is this the right train?" "Yes, madam, this is the right train." And now she settled back in her seat, and was asleep before the train pulled out! This illustrates the simplicity of taking God at His word. She did nothing but just receive the testimony of that conductor. That is all; but that is faith.—Arthur T. Pierson.

COMPARISONS

"As" is a vast, yet little word. Applied to salvation, how simple and how glorious, "As Moses lifted up the serpent." Applied to our sins, "As far as the east is removed from the west." But these seven! How sweetly they speak of the touching tenderness of our God, on whose beating heart we are obviously allowed to find our special place.

1. As a mother comforteth (Isa. 66: 13).

2. As a Father pitieth (Ps. 103: 13).

3. As a Nurse cherisheth (I Thess. 2: 7).

4. As a Shepherd seeketh (Ezek. 34: 12).

5. As a Hen gathereth (Matt. 23: 37)

6. As an Eagle fluttereth (Deut. 32: 11).

7. As a Bridegroom rejoiceth (Isa. 62: 5).

Only one word of two letters, yet how comprehensive!

—J. Denham Smith
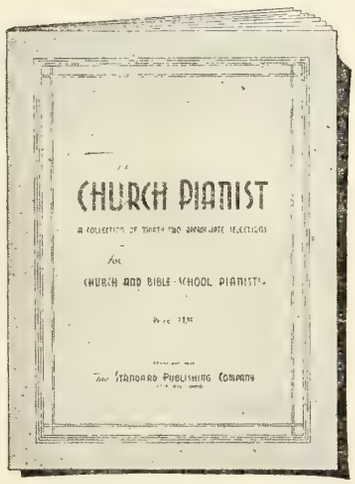
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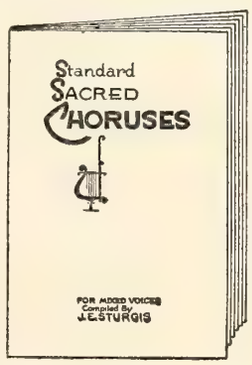
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I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things" (I Cor. 9: 25).

"The road along which the Nazi invaders advanced was prepared and paved by our internal fifth columns of alcoholism, irreligion, and immorality." (Marshall Petain, After the Fall of France).

This statement is no more true of France and the Nazis, than of Hawaii and the Japanese. Over the wreckage of Pearl Harbor the casual observer has read, "Japanese bombs did it." But the keen observer reads a different inscription. To him the inscription is, "Japanese liquor did it."

Here are just a few of the facts recorded by Dr. Dan Gilbert. "In the early months of 1934, just after the restoration of the saloon (pardon me, the tavern and cocktail lounge) in America and Hawaii, a prominent Japanese propagandist boasted, 'Nothing can stop us now. Our enemies will become helpless before us. We shall destroy America with alcohol, as we have for a generation been undermining China with opium.'

"At the time of the attack at Pearl Harbor, fifty-four per cent of the legal liquor joints in Hawaii were operated by Japanese. The night before the attack at Pearl Harbor, a high spirit of alcoholic festivity prevailed in the Jap-operated night clubs and liquor taverns.

"Every competent observer has reported that there can be no question but that the Jap saloon keepers knew in advance of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. They had been given their instructions. They knew what they were supposed to do. Their assignment was to seek to paralyze, stupefy, and demoralize America's defenders. Alcohol was their weapon.

"Before the Jap bombers roared over Pearl Harbor, every effort had been made to 'soften up' our forces by the fullest utilization of every opportunity to undermine them with alcohol. Jap bartenders graciously and generously distributed free drinks (compliments of Hirohito!) the night before the attack at Pearl Harbor.

"The attack was 'timed' so as to take place just after pay day—when alcohol, the Jap's secret weapon, was flowing most freely. In a special article sent to the National Voice, Chris B. Benny reported: 'The attack on Pearl Harbor took place on December 7 at 7:55 A. M. December 6, literally thousands of our men in the service both enlisted and commissioned, augmented by thousands of defense workers, were spending their first pay day since the first of the month and were crowding the streets of Honolulu in a gay Saturday night. The timing of the enemy's treacherous blow on the first Sunday morning following pay day is believed by many people to have been no mere accident.'

"The brewers' program for demoralizing American youth logically prepared the way for Hitler's program for destroying the American nation. Following the election which brought back the saloon, the Brewery News said, 'Not one-tenth of one per cent of the youth of America know the taste of real beer—we must educate them.'

"While Hitler proceeded to educate German youth in the use of guns, planes, and tanks—the brewers carried out their and his program for the educating of American youth in the use of intoxicants! (Hitler's program called for the alcoholic debauching of all enemy nations and races. While liquor is denied to German youth, it is made freely available to Polish youth and the youth of other nations that the Nazis are determined to wipe out. Hitler has made liquor plentiful and accessible in the countries he has conquered, while at the same time he has enforced most rigid restrictions upon its consumption in his own country.)

"In the first draft, which included only young men between 21 and 35, sixty-five per cent were rejected as physically or mentally unfit! That is the best indication of how well the brewers and distillers had done their job of educating youth in the practice of dissipation, alcoholic indulgence and the other health-destroying habits which go with the way of life cultivated by the saloon."

—Selected

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The only knowledge that goes beyond this world begins with the fear of the Lord (Prov. 1: 7).

2. The teachings of Godly parents may help to keep us from much that is evil (vss. 8, 9).

3. Resistance to temptation often means the rejection of sinful company (vs. 10).

4. The Lord may sometimes permit temptation to come to us through good people (Jer. 35: 5).

5. The words and example of God-fearing ancestors may exert a wholesome influence over many generations (vss. 6, 7).

6. Blessings are sure to come to those who respect and obey their believing parents (vss. 8-10).

7. Prizes can be won by only those who are willing to strive for them (I Cor. 9: 24).

8. No man is a real victor until he has become the master of his own body (vs. 25).

9. Temptation comes largely through the body, therefore the body must be kept under proper control (vs. 26).

10. It is possible to be set aside of the Lord as useless because we have not gained the mastery over our own bodies (vs. 27).

11. In our **Advanced Quarterly**, give special attention to the comment on Jeremiah 35: 5-10. (Topic Two).

12. In our **Senior Quarterly**, we like the comment on Proverbs 1: 10, and I Corinthians 9: 24-27 particularly. What is your choice?

PROGRAM

This is the program of the First Union meeting of the Western North Carolina Association which is to be held with Stancil's Chapel in Johnston County on July 29 and 30, 1944.

Saturday Morning

10:00—Song by the congregation
—Devotions led by L. F. Pittman
—Welcome address
—Response by the Moderator
—Prayer by Rev. J. H. Worley
10:30—Business period
—Reading of minutes of last meeting
—Roll call of ministers
10:45—Remarks of anyone concerning the growth of the church and extension of God's kingdom
—Special music arranged by the church
11:15—Sermon by Rev. J. A. Evans
12:15—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

1:15—Devotions led by Rev. Milford Hales
—Roll call of churches
—Reports of committees and treasurer
2:30—Miscellaneous business
—Petitions for the next union
3:00—Adjournment

Sunday Morning

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Sermon by Rev. J. H. Worley

By the Committee

Happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty, Job 5: 17.

A. R. FLOWERS INTERESTED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

We people of South Carolina were delighted to have Prof. A. R. Flowers in our midst in April and much of May. Bro. Flowers spoke in some of our strongest churches, attended our union meeting, and our annual Sunday School Convention, which was held in Liberty Church near Foreston, S. C.

He is just one of us and is always ready and willing to help us in any needy undertaking whenever and wherever it may be. His qualifications are not questioned by the most outstanding teachers and ministers in our state. Bro. Flowers tells us that we are a more Christ-like people than we were about ten years ago, for now our Free Will Baptist preachers are being invited out to preach in the pulpits of other denominations.

It is to be remembered that A. R. Flowers' credentials, which were given him by the Free Will Baptist years ago, bear about one dozen endorsements by other Christian denominations, and I am quite certain that it was stated in our union meeting, that he had spoken from the pulpits of about seventeen different denominations.

This is a proof that the Free Will Baptists should have shown more love for all Christian people.

James Young,
Lake City, S. C.

REGULAR PRAYER SERVICE

The people of Long Ridge Church are now holding regular prayer services. Brother Jonas Dail conducted a very impressive service on Sunday evening at 8:30 P. M. He read the scripture lesson from the thirteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation. Following the reading of the scripture, Mrs. Pearl Sutton led in prayer, and Mrs. M. F. Dail and Mrs. Carrie Davis rendered a special song entitled, "Take Your Troubles to Jesus."

Mrs. Jonas Dail then gave a very interesting reading of Brother J. C. Griffin's Notes and Quotes. It was enjoyed by all present. Sallie Dail and Carrie Davis then favored us with another fine duet, which was followed by prayer led by Mrs. H. J. Sutton and closed by Brother Jonas Dail.

The services came to a close by the choir singing a closing hymn.

P. S.—Rev. Rashie Kennedy, of the F. W. B. Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, will preach at Long Ridge, July 26, at 8:30 P. M.

Mrs. Ben Sutton

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Piedmont Association of the Original Free Will Baptist church will convene at Goshen F. W. B. Church at North Belmont, North Carolina, on Thursday and Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1944. Rev. W. H. Calvert is pastor of this church.

The Ministers' Conference will convene on Saturday morning of the same week. Belmont is located between Charlotte and Gastonia, on the Wilkinson Boulevard. When you arrive at Belmont, ask about North Belmont. The church property joins the North Belmont School.

Rev. O. M. Hilburn, Moderator,
E. W. O'Dell, Clerk

NOTICE

All Free Will Baptists who have manuscripts for books, pamphlets, periodicals, gospel tracts, etc., that they would like to have printed into publications, we wish to state that the Board of Publication and Literature of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet on Thursday, following the second Sunday in October, 1944. We will meet to pass upon the above described manuscripts, those that have been submitted to us for publication, and will make plans to have them finished by that date.

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REVIVAL AT UNION GROVE CHURCH

We are glad to report that Union Grove Church, Durham County, closed recently a ten days' revival meeting. The entire meeting was considered a great success. The Reverend Herman Wooten, of Garner, North Carolina, conducted the meeting, and we feel that he is a consecrated man of God. He worked hard through the entire meeting, and in the community.

The surrounding churches, as the Methodist, the Missionary Baptist, etc., showed keen interest in the meeting by their presence for most every service. We feel that everyone who heard the fine sermons were greatly benefitted, and were brought closer to God. The entire community considers it a great blessing to have had Brother Wooten to deliver the sermons throughout the meeting. We feel that much good has been accomplished since he has been pastoring the church.

During the revival many of the church members were revived. There were twelve new additions to the church, and out of this number there were some fathers and mothers who were baptized. This brought much joy to the neighbors and friends of the church and community. Even more joy was felt in heaven by the heavenly Father.

Please pray for us that our church may go forward in the work of the Lord, and that during the coming years much good may be accomplished.

E. Ferrell

SOME SEEMING PARADOXES

"The weakness of God is stronger than men" (I Cor. 1: 25).

"The meekness and gentleness of Christ . . . the weapons of our warfare . . . are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" (II Cor. 10: 1-4).

"Follow after . . . patience, meekness: fight the good fight of faith" (I Tim. 6: 11, 12).

"Avenge not yourselves . . . overcome" (Rom. 12: 19-21).

"Forasmuch as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind" (I Pet. 4: 1).

"Let us run with patience (remaining under) the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12: 1).

"Having, therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus . . . let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp bearing his reproach" (Heb. 10: 19; 13: 13).

"As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (II Cor. 6: 9, 10). Oh, that it may be ours to enjoy this two-fold ex-

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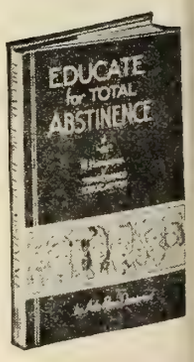
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—The Student of Scripture

A WORD ABOUT REV. L. H. WETHERINGTON

A few days ago Brother L. H. Wetherington of Clark, N. C., called us over the telephone, and stated that, while he is improving in health slowly, he is not able to be up much of the time. He stated that he can move about his home only by being assisted by someone. He asks that the Christian people pray for him that he might get well again.—Ed.

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

"And what is your name my dear?" asked the visiting lady.

"My name is Thelma," answered the timid little girl.

"Well, I declare, that is my name, too. I shall have to give you a little picture book because you are my name sake."

Sometime after another visiting lady came to Thelma's home. "And what is your name my dear?" she asked.

"My name is Thelma," answered the little girl.

"Well, well," said the lady, "how strange, my name is Thelma, too. I am going to send you a doll because you are my namesake."

By this time Thelma thought she had the very best name in all the world, better than all the names of the other children. But little Thelma had another name, too. Really it is the very worst name. Though Thelma's nice name is not found in the Bible her other name is. One day she found out her other name. The name is SINNER.

Thelma's nice name gave her a doll and a picture book, but her other name brought her a SAVIOUR.

How unhappy Thelma would be, even with her nice name and her doll and book, if she did not have a Saviour. Thelma's Bible says, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," and Thelma says, "I am a sinner. Christ Jesus came to save me."—Unknown.

A CORRECTION AND APOLOGY

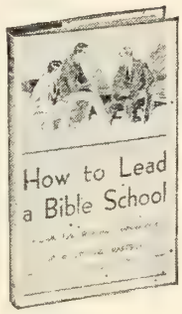
Recently in the Baptist paper Mr. Robert M. Gradeless, of the Norfolk Church, made an error in listing or naming some of the churches in Beaufort County, North Carolina. He later discovered his error and called us over the telephone, and asked that we make the correction.

In listing the churches in this county, Brother Gradeless omitted Union Chapel, White Hill, and Dublin Grove. The reason for the error was due to the fact that these churches are in the Eastern Conference, and he had only a Central Conference minute, which did not list these three churches.

Brother Gradeless wishes to beg apology for this error.—Editor.

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PRAYING FOR A FRIEND

Peter was in prison. Old King Herod had thrown him into a cell, and had not only fastened the door tight, but had bound him to two soldiers with chains, and had stationed sixteen soldiers to guard him.

Herod announced that as soon as the feast of the Passover was ended, he would bring Peter out and kill him.

All the Christian people in Jerusalem were in sorrow. Peter was their preacher and they knew he had done nothing wrong. When Jesus was on earth, Peter was one of His disciples who loved Him and followed Him. He was one of Jesus' best helpers. Before the Saviour went back to heaven, He had told Peter and the other disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Now, just because he was telling people about Jesus, old Herod had determined to kill him.

While Peter was in prison, all the members of the church met together at the home of a woman named Mary. They were going to pray for Peter. He was locked up so they couldn't help him. God was the only one who could save him from the cruel king, so they prayed and prayed that in some way God would save him.

Finally the feast was ended. In the morning, Herod would order the soldiers to bring Peter out of the prison and to kill him before a crowd of people. In the jail, Peter was sleeping between the two soldiers who were chained to him.

Suddenly there was a bright light in the prison cell and an angel of the Lord stood by Peter. Peter felt the heavy chains fall off of him and saw the angel motion for him to follow. Right past the soldiers they went and out through the big iron gates, which flew open without their touching them. Then the angel disappeared, and Peter was safe. God had saved him in a wonderful way. Meanwhile, at Mary's house, his friends were still praying for him. Suddenly they heard a knock. Little Rhoda went to answer it, but when she heard Peter's voice outside, she became so excited she ran back into the room, crying: "It's Peter! He's at the gate."

They thought she was mistaken, and tried to calm her. When the knocking continued, they hurried out. It was Peter! God had answered their prayers.

Then they all gatnered around close and listened while Peter told them about the angel, and how God had delivered him out of the hands of Herod.

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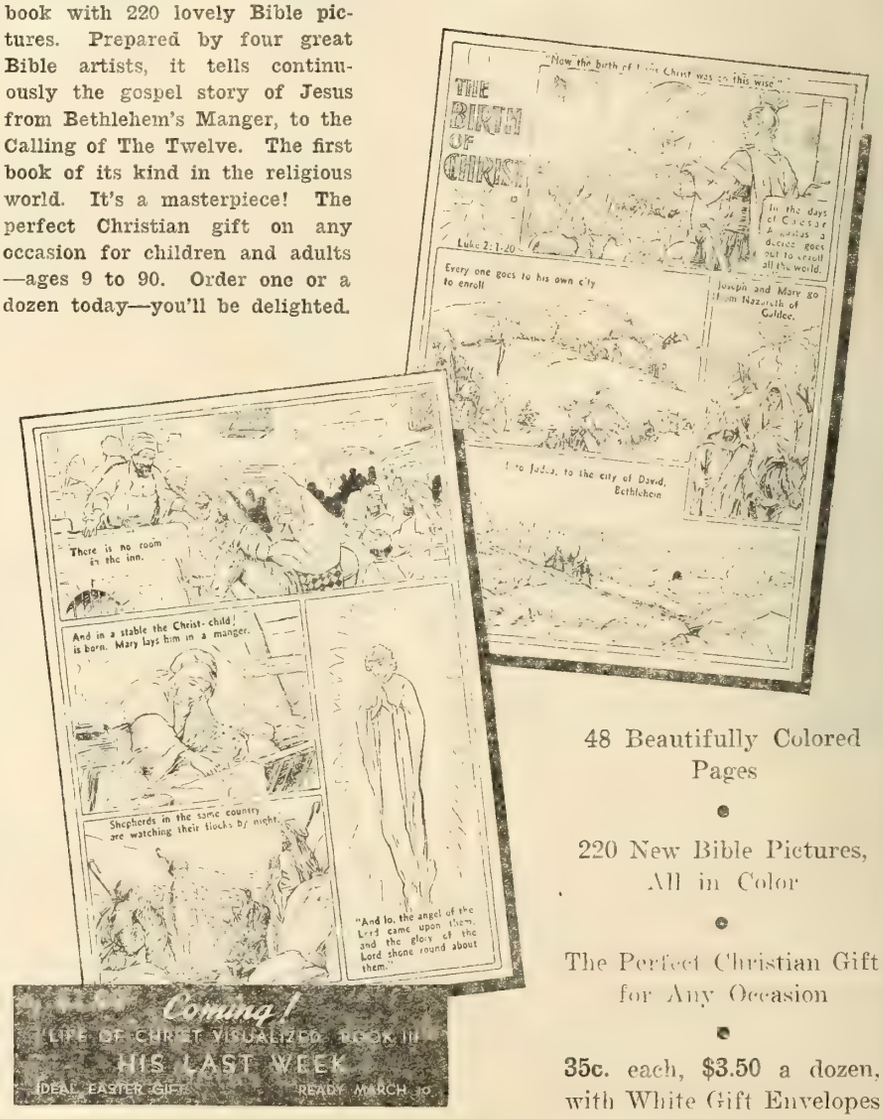


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The Bird with the Broken Wing

I walked through the woodland meadows,
  Where sweet the thrushes sing,
And found on a bed of mosses
  A bird with a broken wing.
I healed its wound, and each morning
  It sang its old sweet strain;
But the bird with a broken pinion
  Never soared as high again.

I found a young life broken
  By sin's seductive art;
And, touched with a Christlike pity,
  I took him to my heart.
He lived with a noble purpose,
  And struggled not in vain;
But the life that sin had stricken
  Never soared as high again.

But the bird with a broken pinion
  Kept another from the snare,
And the life that sin had stricken
  Raised another from despair.
Each loss has its compensation,
  There is healing for every pain;
But the bird with a broken pinion
  Never soars as high again.

—Hezekiah Butterworth

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Mrs. Walter Kirby, Lucama, N. C. 5
Mrs. M. V. Avery, Selma, N. C. 5
Mrs. J. E. Harris, Kinston, N. C. 5
Mrs. Floyd Padgett, Marianna, Fla. 5
M. S. Cowan, Robersonville, N. C. 5
Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, Huntsville, Texas ..5
J. L. Potter, Sneads Ferry, N. C. 5
Mrs. A. L. McElvin, Turbeville, S. C. 5

CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

(A Column devoted to Churches needing pastors, and ministers available for appointments. Churches and ministers using this column will please inform the editor promptly when pastor or appointments have been secured. Notices will be removed within one month if request is not made for them to run longer.)

REV. W. K. JORDAN, Goldsboro, North Carolina, 713 Simmons Street. Available for pastoral appointments after November the first, 1944.

REV. J. H. FRENCH, New Bern, North Carolina, L-109 Trent Court. Available for pastoral services on Second and Third Sundays for the coming year.

REV. R. H. MASON, Ayden, N. C. Available for pastoral appointments for another year, and for revival work at any time.

REV. W. H. IVEY, Raeford, N. C. Available for pastoral services after October 1, 1944, and also open for revival work.

REV. A. E. AUSTIN, Aurora, N. C. Available for pastoral services on the second and fourth Sundays, and for revival work at any time.

NOTICE

We, the church at People's Chapel, have decided to revise our church roll. All members wishing for their names to be placed on the list is requested to be present on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, or to notify the church clerk.

R. A. Winstead, Clerk,
Elm City, N. C., Route 2

I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Rom. 12: 3.

EDITORIAL

We had the privilege of attending the Second Union meeting of the North Carolina Central Conference which convened on Saturday with the Hull Road Church in Greene County. The messages by Rev. M. A. Woodard, Mrs. Brantly Speight, Rev. Bruce Barrow, Mrs. H. L. Spivey and others were splendid. They spoke on subjects of importance to the welfare of the church as a whole, embracing the different phases of the work. The business matters of the union were carried on in a fine way for the good of the churches in the district. A special offering was taken, as is the usual custom, for the Orphanage at Middlesex. As a whole this union was very good, and those present seemed to have taken much interest in the work.

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The Sunday School convention of the Second Union meeting district of the North Carolina Central Conference convened on Sunday at Hull Road Church in Greene County. It was well attended. The music throughout the day was very good, and the talks were appropriate, bearing upon the leading phases of the work of the convention. The Banners were won by the Reedy Branch and King's Cross Roads Sunday Schools.

The convention has made progress since its beginning a few years ago, and it is looking forward to doing even greater work in the future. All of the Sunday Schools within the bounds of the district are being urged to take an active part in the convention, and help to make it more efficient and helpful to every school in its bounds.

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Rev. L. E. Ballard has just recently accepted a position with the Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina. He will begin his work there in the fall, it is understood. He will be in charge of the religious work of the institution, and will edit an Orphanage paper, we are told. Mrs. Ballard will continue, we understand, her work with the Orphanage as Field Worker among the churches, while Brother Ballard directs the religious instruction at the home, and gets out each month the Orphanage news. They will soon locate either in Middlesex or at the Orphanage, so that they will be convenient to the work.

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Rev. L. R. Ennis, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, has been elected to succeed Rev. L. C. Johnson as president of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. Brother Johnson resigned the presidency just recently to enter the active ministry of the gospel.

It is expected that Brother Ennis will make known at an early date through the church papers the plans of the school for the coming year, together with the personnel of his faculty members. The denomination should look forward to a good opening of the school in September, and for a splendid school year in many ways. Brother Ennis has been greatly interested in the school since its organization, and should be able to render to it a splendid service for the coming years.

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Greater emphasis is being placed upon **Missions** by the leadership of the denomination than ever before, or so it appears from the steps taken by the recent session of the National Association which convened at Flat River, Missouri. A program, calling for $40,000 for missions for the ensuing year, has been launched by the National body. This amount, when raised, will greatly exceed what has been raised heretofore in any single year.

It means that the leadership of the church is beginning to look forward to accomplishing greater things for God and humanity. It means the rendering of a greater service in the foreign fields. The raising of forty thousand dollars for this purpose alone by the church people of the denomination is a matter of vital concern to every minister and lay leader in the denomination. Each state can and will, we believe, raise its quota, and even go beyond the stated amount for it to give to this worthy cause.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

In as much as some of the most important history in records proclaiming Free Will Baptist Activity has been made since the first of September, 1942, in connection with the Free Will Baptist Bible College, and, in as much as the services of Reverend L. C. Johnson, President of the College, have displayed a great part in all achievements, and, in as much as said Reverend Mr. Johnson tendered his resignation as President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College located at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee on July 13, 1944, in favor of a regular ministry of preaching the Gospel, be it therefore resolved:

First, that we render due thanks to, and commendation concerning Brother Johnson for services rendered, and for results achieved under his administration.

Second, that we commend him to the Brotherhood as one of the finest of consecrated Gospel ministers among us, who is fully worthy of due consideration for any responsibility common to his calling.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Reverend L. C. Johnson, copies sent to the Free Will Baptist at Ayden, North Carolina, and the Free Will Baptist Gem at Monett, Missouri, for publication, and that a copy be filed in the minutes of meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Signed:

Henry Melvin, Chairman,
Board of Trustees of Free
Will Baptist Bible College,
J. R. Davidson, Secretary
Board of Trustees of Free
Will Baptist Bible College,
Albert Halbrook, President
Student Council Free Will
Baptist Bible College.

Supporting the Old Ministers

Old Ministers

The minister was sent by God who gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors, some teachers of the Bible. He said, "Arise! go to all nations, teach them to observe all things, whatsoever I command you." Be stedfast in prayer, in ministering the word put thyself as an example of a good worker. Be a good shepherd of the sheep, and look for the lost sheep. He that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me, pray for them so they can be true soldiers for the Christ that sent them. Jesus said that they were to watch and pray, that they may not enter into temptation. Jesus taught his disciples and prayed with them in the long ago. He said to them, "Baptizing them in my name, and them that love me will keep my word."

Duties of Ministers

Preachers have a duty to their church and people. We as people have a duty also. We must admit that we neglect them far more than they do us, and at a time when they need us most, our duty to them if done would make growing old a beautiful thing.

In our Sunday School we study of Paul as a faithful minister of his time, and also Peter and John the Baptist and many others who were faithful to their charge.

A few years back ministers traveled by horseback and carriages. They were out in all kinds of weather. They were as faithful as our doctors have been down through the years. Always willing to visit the sick, they were and speaking a kind word to the lonely. They were ready to lift up the fallen, and to comfort us when death entered our home. They conduct our funeral service and always were there when sadness came near.

We need them in our happy hours to perform weddings, in family gatherings to help us. We should show them we want them to share our gladness as they have shared our sadness.

Our Duty

As women workers we should remember them and support them in gifts to the National Superannuation Board.

If the minister has died, support his widow, for she has changed her plans, stayed at home many times for him to go perform some service for us.

Like a pebble dropped in a stream whose ripples spread on and on until they strike some distant shore, they labored on for us. Ministers fight some of the greatest battles of the ages. Their influence is the most far reaching of any class of men in the world. Like the pebble it goes on and on, they wear themselves out for us.

Are Ministers Entitled to a Maintenance?

God said get no gold nor silver nor brass in your purse, meaning money, neither two coats nor shoes nor staff, for the laborer is worthy of his food. He meant the church members would supply his needs, whatever they might be.

As Christian women we are deeply indebted to our pastors. Many of them are aged. Quite a number of them or their families are dependent upon the denomination for financial support through gifts to the National Superannuation. Their needs will be supplied as far as its receipts will permit. All Christian women are urged to send special gifts to the families of aged ministers, and please remember them at Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.

Growing Old

By George Whitefield D'Vys

In truth, growing old is a wonderful thing,
Like plucking in autumn, the flowers of spring
The limbs may be weak, and the head turn white—
Yet down in the heart is a warm delight
For, under the walls of a sun-lit slope—
There blossoms a posy which we call Hope
The years roll away yet this hope lives on—
And mem'ry oft pictures the joys long gone—
It's blending the autumn with bright young spring,
And makes growing old, a beautiful thing!

Mrs. D. F. Brooks,
Sixth Vice-President,
Little Creek Church

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin,
Field Secretary

Grain for Liquor, But Short for Food and Feed

Notwithstanding that it is almost impossible to find grain for poultry and stock in some districts, our government has yielded to the wishes of the manufacturers of hard liquor and has given them the loose rein to distill the stuff, which is a curse to all that is good, and an asset to every evil almost under the sun. The American people are DOOMED and DAMNED if we continue to follow the way of drunkenness.

The Pleasure of Satan

The Bible tells us enough about the Devil, old Satan, the deceiver, that we are confident, when we say, that, "We know that he is well pleased in the act of Mr. Donald Nelson in the giving of the distillers the privilege to destroy enough grain to make 50,000,000 or 60,000,000 gallons of hard liquor to satisfy the thirst of the dupes of Satan and the pocketbooks of the greatest enemies to decency and righteousness in the United States—THE LIQUOR DISTILLERS.

More About Liquor

The following appeared in the editorial column of the News and Observer, Raleigh, North Carolina, under the caption, "Means Moral Lapse." The Editor says, "In World War No. 1 the Congress of the United States gave the country wartime prohibition. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy were zealous to remove the temptation of strong drink from the young men upon whom the country depended, and members of the Congress responded to the appeals of parents and directors of the armed forces."

"It is different now. When the late Senator Sheppard sought in this crisis to ban drink from camps, the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy (both Republicans but no worse than wet Democrats) vigorously opposed any legislation. And Congress has done nothing."

"In the early days of this war, when alcohol was needed in making munitions, distillers were forced to reduce the manufacture of intoxicants. They were the last to enlist for war. And now they are the first to desert. They have been demanding the opportunity to make more liquor and have won from the War Production Board the privilege of making drunks and piling up big profits. Congress abdicates and makes Nelson whiskey czar." . . . "The National drink bill prior to national prohibition was two million dollars. It is now upwards of six million dollars."

Upon the authority of the Bible, the INSPIRED WORD of GOD, a nation of liquor drinkers cannot survive. God says, "Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and then take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!" (Isa. 5: 22, 23).

The politicians reward the big liquor interests by passing legislation to make it easier for liquor to flow, and in return the politician receives money and votes from the manufacturers of liquor which keep them in office. Very few men can get an office now who do not cater to the wishes of the "Big-wigs in Liquordom."

Morally Stepped Down

The day that the United States destroyed the EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT that very day the United States started down the grade to every vice and sin that LIQUOR can produce. The man who advocates the sale and use of liquor in any way is an enemy to mankind and has the curse of God passed upon him. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttest thy bottle to him, . . ." (Hab. 2: 15).

I am against the LIQUOR industry because the DEVIL and WET POLITICIANS are for it. I am against it because it breaks up homes, makes crooks, widows, orphans, prostitutes, liars, thieves, and destroys everything that is good, and builds up nothing that helps man, morally, honestly or righteously; and worse it sends its dupes to a demon's hell. I am against it because the LORD JESUS CHRIST is against it.

I do not worry so much about the person going to hell that makes it, and sells it, and enjoys the revenue; but it is the poor, weak, deluded fellow who has no control of himself, or who is so completely deceived that he thinks that he can take his social glass with some "big-shot" and be a gentleman and wakes up to find himself eternally damned in a demon's hell.

I Will Talk About Better Things

North Carolinians! Remember that AUGUST IS CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION MONTH. That means that every church, auxiliary, and individual that possibly can should take at least a LIFE MEMBERSHIP. If you do not know how to become a life MEMBER, just write to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C., or Rev. James A. Evans, Middlesex, N. C. They will tell YOU HOW TO DO IT.

The State Association

The State Association of Free Will Baptists in North Carolina is scheduled to convene its THIRTY-SECOND session with the church at Reedy Branch, Pitt County, the week after the Second Sunday in September. Look out for the program. Get everything in readiness to have your district and local congregations to represent. Great movements are in the making. God is calling us to "Higher and Greater activities, in the saving of the lost." As a denomination let us plan wisely to meet the CHALLENGE of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Our National Association

As we stated last week the National Association is growing. But the National Association can go no faster than the organizations go that make the National. If we do much at home we can do much in the National work. And as the National goes so will our FOREIGN WORK GO. Jesus told the disciples to start at "JERUSALEM."

REV. C. H. COATES ILL

Rev. C. H. Coates, of Four Oaks, North Carolina, is very ill. He is in Rex Hospital, Raleigh, N. C.

This is to notify his churches that he will not be able to render further services to his churches for an indefinite period of time. He is pastor of Corinth Church in Sampson County; Woodington, Lenoir County; Tippett's Chapel, Wake County; Stancil's Chapel, Wayne County. He is giving this notice to his friends, and the brethren of these churches, that he will be unable to render services for quite a while.

While he is not critically ill at the present time, (July 24, 1944), the doctors say that it will take several days to complete heart and kidney tests for him, and that he will have to take complete rest and relaxation for some time, and this will take a number of weeks.

Brother Coates is asking that all Christian people pray for him that he might have a speedy recovery. He is hoping to be back in his church work after a few weeks of rest and relaxation.

Mrs. C. H. Coates

BALLARD TO GO TO ORPHANAGE

Rev. L. E. Ballard recently offered his resignation to the Elizabeth City Free Will Baptist Church, effective at the end of the present conference year, in order to accept an appointment from the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C. as Director of Religious Work, for which position he was chosen at a recent meeting of the Board. He will do a limited amount of work for the Orphanage immediately, and will enter upon the full duties at the end of his pastoral relationship with the Elizabeth City Church.

Mr. Ballard's contract with the Orphanage Board will permit him to accept a limited amount of pastoral work, if not too far from Middlesex. Any church interested in a co-operative arrangement with the work at the home may either contact Mr. Ballard at Box 136, Elizabeth City, N. C., or Rev. James A. Evans, Supt. at the Orphanage.

LIFE'S BACKWARD AND FORWARD LOOK

2nd Timothy 4: 1-8

There is a time when we should not look backward. (1) We should not look back with a heart longing after the fleshpots of Egypt. The children of Israel had received from the Lord a great deliverance. They had been led forth by a mighty hand. They had been snatched away from the cruel whip of the taskmasters. At first their hearts were filled with joy and gladness. When, however, they met difficulties in their wilderness journeys, they turned their faces backward, longing for the flesh pots of Egypt. "Would to God we had died by the hands of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full." (Ex. 16: 3). There are many Christians today who become discouraged when trials and difficulties come, many do as Israel did, began to look back to the old life. Christian friends, we must look for trials and difficulties along the way. We need not look for a bed of roses all the way. Paul said it was a fight, and surely we must fight if we win the crown. God was angry with the children of Israel because they forgot the One who had gone before them, and prepared the place where they should pitch their tents. God forbid that any of the young people who read these words should turn their faces and hearts back to the old life from which they have been saved. Let us keep our faces looking on, and up. We should not look back at our achievements with the thought of resting or letting up. Some of us seem to be satisfied when we have wrought successfully some great undertaking. We forget that there is much work yet to be done, much land to be possessed. There is no time nor place for a Christian to lag, or to stop by the way. So long as there are whitened fields needing to be harvested. So long as there are plowed fields unsown, we dare not cease to toil.

There is a time when we may look back. (1) We may look back at the close of each day to see if we have wrought well our task. This look should never be a look of pride or self-satisfaction. It should be a look of scrutiny, that we may learn whether we have been faithful to our calling. Every successful merchant stops every now and then to take stock. He wants to know whether he is gaining or losing. He wants to know this in order that he might stop the leaks, and improve by the mistakes he has made.

(2) We may look back in order that our tomorrows may be strengthened by our yesterdays. Therefore, let us review each day that we may profit by the lessons of the past and make life more effective in the future.

(3) We may look back in order that we may correct any failure which is behind. It is true that we cannot live over again the day that is gone. It is just as true that we may crowd in our tomorrow some service which we may have inadvertently overlooked in our yesterday.

We may look forward. First, we may look forward to the opportunities which arise in order that we may take them as they pass. Second, we may look forward in anticipation of the Crowning Day.

Paul was looking forward to that day when he said, Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me. at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. May we as Christians and ministers look back over our lives and see how little we have done, and may we profit by our mistakes. And may we purpose to do more for Christ than we have ever done before.

Rev. R. W. Allman.
Route Three,
Kannapolis, N. C.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

"Let all things be done in decency and in order" (I Cor. 14: 40).

Our progressive churches and pastors are awakening to orderly church administration. The old idea of the Sunday School, as an independent body, is out of order. The Sunday School is a "teaching arm of the church." It should be sustained and controlled by the church, otherwise the world and the people of other denominations could run the Sunday School out of harmony with the church and its officials, and thus produce a chaotic condition.

Our church in conference elects the Sunday School officers, permitting the classes to select teachers subject to the approval of the church. Our Board of Deacons serve as a nominating committee for both the church and the Sunday School, giving the church the privilege to place one in nomination for each office.

We have a Unified Budget, and the church treasurer handles all the finances. Special offerings for specific purposes are used only for the purpose designated. The old method of presenting two or three preachers as candidates has been thrown in the waste basket. It caused politics and kept the church split. When our church sees the need of a change, the deacons present one preacher, and if he is not elected another is presented.

The church should vote the present pastor out before another is selected. The method of running preachers against the pastor is a political campaign, and it plays havoc both ways. I used to be opposed to the indefinite call, but experience and observation have changed my views. My church has extended to me an indefinite call, so long as the majority of the active members do not desire a change.

The old method kept politics in the ministry which resulted in the lack of unified backing in the church. May God give us pastors with backbone, and not those who are caterers to the whims of the dissenters. I preach to my people to stand behind sane Biblical leadership, and constructive administration, or get out. We cannot afford to let a "monkey wrench" get in the mechanism and block the progress of the church.

Brethren, let us be all out for sane, constructive, fundamental preaching, and for good church administration. Then we will see a greater Free Will Baptist denomination in operation. We will see a greater service being rendered for the sake of humanity. Then the world shall be able to see our good works, and glorify our Father in heaven.

Rev. Sherman H. Oakes,
Kings Mountain, N. C.

THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION

August is the month designated for the raising of money for the Church Finance Association, Incorporated, for the State of North Carolina. This association is operated by all the share holders, and everyone is made welcome at the annual meetings. They have a part in the selection of the officers who are charged with the responsibility of carrying on the work of the association.

The purpose of this association is to lend money to churches needing help to remodel or improve the church buildings, add Sunday School rooms, and the like. We read in First Chronicles where David gathered gold and silver for the house of God. Should we today be less concerned about our church buildings? All that we have belongs to the Lord, and we should, with welcome hearts and minds, serve Him with all that He has given us.

The greatest joy of Christians comes from giving cheerfully to the Lord's work. The Church Finance Association needs your support. Will you not purchase a share? The cost is only $25 each. These shares may be purchased by installments, as little as one dollar per month, thus you will complete your share by this method in two years. Now is the time to begin by buying a share during the month of August.

Send your money for a share to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, North Carolina. May the Lord bless each one who buys a share in the Church Finance Association.

J. D. Ballance,

713 Gaston Street,

Raleigh, N. C.

PROSPECT CHURCH KEEPS PASTOR

The Reverend G. C. Joyner, of Smithfield, North Carolina, has pastored Prospect Church, Harnett County, for the past six years. We are now looking forward to his serving our church for the seventh year.

Brother Joyner has been a faithful pastor and leader. He has never missed an appointment during the six years. Both the old and the young people love him very much, and the church has made splendid progress under his leadership.

During the early months of his pastorate, he organized a Women's Auxiliary which has proved a great blessing to the church and community. He also introduced the method of paying through the envelope system in church finances. As a result there has been a financial growth in our church.

As material improvements for the church, we have purchased a rug, hymn books, screen windows, and have set out some shrubbery around the church. The inside of the church has been completely renovated, and the walls and the floors have been painted. We have also purchased new seats with pockets in which to place the song books.

We are working now toward the building of Sunday School rooms to our church. We are praising God for the blessings which He has bestowed upon us, and for all that has been accomplished. We are trusting that we can do more in the future than we have done in the past.

Church Reporter

TITHING

"Money is filthy lucre only when misused," said my friend, Dr. Pilgrim Clearsight. "Consider those dirty pieces of 'temple' silver paid to Judas for his despicable act. Money paid for, or derived from, items which corrupt lives IS filthy lucre. On the other hand, money spent in Christ's name for the glory of God and the good of men, is blessed money."

"Beware of covetousness," said Jesus, "for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."

After a noonday Gospel Fellowship Club luncheon in Chicago, recently, a salesman nonchalently removed three five dollar bills from his wallet, handed them to the guest speaker, saying, "Here, use this in the Lord's work." A bystander laughingly remarked: "You give that so easily, you must be a TITHER." "I am," replied Mr. Salesman. "I find tithing is the one painless method of paying for the Lord's work."

—The Cheerful Tither

A CORRECTION

In the article a few days ago concerning the dedication of Snead's Ferry Church, it was stated that Rev. L. J. Potter preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. W. L. Jernigan was the one who preached the sermon of dedication. The error was due to the lack of clearness in the manuscript sent in for publication.—Editor.

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CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION

Dear Readers:

The month of August is the time designated as Church Finance Association month in the five-point program of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

As president of the Association I am making an appeal to those that are interested in the growth of the denomination and the advancement of the kingdom of God to help us in this work of helping churches make needed repairs and improvements to their places of worship.

As you know this is one of our youngest organizations and we have been handicapped in doing what we would like to do for the lack of funds. The business of the Association is to lend money, so we must have money to lend. Of course there can be very little building done now, but we are getting applications for loans and these will increase after building material is released, so you can see the need of building up a reserve now while money is plentiful, so we may help those who will want to make improvements and build new churches. I think our denomination has a wonderful opportunity for growth at this time and the years to come and the reports show that we are making progress, so let us all rally to the support of the denominational organizations.

Will you not in this coming campaign buy at least one membership in the Church Finance Association. You may pay the $25.00 or $1.00 down and $1.00 per month for each share. If there is not an individual in your church that will subscribe get your church or some organization of the church to take one or more membership certificates.

Yours to serve,
Geo. Webster,
Washington, N. C.

God's Tithing Contract, (Malachi 3: 10, 11) works in metropolitan centers as well as in rural areas and intermediate communities. Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, is currently using a series of Layman Tithing leaflets—3,000 of each of six titles.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions
Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF BIBLE COLLEGE OPENING

This is to certify the fact that the doors of the Free Will Baptist Bible College located at 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, will be opened to students desiring to enter for special training for service on September 14, 1944. Those who have Bulletins will observe the following in the "CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL YEAR": "September 14, Wednesday, 7:00 P. M.—Dining Hall opens." It should read: September 14, Thursday, 7:00 P. M. Dining Hall opens, in as much as the fourteenth is on Thursday instead of Wednesday. We trust that no one will be confused by this error. We ask the Brotherhood at large to pray much for the coming session.

Signed:

Henry Melvin, Chairman,
J. R. Davidson, Secretary,
Melvin Bingham,
Winford Davis,
Fred A. Rivenbark,
Board of Trustees Free Will Baptist Bible College

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FOREWORD

We are herewith giving to you the complete report of The National Foreign Mission Board which was given at the National Association recently held at Flat River, Missouri. We trust that you will note its contents closely. This report was accepted and the recommendations adopted by the National body.

You will notice that we have launched a $40,000 campaign for the year 1944-45, and the Association has authorized us to set up a foreign missions office in Monett, Missouri. This office will be the National Foreign Missions Headquarters of Free Will Baptists. We are already busy getting this campaign under way and shall proceed to set the office in order in the very near future.

You have co-operated with us in a most wonderful way in the past as pertaining to this great foreign mission program: and, now, we earnestly solicit your continued and even increased co-operation on this newly launched campaign. We have all confidence that we shall have it. Can we do it? Surely we can. We had a 70 per cent increase in receipts this past year over that of the previous year, and no campaign was on, nor was there anyone on the field in the special interest of this particular work. So with more means employed and more interest centered in this direction, I shall not be surprised if we even go above the $40,000 mark before the sitting of the next National Association in July, 1945.

We have a splendid board with which to work. It consists of Rev. Bert F. Rogers, Recording Secretary, Wewoka, Oklahoma; Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Ayden, North Carolina; Rev. Raymond Riggs, Highland Park, Michigan; and Rev. C. B. Thompson, Fort Worth, Texas.

You will be hearing from us often as we endeavor to promote this phase of the work.

Report of the National Foreign Mission Board for the Year 1943-44

The Associational Year of 1943-44 has been another great year for the Foreign Missions Department of The Free Will Baptist Church. Interest in the work has increased greatly throughout the various states which comprise the national body. This is shown first by the gratifying increase in receipts and then by the supplementary matter of correspondence, inquiries, and expressions of

good will concerning the work which all go to make up a very pleasing picture.

The total receipts of this past year have gone way toward double the amount of the year previous. Several of the states have given considerably more than the suggested quota which was assigned them a year ago. For all this, The Foreign Mission Board delights to express their sincere thanks.

Cuba. The Chairman of the Board, having been authorized a year ago to make a missionary itinerary of the field in Cuba, reports the itinerary was carried out with pleasing results and success. He finds the work going forward on the Cuban field with blessing. The Cuban School of Missions opened January 4, 1944, with seven students. Around twenty students are in prospect for the opening again this coming September. Rafael Josue, who heads the school, is found to be very capable in every way. We are surely very fortunate to have this man as head of our Cuban Missions School. His wife is also a very capable teacher.

The $5,000 campaign which was launched a year ago for the purpose of establishing this mission center in Cuba has gone forward in a very acceptable manner. Three thousand dollars of the amount has been raised and disbursed for this purpose; and, along with this, have gone funds to the amount of $1,750 for the operating expenses of the school.

We have a nice eighteen acre tract of land bought and paid for which cost the total sum of $800. We have some splendid possibilities in both the school and the farm. The students in attendance are building and continually working toward the materialization and realization of these potentialities. More dormitory room is to be constructed during these summer months in preparation for the opening of the school again this fall.

To summarize the work in Cuba, we give the following facts and statistics:

Five organized churches which are organized into the Pinar Association of Free Will Baptists. Aside from these, are thirty-five (35) preaching stations. These five churches have a total membership of one hundred, seven Sunday Schools, three chapels, Besides the prospective pastors in the student group, we have three settled native pastors—Pedro Rojo, Pedro Oliva, and Santiago Delgado. Miss Yeley is also a settled Pastor. In live stock and poultry, we have thirteen head of horses—one of them being an Arabian stallion, two cows with calves, two heifers, some milk goats, one yoke of oxen, a few hogs, a few chickens, some turkeys, and some ducks. Some of the horses are kept on the farm, and some of them are located on the field for the pastors to use. Then, as was said, we have the farm and the school. This summarizes our work and possessions in Cuba. All we have is paid for. The district we are covering is about one hundred twenty miles in length and about fifty miles wide. It lays diagonally across the province of Pinar Del Rio.

India. The situation concerning the work in India remains practically the same and unchanged as of a year ago. Due to the grim realities of war, Miss Laura B. Barnard is yet restricted from re-entering the field. The Rev. H. M. Clay, who had been looking after the work that Miss Barnard established while in India, passed away during the past year. Miss Elizabeth Coyle has taken over in his stead. We send the amount of fifty dollars about every three months with which to carry on this work

At her own request, Miss Barnard was released from under the support of The Foreign Mission Board in September 1943, at which time, she took up the work of teaching Bible in the public schools of Georgia. But during that time, she has written the Missionary Study Course Text Book which is now pending publication. This book is expected to become the Free Will Baptist Text Book on the subject of Missions. It is the product of much labor and research and is indeed a worthy work.

We urge that you keep these matters concerning the work in India constantly before the Throne of Grace.

As concerning the activity of your Foreign Missions Board during the past year, we have the following to report:

One called session was held April 10, 1944, at the college building in Nashville. We enjoyed a very pleasant meeting, and a number of important matters were given due consideration. The most outstanding motions passed at this meeting were as follows:

Motion carried that a monthly allowance not in excess of $250 be authorized for the operating expenses of the Cuban School of Missions. The Treasurer was authorized to advance back pay on this expenditure to cover the time which the school had been operating since its official opening, January 4, 1944.

Motion carried that we approve for record the agreement affected by correspondence providing an increase of ten dollars ($10) per month in the salaries of Rev. and Mrs. Willey, Miss Bessie Yeley, and Miss Olive Van Syoc.

Motion carried authorizing the Chairman-Treasurer to negotiate settlement for mission manuscript titled "HIS NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS," with Miss Laura Belle Barnard.

During the time we have been here at this sitting of the National Association, we have been very busy. The entire personnel of our board has been present at this session, and we have enjoyed some precious deliberations together. We give as follows the outstanding transactions of this meeting and, also, a recommendation for the consideration of this body:

Motion carried that in the transaction of all legal business by, for, and on behalf of The Foreign Mission Board of The National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America—such as the signing of contracts and agreements, the purchase of property, etc.—that either a duplicate copy or a photostatic copy of all contracts, agreements, and legal documents (titles, deeds, etc.) be made and kept on file in the office of The Foreign Mission Board.

Whereas, the evangelization of the world is the obligation of the Christian church, and Free Will Baptists are committed to participation in this spiritual enterprise.

Whereas, the achievements of the past few years proclaim the favor and approval of the Lord upon the Foreign Mission Program of Free Will Baptists.

Whereas, certain limitations growing out of the war have surrounded and restricted our foreign mission work. Such restrictions will be removed at the close of the war.

Whereas, a missionary opportunity of largest magnitude may be reasonably expected to challenge Free Will Baptists at the close of the war, we therefore recommend to the National Association the adoption of the following.

1. That an extensive appeal in the interest of Foreign Missions be conducted by the National Foreign Mission Board throughout the Free Will Baptist denomination.

2. That a goal of forty thousand dollars ($40,000 be established.

3. That a reserve fund with which to meet the demands of post war opportunities and reverses in the amount of ten thousand dollars ($10,000 be authorized. This fund shall be deposited in a separate account from the current or operation fund of the Foreign Mission Board. It being provided that neither retrenchment in the conduct of the present foreign mission work nor a depletion of the current treasury is hereby directed, but the aforesaid reserve fund shall be created and set aside out of the excess of the treasury which is not actually required in the prosecution of the present Foreign Mission Program.

4. That the promotion of this program be and is hereby assigned to the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association whose administrative office is Monett, Missouri.

5. That the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions be and hereby is charged with the management of the administrative office at the salary of $50 per week with traveling expenses allowed. It being understood that not more than 26 weeks of the 1944-45 associational year shall be required in this service of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board.

Following is the Annual Financial Report of the Treasurer:

FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944

Receipts by States

Missouri	$ 4,157.68
North Carolina	2,124.18
Illinois	1,154.26
Ohio	870.00
Texas	789.28
Georgia	666.06
Michigan	582.97
Tennessee	522.65
Oklahoma	407.15
South Carolina	354.75
Florida	110.50
Alabama	74.37
California	60.50
West Virginia	23.20
New Mexico	20.00
Kentucky	12.25
Arkansas	12.50
National Women's Auxiliary Convention	1,490.35
Unified Program Fund by National Treasurer	1,425.71
Offering at National Association in 1943	50.00
Sale of Missionary Pictures	2.00
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.	47.52
Refund by Miss Laura B. Barnard	10.76
Total	$14,958.64
Amount brought forward from last year	2,349.25
Grand Total	$17,307.89

Disbursements

For establishing of Cuban School of Missions	$ 3,000.00
Promotional funds for promoting the work over the Cuban field	3,600.00
For operative expenses of Cuban school since its opening	1,750.00
Salary of Rev. and Mrs. Willey	1,320.00
Allowance for the children of Rev. and Mrs. Willey	360.00
To the Willeys for rent and lights	300.00
To Miss Bessie Yeley as salary	660.00
To Miss Bessie Yeley for rent	40.00
To Miss Olive Van Syoc as salary	300.00
To Miss Olive Van Syoc for rent	20.00
To Miss Laura B. Barnard as salary until her release from the Foreign Mission Board	150.00
For support of the work which Miss Barnard established in India	
To National Executive Secretary for promotional work in the Executive Department	900.00
To Miss Olive Van Syoc for traveling expense to Cuba	113.00
To Rev. and Mrs. Willey for traveling expense (1943 while in the States	223.58
To Rev. Winford Davis for expense of trip to Cuba and a thirty-day missionary itinerary over the field	226.45
To Rev. Winford Davis for traveling expenses while rendering official service	17.86
Disbursed as designated for mattresses, oxen, horses, and sad-	

dles in Cuba	270.25
To Rev. Henry Melvin to cover the expense of motion pictures taken in Cuba	100.00
For picture film and developing (both motion and still view) which were taken on recent itinerary in Cuba, picture cuts, and reprinting missionary pictures for public use	102.36
For telegrams and cablegrams	27.45
Postage	42.38
Stationery	15.00
Disbursed as designated gift to Miss Barnard	5.00
Funds advanced to Miss Barnard in order to help her in her efforts to secure passage to India	35.00
Printing Missionary Pamphlets	19.00
Expense of calling Foreign Mission Board meeting at Nashville	101.00
To Rafael Josue for the purpose of helping him get located at our Cuban school and farm	65.00
For Missionary Literature to be used in Cuba	40.69
Getting excess baggage and supplies to Cuba for Missionaries	15.00
For receipt books, stenographic work, Secretary record book, printing checks, check exchange cost at bank, etc.	35.33
Disbursements made which for various reasons was refunded	141.70
Total	$14,196.05
Amount received during the past year	$14,958.64
Amount brought forward from last year	2,349.25
Total	$17,307.89
Disbursements during past year	14,196.05
Balance in Treasury, July 1, 1944	$ 3,111.84

Prayerfully and gratefully submitted by

Board of Foreign Missions
Winford Davis, Chairman-Treasurer,
Bert F. Rogers, Recording Secretary,
R. C. Wiggs,
C. B. Thompson,
Raymond Riggs

THE INDWELLING OF THE SPIRIT

"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his" (Rom. 8: 9b).

We are living in a modern day, and can put modernism on over the radio, if you please; but, when you put modernism in religion, you will not have true religion. True religion is for the followers of Christ to visit the widows and the orphans in their afflictions, and also to keep themselves unspotted from the world.

I do believe in the old-time religion, for it is true and is good enough for me. This old-time religion teaches that one must be born of the Spirit, and be made a new creature in Christ Jesus. Some people claim that one is saved, and then is sanctified later, and still later he receives the Holy Ghost. But the Apostle Paul tells us that if any man have not the Spirit, he is none of his. Therefore, if a person has not received the Spirit, he is not a Christian. Sanctify means to be set apart for the work of the Lord Jesus. Christ said, "For their sakes, I sanctify myself." But He knew no sin nor was there found any guile in him. But he yielded himself, and became obedient unto death on the cross.

I heard a man say a few months ago that when he was saved, he was a Christian, but, said he, before he was sanctified, he wanted to fight, to do some mischievous thing, and would do some little sins. He must have been mistakened, for to be a Christian one must be Christlike, and he was not that way. The scriptures tell us that whosoever commits sin is of the devil.

A person is not saved until he becomes Godly, holy in the sense that he has turned away from his sins, and to Christ. The saved one becomes the temple of the Holy Spirit, for the Spirit of God will not dwell in an unclean thing. If any man has not the Spirit of God, he is none of his, and is not a child of the King. Christ said that when the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he then walketh through dry places. He also said, "I will return unto my house from whence I came out." When he does come, he will find some empty of the Spirit of God. The Bible tells us that no man can say Jesus is the Christ only by the Holy Spirit. God's Spirit does bear witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

NOTICE

All Free Will Baptists who have manuscripts for books, pamphlets, periodicals, gospel tracts, etc., that they would like to have printed into publications, we wish to state that the Board of Publication and Literature of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet on Thursday, following the second Sunday in October, 1944. We will meet to pass upon the above described manuscripts, those that have been submitted to us for publication, and will make plans to have them finished by that date.

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THE PRIEST IN THE LIFE OF ISRAEL

(Lesson for August 13)

Lesson: 1 Samuel 2: 27-30; 35; 4: 12-18.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God" (Heb. 5: things pertaining to God" (Heb. 5: 1).

The primary duty of a priest was to act as an intermediary between man and God. He received his authority **from** God, and men merely recognized this headship in spiritual matters, and acknowledged his right to exercise leadership in this sphere. So the priest of old figuratively took the worshipper by the hand and led him into the presence of God: thus making an acceptable approach to the throne of holiness and mercy.

To state the case in the form of a paradox, there are no "priests" today because there are more "priests" in our age than history has ever before known! The Apostle Peter never claimed to be a priest, but called himself merely an Apostle and a servant of God. In the 2nd chapter of his First Epistle, Peter tells us that Jesus Christ is the Stone upon which our salvation reposes, and that all who are born again have become "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood." To this agrees John in the 1st chapter of Revelation, when he says that when Jesus "washed us from our sins in His own Blood," He thus "made us kings and priests unto God and His Father."

So let us consider the text for today in the light of its context. The preceding chapter states that Jesus ascended into Heaven and became the High Priest of the new order. In so doing He rescinded the authority of the older Covenant and canceled the commission of Aaron and his sons, so there are no priests to minister today, even as there is no longer a temple where beasts are slain and atonement made for sin.

Every Christian is an ordained priest. Whatever your method of earning a livelihood may be, your **real** business and purpose in living is to minister the things of God to a needy race. You will one day give account for the use or misuse you have made of your holy calling: the God who ordained you will some day demand an accounting.

II. Heart of the Lesson

The important truth to be learned from this lesson, is contained in God's Word to Eli, when pronouncing judgment upon his house—"for them that honour Me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed" (I Sam. 2: 30). Here we have a **Divine principle** which is ever at work, and its operation is illustrated throughout the Word of God, in the history and destiny of individuals and nations in every age. The histories of Eli and Samuel, of Saul and David, afford very striking illustrations of the operation of this law of the Divine government. God said of Eli, thou "honourest thy **sons above Me"** (vs. 29). Reports had reached Eli from all quarters of his son's evil ways (vs. 23). By their vileness they had made "the Lord's people to **transgress"** (vs. 24). They had defied the holy place (vs. 22), treated the sacrificial offerings with contempt, and used them to satisfy their own gluttonous appetite (vss. 12-17, 29). They had **dishonoured** God in so many ways, and Eli had been so **slack** in dealing with them. Apart from a meek protest (vss. 23-25), he had **not** restrained them (3: 13). In this he had honored his sons **above** God, for he had failed to administer the punishment which the Divine holiness demanded. To save his sons receiving their just deserts he had **robbed** God of the **honor,** due to His holy Name. The house of Eli was to be despised, rejected, cut off forever because it had despised God. His Sanctuary, sacrifices, and service had been lightly esteemed, treated as things which could be used for selfish and sensual ends. Therefore a sudden and terrible judgment would fall on the house of Eli (vss. 13, 14). God **does** honor those who honor Him. The nation which truly honors God, His Son, His Word, His day, His sanctuary **is** honored by God; but the nation which despises, lightly esteems these things **cannot** prosper. We have seen this so clearly in recent years.

Note: Many more worthwhile truths are found in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

If you were to go home to-day and see a dozen boys in the streets throwing stones and breaking windows, it is very likely you would start the whole lot of them; but if there is one boy that would get a sweet knock on the head it would be your own; for you would say, "What are you at, John? What business have you here?" You might not be justified, perhaps, in meddling with the others—you would let their own fathers attend to them; but because you were his father, you would try to make him remember it. Certain special chastisements are inflicted on God's children, because they are His children; but it is not because they are His children that He chastens them at any one time, but because they have been doing something wrong. Now, if you are under chastisement, let this truth be certain to you. Are the consolations of God small with thee? Is there any secret thing with thee? Art thou chastened in thy business? Then what sin hast thou committed? Art thou cast down in thy spirit? Then what transgression has brought this on thee? Remember, it is not fair to say, "I am chastened because I am His child"; the right way to say it is, "I am His child, and therefore when He chastens me He has a reason for it." —Spurgeon's Illustrative Anecdotes.

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THE PERSONALITY AND AIMS OF SATAN

There never was a more untenable proposition than that evil in itself is impersonal. Evil as an active property, as a force working in the world, does not exist apart from personality. The combinations of evil as seen in human life bear witness at times to a keenness of intellectuality and a strength of individuality and personality that are altogether beyond the capacity of the immediate agent, who seems like one taken in the snare of a fowler, and hypnotized by suggestions entirely independent of his own mind.

I am willing to believe that many of those who deny the personality of the devil in such a light and easy way do not see the full conclusion to which such a premise must lead them. They do not see that the denial of the personality of the devil is equivalent to the denial of the person of the Son of God, and, in the end, the total destruction of His character as a sinless Man.

And yet this is true; for it is to be remembered that our Lord Jesus was inducted into His work and office on earth through the gateway of the devil's temptation.

That temptation was either subjective or objective. If the devil is not a distinct personality, then it was subjective; that is to say, the Lord Jesus was tempted from within and not from without. But if He had evil within Him, He was not sinless. If not sinless within, He was sinful in nature. If sinful in nature, He cannot be the Saviour and Redeemer of men. If the devil was not personal, the truth of the Person of Christ is irremediably gone.

There are those who accept the personality of the devil, but who look upon him as the agent merely of vice and sin. They associate him with all that is repulsive and horrible. But there never was a greater mistake.

The Apostle declares that in this age satan is transformed into an angel of light. He seeks to win by the aesthetic and the beautiful. His ministers are not the coarse and sickening agents of a rank and repulsive wickedness. They are ministers of "righteousness." But what kind of righteousness?

In the nature of the case, it cannot be the righteousness that comes by the Blood of the Cross. It must be a righteousness without blood. And as the righteousness that is now being preached in so many quarters is a righteousness without blood, then it is the righteousness which satan is sending his ministers forth to preach.

In preaching this righteousness the devil is keen and wise. If he can succeed in leading men to be good and kind, without faith in a crucified Christ, he has won a great victory. If he can induce men to repudiate vice and live lives of apparent truth and righteousness apart from the Cross of Christ, he would throw them back in confidence on themselves and make the repudiation of the Cross of Christ universal. And this is what he is trying to do. This is why he is preaching "righteousness." He would like to see this righteousness established and practiced everywhere.

He is willing that men shall glorify the earthly life of the Son of God. He is pleased when men speak of His goodness and righteousness, and when He is held up as an Example. He is willing that men shall grow pathetic over the sorrow and tragedy of the Cross, and that they shall see Jesus there as a martyr. One Who came in advance of His time—but, as a Divine Sacrifice, shedding the Blood that atones for sin and can alone redeem a soul from sin and the power of death—never!

The keenest and the most successful line of operation is to lead men to preach a righteousness without blood and to offer that righteousness in the belief that it is satisfying to God.

When, therefore, you hear men talking about righteousness, test it and see whether it has the Blood of the Cross in it. In the catacombs when they wished to know if the dead body that was brought there for burial was the body of a true martyr, a faithful witness of Christ, they pulled aside the robe or winding sheet; if they found a small vial filled with blood, they knew that this had been a true and not a false martyr. When you hear or read of righteousness in this day, pull aside the fold of it and see whether it has the Blood of the Cross in it.

When you hear preachers testifying that all men are the sons of God by nature, that the fatherhood of God is the pre-eminent thing, and that each man has in himself an equivalent power with which to meet the righteousness of God, you may know, whether these preachers themselves know it or not, that they are the ministers of satan, preaching a righteousness without blood, a self-righteousness that denies the Truth and the warning of God, and is nothing less than the devil's righteousness.

And this ministry of bloodless righteousness is a sign of the last times. It is a sign of that time of which the Apostle Paul so clearly warns, in which many shall depart from the faith, be turned from the truth to fables, and be spoiled through the philosophy and vain deceit of men; when they will listen to the word of man rather than to the Word of God.

It is a sign that the coming of the Lord draws nigh, that hour when He will secretly descend into the air, to take to Himself those who have been ransomed by His Blood; and then, later, be revealed in unlimited judgment upon a world fooled by the devil's "righteousness."

If you are saved, it is because you have by faith taken shelter under the Blood of the Lamb of God; you have claimed Christ as your Sacrifice and personal Substitute.

If you have not taken shelter under that Blood, if you have not thus claimed Christ by faith, no matter how sincere you are, you are not saved, you are under the condemnation of a Holy God, Who can by no means clear those whom He considers guilty.

It is the Blood of Christ which alone gives the title to Heaven, not the flowers and the fruit of Cain's offering, not the best culture of your human nature, not your goodness, sweetness and light, not the righteousness without blood. The one and only thing that can give title to the presence of God is the Blood of that Lamb Who was slain on the Cross at Calvary, God's Christ, the Saviour of men.—I. M. Haldeman.

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WHY I LIKE THE SIX-POINT RECORD SYSTEM

By Charles Simpson, Vice-President N. C. Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute

Before becoming superintendent of our Sunday School here in Wilson about six months ago, I had no idea the six-point record system could really mean so much to any Sunday School. As many others are no doubt doing, I would attend Sunday School and fill out my individual report each Sunday as a mere routine, not realizing that my record either aided or hindered our school in reaching a high average.

Brother Superintendents, let me assure you my experience during the past six months has convinced me that our Six-Point Record System is an essential step in our work. If we will encourage each class to compete with other classes for the highest average, to become the BANNER CLASS, then I say to you that we will have accomplished much for our Sunday Schools and for the upbuilding of Christ's work in the Church.

If we can get each student to strive for perfect attendance, to be on time, to be liberal with his offerings, to study the lesson each week, to bring his Bible, and to attend Church, most of our Sunday School problems will vanish. Our Sunday School will then be "in tune" with, and serving to the glory of Christ.

Don't be misled. The Six-Point Record System is not a miracle worker. It is a means to an end. It will only work if we work it. The possibilities are unlimited, if we will only WORK the System, STUDY about the System, and PRAY for HIS leadership.

Be sure to watch for further articles about the BANNER CLASS, and how to organize a WORKER'S COUNCIL, and many other educational articles by other members of our executive committee.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF AN ORGANIZED SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Rev. R. P. Harris, Director of Organization, N. C. Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute

Introduction

The purpose of this article, and others which will follow, is to give significant details paramount in the establishing and maintaining of a successful Sunday School. Special emphasis will be stressed where most important needs are evident. It is not the wishes of the State Director of Organization to make a name for himself but only to make the name of CHRIST even more glorious and enhancing. This is done only through a most thorough examination of the current needs, with an eye single to the Glory of God, and through an humble spirit of cooperation from our fellow-laborers. There will be three Articles written: "The Significance of a Worker's Council," "Class Organization," and "The Organized Evangelical Mission of the Sunday School."

Article One:

The Significance of a Workers' Council in the Sunday School

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isaiah 1: 18). If I were to suggest that our government discontinue its council meetings in Washington, or if I would agitate the destruction of all government building and the ending of all political policies or governmental organizations, you would say I was a fit subject for the "mad house," and right you would be. Just suppose our government with all its organized power would become dissolved. You can easily see what the results would be. Our lives would not be safe and gangsters would soon spoil the nation.

On the other hand, suppose the Fuller Brush Company discontinued all of their council meetings, and decided not to bother with the expense of organizing their sales force, or to take the trouble to follow a systematic plan to reach their customers.

I could continue to bring up more cases showing the need of an organized effort throughout, if success is to be guaranteed, but it is not necessary. God is the Great Counselor and we need to consider Him as the head of every effort put forth in His name. We are not cooperating with God if we do not organize our efforts. This can best be done among the most settle-headed, steady-minded and God-fearing Christians in our community or Sunday School. The success or the failure of the Sunday School is measured by the willingness to cooperate in this matter brands them as disloyal to Christ and disloyal to the crying need of evangelistic effort in each and every church community.

A Few Aspects

1. **A Worker's Council encourages prayer.** Surely a Council would honor Christ by first asking His divine presence and sanction. The practice of prayer will be encouraged as men of God learn to talk to God together in such meetings.

2. **A Workers' Council Dissolves Contention.** Ambitious leaders often cause dissension and reduce spiritual enthusiasm. The Council will take our eyes off self and put Jesus in our sight. We do not want to lose Jesus.

3. **A Workers' Council Makes Demands.** While a Workers' Council makes demands it is done in such a way as to make the one taking part to rejoice that he is counted worth

to be a Christian and worthy to be occupied with the Master's business. It takes all the bitterness out and inserts in its place compassionate zeal.

4. **It Respects the Mother Organization, The Church.** The Sunday School is a child of the church and therefore looks to the church for protection, support, and leadership. The Council acts as the Sunday School head in church councils.

If you can imagine a man living without a backbone, or a train moving along the track without an engine or an animal living without a heart then you can imagine or surmise that a Sunday School can not be a success without a WORKER'S COUNCIL.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor

New Bern, N. C.

ST. JOHN'S AID REPORT

The Ladies Aid society of St. John's Church celebrated its ninth anniversary at the home of Mrs. J. E. Benton on Friday afternoon at the regular monthly meeting. Mrs. H. G. Spence had charge of the program which was on the youth of the church.

The meeting opened in the usual manner with song and prayer, which was led by Mrs. George Barwick. Mrs. J. E. Benton read the scripture lesson. The following members of the society made talks: Mesdames George Barwick, Donald Edwards, Wilbur Daily, and Ed F. Coore. Mrs. Frank Grant, Mrs. George Moye, Mrs. Donald Edwards, and Mrs. Wilbur Daily sang a quartet entitled, "Living for Jesus." Then a chain of prayer was led by Mrs. George Moye, and closed by the program director.

As an outgrowth of the program, an announcement was made for the organization of our young people into a Free Will Baptist league. Mrs. Wilbur Daily was appointed as leader for the work.

A business session followed next with Mrs. Barwick presiding over the meeting. The roll was called, the dues were paid, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The reports were then heard from the vice-presidents on the work during the month. Mrs. Wilbur Daily, treasurer, reported $17.50 in the treasury. The old and new business was discussed by the members, and plans were made for a barbecue supper to be held on Saturday afternoon for the Aid members and their families.

During the social period, Mrs. Benton, the hostess, invited the members into the dining room where a large birthday cake, topped with nine candles, centered the table. A chicken salad course and ice cream and cake were served. There were several Pollyanna gifts distributed.

The meeting was one of the most enjoyable we have had in several months.

Mrs. George Moye, Secretary

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AUXILIARY REPORT OF GOSHEN CHURCH

On Saturday afternoon, July 22, 1944, the Ladies Aid of Goshen F. W. B. Church, at North Belmont, North Carolina, met at the home of Mrs. Jess Cannon, in a special meeting. The meeting took the form of a "Measuring Party." The object of the meeting being to raise extra money. A number of games were played, and all of the members, and guests were measured, paying a penny an inch for each inch they were in height.

The refreshments came second, and were served in a fine way. These were donated by four of the ladies. Exactly eleven dollars were received at this party. There were twenty-four persons present, and a very pleasant time was had by everyone.

The following report was made at this meeting. Chapters read in the Bible, 75, dues paid in, $1.65, visits to the sick, 16, flowers taken to the sick, 3, trays given to the needy, 2, cards sent, 3.

Narvella Propst, President,

Edith Propst, Secretary

PRAYER MEETING AT DEEP RUN CHURCH

During the drought period a few weeks ago, we the people of Deep Run Church and community held prayer services in the church for the purpose of praying for rain. Night after night we gathered at the church, and asked the Lord, if it could be His divine will, to send us the showers which were so badly needed for our suffering crops, and gardens to make them grow.

The people of the community were very much interested, and large crowds attended each night, and many vows were made unto the Lord. We are still praying that we will not lose sight of Him who has all power in heaven. After we received the rain, which we were in so much need of, we continued prayer services one week in thanksgiving for the blessings which we had received. Many felt that they had been drawn much closer to God through these meetings. In fact, we have set Saturday nights each week for prayer services.

In years that are passed and gone, the people of Deep Run Church used to hold prayer services, but for some reason it went down. But by the help of the Lord we are trusting that prayer services will be going on in Deep Run Church when Jesus shall come.

We appreciate it very much that Brother Emmitt Murphy attended these meetings, and helped us in these prayer services. We are taught in the Bible to pray without ceasing, and in everything to give thanks unto the Lord. I sometime wonder if we had prayed more, and done more toward the mission work, and had sent more missionaries to the foreign lands, we would not had to send our dear boys to fight in this great war. If people would pray in the right spirit, and live as they should, this war would come to a speedy close.

Mrs. Ruthie Hardison,

Deep Run, N. C.

Have you a TITHING FELLOWSHIP in your church, or in your community, to pray for, and promote financing of the Lord's projects, at home and abroad?

Boys and Girls Corner

DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN

Did you ever see a cage of lions in a circus or a zoo? They were fierce, savage-looking animals, weren't they? Well, I want to tell you about a man who was locked up in a den of lions.

His name was Daniel. When he was a little boy, a great king invaded his country and carried away most of the people as captives. Daniel was taken captive too. They were taken many miles away from their home to a city called Babylon, and there Daniel grew up.

He had been taught about God, and even when he was taken into the king's palace to live, he prayed to God as he had done back home. Because he lived right, his mind was clear and the king gave him important work to do.

Sometimes other men at the king's court were jealous of Daniel. Finally, Darius, for that was that king's name, made Daniel ruler of a whole city. Then his enemies were angry, and said they would get rid of him.

One day they formed this plan. They would go to King Darius and ask him to make a law that nobody should worship any god for thirty days. They could worship the king himself, if they wanted to. If any one broke this law, he should be cast into a den of lions. Darius was pleased at the idea, and at once sent out the order.

When Daniel heard the notice he didn't pay any attention to it. He had always prayed to God three times a day, and he knew it would be wrong to pray to any one else. So every day he opened his window, the one in the direction of Jerusalem, and there he knelt to pray.

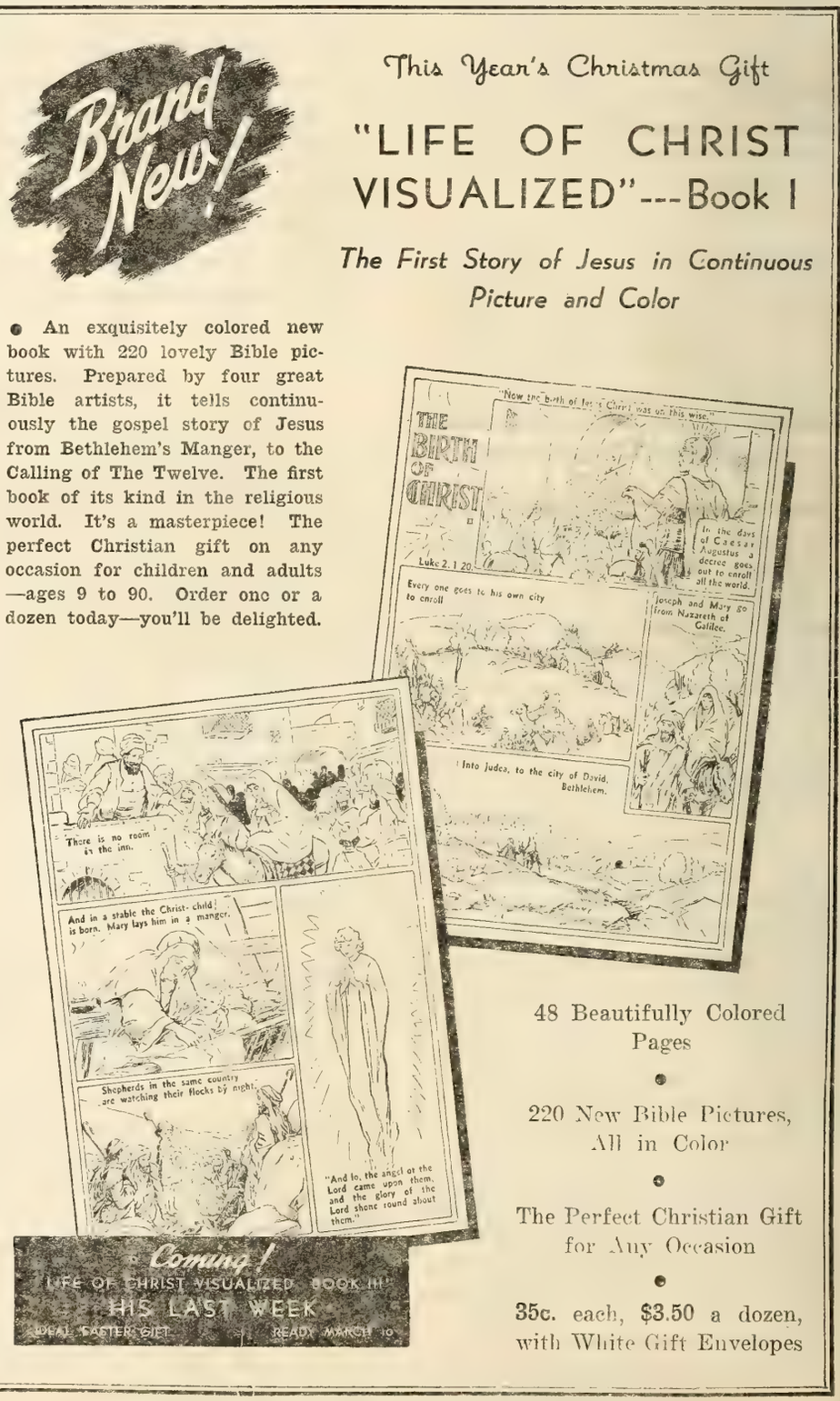
His enemies knew he would do this. They were watching, and away they went to tell the king.

Now, it was a custom in that land that not even a king could change a law that had been made. Darius didn't know what to do. He liked Daniel and didn't want him punished. Then he said: "Daniel's God, whom he serves continually, will help him." So he had Daniel cast in with the fierce, roaring lions.

Darius went home, but he was so scared he couldn't eat or sleep. He kept thinking of those big, ugly beasts. Why, with their strong paws they could kill Daniel in a minute.

As soon as it was light the next morning, he hurried out to see what had happened. When he drew near, he called: "O Daniel, is thy God able to deliver thee from the lions?" To his great joy, Daniel answered. Then he was not killed, after all!

This is the wonderful part of it. God had sent His angel to help Daniel, and the angel had saved Daniel from the lions.—Bible Story.



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The things of every day are all so sweet—
The morning meadows wet with dew,
The dance of daisies in the noon; the blue
Of far-off hills where twilight shadows lie;
The night, with all its tender mystery of sound
And silence, and God's starry sky!
Oh, life—the whole of life—is far too fleet.
The things of every day are all so sweet.

The common things of life are all so dear—
The waking in the warm half gloom
To find again the old familiar room,
The scents and sights and sounds that never tire;
The homely work, the plans, the lilt of baby's laugh,
The crakle of the open fire;
The waiting, then the footsteps coming near,
The opening door, your hand-clasp—and your kiss—
Is Heaven not after all the Now and Here?
The common things of life are all so dear.

—Alice E. Allen

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R. A. Winstead, Clerk,
Elm City, N. C., Route 2

The Lord is not slak concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Pet. 3: 9.

EDITORIAL

JUDAH ACKNOWLEDGES DAVID TO BE KING

(II Sam. 2: 4-7)

Following David's great mourning over the death of Saul, he enquired of God what to do concerning the kingdom. God told him to go up to Hebron, preparatory for his anointing to become in actuality king over the people of Judah, (vs. 1, 2).

They Anoint Him King

David took with him from Ziklag his two wives, "Abinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal's wife the Carmelite," and his men who were with him, and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. "And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah," (verse 4a). We are to note that David, being fully aware that it was now time for him to assume the reigns of the government upon king Saul's death, first consulted God as to what to do. Before assuming the office as king, he sought divine guidance, which shows us that he trusted God, and desired to follow his instructions, whatever they might be for the good of Israel. When he had settled his family and the men with their household who went with him to Hebron, then there came unto him the principal men of Judah to anoint him as king over their house and tribe. Hebron had been made a sacred place by the residence of the old patriarchs long before. It was located about twenty miles south of Jerusalem. This was his second anointing; the first one was, as we observed in a previous lesson, a secret anointing by Samuel at Jesse's house. This was a solemn occasion, for the people of Judah knew that God had singled out David from among his brothers as the right man for this important position over his people. Be it remembered that the tribe of Judah had stood by itself more than any of the other tribes, and that in Saul's time it functioned as a distinct body. (I Sam. 15: 4). Therefore, they did not pretend to anoint David king over all Israel, but only over the house of Judah. The rest of the tribes were free to do as they pleased about the matter.

David Sends a Message

"And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the Lord, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him. And now the Lord shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them," (verses 5-7). When the men of Jabesh-Gilead learned that the Philistines had killed Saul, and had placed his body on the wall at Bethshan, they went at night, took down the body, and the bodies of his two sons and buried them. Then they fasted seven days, as a manner of deep mourning over the loss of their great leader. When information of what they had done reached David, he immediately sent messengers to them on the east of the Jordan, expressing his commendation, praise and benediction for their kindly act. By this step which David took, it shows that he had no desire or inclination to punish Saul's adherents. On the other hand he was favorably disposed toward them. Moreover, he proved his loyalty to Saul, and also showed the futility of the charge of rebellion which was brought against him by some of his opponents. Certainly, it was to the honor of David that he retained, in the midst of all these new and perilous conditions, his former tenderness of feeling for Saul. He said, "The Lord shew kindness and truth to you," (verse 6). Not only did David show his good will toward the men of Jabesh-Gilead by his kind considerations of them, but also he prudently used this opportunity, as a wise king, to win and greatly strengthen them to his interest, (v. 7). Moreover, they had paid their last respects to Saul, and now David would have them to look up to him, for the house of Judah had anointed him to be king.

"In these respects, David is a type of a great One, who amidst all the cares of life, cherished in His heart only pure, kindly, generous feelings toward even those who by others would have been forgotten. In like manner, it is well that we strive to keep the heart fresh and warm, when promotion comes or public affairs absorb, or temptations arise to be indifferent to the minor claims of life." —C. Chapman.

WANTED BOYS

Boys who a purpose in life possess,
As earnest at work as they are at play
Who do with their might what they have to do—
These are the boys that are wanted to-day.

Boys who are ruled by a sense of right,
Whom neither favor nor fear can sway;
Who, seen or unseen, no duty will slight—
These are the boys that are wanted to-day.

Boys who are helpful and kind to all,
With never a thought of praise or pay;
Nor whether one lived in a hovel or hall—
These are the boys that are wanted to-day.

Boys whoh are chaste in their every deed,
And pure in every word that they say;
Who safely will others younger lead—
These are the boys that are wanted to-day.

—The United Evangelical

The Church of Christ Identified

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Text. "Walk about Zion, and go round about her; number the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following." (Psalm 48: 12, 13).

Often we hear it said: "One church is as good as another;" but all will agree that the church Christ established is the only true church. Congregations of believers are divine or human, as they conform to the patterm of the apostolic church, or vary from that divine model.

We are now over nineteen- hundred years away from the beginning of the Christian church. Can we determine its nature, faith, and order? Is there any safe guide to its principles, and practices? Can we identify it now after the lapse of centuries, beyond any doubt? Has the divine author of the church issued a clear statement of its marks, so that the careful reader may recognize the true church in ancient and modern times? He certainly has. It is found in the New Testament, especially in the Acts of the Apostles, and most definitely in Acts (2: 22-47). Here is the divine pattern, God's photograph, by the Spirit, of the true church. To illustrate: A man disappears. His friends issue a statement describing his height, color of hair, marks on his body, etc. These are marks of identification. In the corruption of the Roman Church, and under the rubbish of human commands and opinions (as they have accumulated during the long centuries since Christ gave himself for the church) the true church had well nigh disappeared, and only by the description and photograph of the church as given in the Acts, can we be sure of its primitive faith and order, and be able to test modern sects by the divine standard.

What are the marks of the Church of Christ? 1. The foundation is Christ himself, not human creeds, nor confessions of faith (Matt. 16: 13-18; I Cor. 3: 11; Eph. 2: 20, 22; Isa. 38: 16).

2. The founder is Christ, not some man—Luther, Calvin, Wesly, Campbell, or any other. Any church which claims some man for its founder thereby declares itself a human society. (See Matt. 16: 18 where Christ says: "I will build my church." Also I Cor. 3: 4, 5, and Heb. 12: 2).

3. The place of the church: beginning is Jerusalem. See Luke 24: 46, 47; Acts 1: 4; Isa. 2: 3; Gal. 4: 26. Any church which claims to have begun elsewhere, in Rome, Germany, England, or America, must be a human society, and not the Church of Christ.

4. The Church of Christ began on the first Pentecost, after the Saviour's resurrection. See Acts 2: 1. It could not have begun in the days of Abraham, for Christ, the foundation of the church, had not yet died.

5. The laws of admission (Acts 2: 37, 38; 16: 31) are the same for all. From these Scriptures we learn that faith in Christ, repentance toward God, confession of Christ as Saviour, and baptism in the name of Christ for the remission of sins are necessary. A church which requires, in order for membership, something more or less or different from this, is not after the pattern of the apostolic church.

6. The name in the divine description is Christian, Disciple, believers, etc. (See Acts 11: 26; 26: 28; 1 Pet. 4: 16). All are members of the body of Christ. The true church should be known now by these New Testament names and by these only.

7. The discipline of Christ's Church is the apostolic doctrine, or teaching. (See Acts 2: 42). The apostolic doctrine is found in the Acts, and the Epistles to the church, and has its source in Christ's words and works as recorded in the Gospels.

8. The worship of the apostolic church consists (1) of public teaching the apostles' doctrine; (2) living in love, and giving of money, fellowship; (3) the communion of the Lord's supper, breaking of bread; and (4) prayers. (See Acts 2: 42).

9. The life of the church, according to the divine description, will manifest itself in living as Christ taught his disciples to live. The church of Christ, as photographed on the pages of the New Testament, was a church meeting the divine conditions, and exactly suited to all needs of the race in all times. So, we have only to go to the New Testament to find the pattern of the church, and then faithfully reproduce it in these times. The crying demand of the age is for a restoration of the apostolic church in its doctrines, its ordinances, and its fruits.

If the church of today is to be one with the New Testament church it must present the following features:

1. It must hold fast to the divine facts and commands and promises of the gospel of Christ. No liberal Christianity, which gives away the truths of God to please the fancy or enslave the conscience of guilty man, no new fangled or passing fads, or sensational themes or methods are required to reach the masses only the simple healing story of suffering, bleeding, dying love will meet the deepest cravings of the human soul. Take John the Baptist, Peter, Paul, Spurgeon, Moody and others as examples of this truth.

2. It must realize Christian unity. Not unity of opinions or methods, but unity of faith. The early believers did realize Christian unity. Christ prayed that all who should believe on him might be one (John 17: 20, 21). The perishing millions in heathen lands can be conquered for Christ by the union of Christians. It will come. It is coming fast. The tokens for a better day appear on every hand.

3. It must realize social equality, fellowship, and service. The early church was moved by a love so mighty and all embracing that they

had all things common and surrendered voluntarily all property rights in their possession and divided to every man as he had need. There was no lack among them. Such a beautiful picture of self forgetfulness for the general good was entirely Christlike and must have exerted a tremendous effect. Just such a spirit of unselfish service, of loving brotherhood, of glad service and surrender for a brother's sake is the pressing demand of the age. The muttering storm raging between capital and labor, between the rich and poor, the high and the low needs only the voice of Jesus to say, "Peace be still," and all these threatenings will be calmed. The heaven-sent brotherhood of love and service and fellowship will come to bless the world, and heal the evils of modern social inequalities.

4. It must demand personal righteousness.

5. It must have courage to defend the right at any cost of pleasure, popularity, or safety or even life.

6. It must be a praying Church. The apostolic church was born in a prayer meeting. It lived and grew and triumphed in the very atmosphere of prayer.

7. It must be a soul saving church. It must exist to save the lost at home and abroad, the moral and the immoral. It must have a sense of responsibility for the salvation of men.

All this was the primitive church, and it was without any of the material aids to prosperity. They conquered portions of the world, and even emperors on their thrones yielded obedience to the Prince of peace. Such a church will achieve triumphs and win the favor of God and man, and multiply its members now as in apostolic times. The church for these times is only the church of which the New Testament gives us a picture. Restore in it its simple faith and order, and the sad, sinful, sordid world will be at the feet of Jesus Christ.

Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Heb. 4: 1.

THE FAITH OF PETER

Dear Baptist People:

As I enjoy writing to the Baptist paper, I have decided to send in this article for publication.

I heard two ministers make the statement that the Apostle Peter was not converted until the day of Pentecost. Well, I think that if he were not, I pity some of the "formality church members" in this day and time. Remember, Peter was one of the twelve disciples whom Christ chose to go with him. He left all and followed Christ, and he had faith enough to walk on the water out in the sea, thought his faith was not strong enough, therefore he soon began to sink. We recall how, on one occasion, the other disciples were unable to cast out the dumb spirit which possessed a person. Christ told them the reason they could not cast him out was because they had not fasted and prayed.

The Apostle Peter was the only one of the disciples who refused to wash his Lord's feet. He did not want to see his Lord to humble himself as a servant before him to wash his feet. But Jesus taught him a lesson in the act, and told him what he should do. Remember, Peter wanted a little later to fight for Jesus, but he told him to put up the sword. He did cut off the ear of a servant, but Christ healed it again. That night when his Lord was betrayed, Peter did deny him in order to save himself from the cruel hands of the enemy. Christ prayed for Peter, and told him that when he became converted to strengthen the brethren.

I will acknowledge the fact that after Christ had been crucified, and had appeared to Peter, and after the angel had brought Peter out of the jail, and after the day of Pentecost, Peter's faith grew stronger. Then, he became willing to die for the cause of righteousness, if it should become necessary. Yes, he was willing to suffer death for his Lord.

Kind Friends, let us all try to be as good as Peter was. Let us forsake all to follow Him, the true Son of God. When Christ was crucified all the disciples scattered, but Peter followed on to the grave of Jesus. They did not understand, so they disappeared, fearful of being taken and put to death by the enemies of Jesus.

After Christ's resurrection, Peter was told that He had come forth from the tomb. Peter did have a better understanding then of Christ and his purpose in the world. Christ told him that he was to strengthen the brethren by his faith in the risen Lord. Peter did become a great preacher of righteousness. So, my dear readers, let us become as steadfast as the Apostle Peter was, and be as good as he was as a great preacher of the gospel.

Your Brother in Christ,

B. E. Coxwell.

REVIVAL AT McCALL, SOUTH CAROLINA

The revival meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church, McCall, South Carolina, began on July the sixteenth and closed on July 30, 1944. It was a wonderful meeting with the spirit of Christ working wonderfully in the hearts of the people.

The Reverend H. J. Sawyer of Rock Hill, South Carolina, pastor of the church, brought the messages. On Sunday, July 30, there were eleven precious souls who came forward, and accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, and united with the church.

Our dearly beloved pastor has been a blessing in leading souls to Christ and to the church. We should like to say that our church is a new work, and we lack around one hundred dollars having enough funds to put up the walls of our church building. We will highly appreciate any donations that anyone will give to us for this purpose.

Anyone wishing to help us, may send all donations to the church clerk, Mrs. Milton Haywood, McCall, S. C. We are asking the prayers of all the Christian people that God might bless us in our work, and our humble church.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Milton Haywood,
McCall, S. C.

THE GO FORWARD COMMAND

By C. R. Houston,
Colquit, Ga.

As we consider the ministry of our Lord, we can see the love which He had for us while He was here in the world. As He was here on earth, He was constantly seeking after men to take heed to his teachings. He healed many and saved many from their sins. He healed all manner of diseases, and cast out devils. He opened the eyes of the blind, letting them look out upon the beauties of the world about them. God had placed them here for man to see and to enjoy. Man is to enjoy the abundance of God's blessings here on earth. Still, man has scorned and rejected the Christ as the great Son of God.

Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden to care for it, but they disobeyed God and were driven out to earn their living by the sweat of their labor. We learn from St. Mark's Gospel, chapter 16, verses 15, and 16 that Christ said to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Christ had been put to death and had come from the grave victorious over death and the grave. He still had love in his heart for lost souls. When His disciples were gathered about Him, He gave them a new commandment, that as He was not to be with them any more in person, but in power and in the Spirit of God, He told them to go into all the world and to make disciples of men. They were to warn the people of the danger of not accepting Jesus as the Saviour of men. Those who would believe Christ would be saved from their sins.

Isn't it wonderful that all we have to do is to believe on the Lord, and we are assured of everlasting life. Yes, people must believe and be baptized, to be saved from their sins. If we will believe on the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved. If we do not, on the other hand, we are already damned. There is not any way around it, for already we have the judgment pronounced upon us. We can judge that for ourselves, therefore, can we not see, friends, that we are either believers or unbelievers. There are only two ways; one is right and the other is wrong. It is therefore necessary that we make the right decision before it shall be too late, for one day we shall be brought before the great judge. Our reward will be in accordance with the kind of life we have lived here in the world.

The challenge, "go ye into all the world," is just as binding now as it was in the days of the apostles. We are to minister to those who know not God as the Creator of all things, or His Son Jesus Christ, the Saviour of sinful men. Many of us have been too stubborn to go and do what God wants us to do. We have rebelled against his command. If we had been taking the gospel where it should have gone, we would not have had this great wor on us, and so many of our young men suffering. Had we called unto God as did Elijah, He would have heard us. We have failed as Christians in America to see that our neighbors in other lands have stood in need of the gospel. We say we believe in missions, still many of us sit down and do nothing about helping the missionary cause. We have done so little for God's cause, yet He has greatly blessed us in many ways whereof we are unworthy. Let us wake up and do things for the glory of the Lord before it shall be too late. Let us show God that we do mean business for Him. Let us use every opportunity that we may have, and not be stubborn against His will.

As God blesses us, let us swell the mission funds so that the workers out on the fields may have the necessary means to do their best work for the glory of the Master. May we so increase our giving that there will be others to go out on the fields, and labor for the Lord. Let us say, "Lord, send me, if it is thy will." Let us surrender ourselves completely on God's altar, and He will restore unto us blessings in manifold ways, giving us a four-fold return for our faithful services.

REWARD OF FAITHFULNESS

Mrs. J. E. Frazier,
Nashville, Tennessee

There is a story told of an old man who was in charge of a gasoline station. Robberies had become numerous. The old man speaking of these said; "No bandits will ever get a nickel of my employer's money, unless they take it over my dead body." "But," said his nephew, "you would not give up your life just to save a little money, would you?" "No!" replied the old man, "I would not give up my life to save a little money, but I have a trust committed to me and I intend to fulfill it." In a few nights three bandits demanded the old man's money. He resisted and was shot by them. In the hospital, as he lay dying, he looked up into his employer's face and in his trembling hand held out the keys that symbolized the trust that had been committed to him and said: "Here are your keys, and they didn't get a nickel." Writing to Timothy from a Roman dungeon Paul said, "The time of my departure is at hand, I have finished my course, I have kept the afith." This was Paul's way of saying as did the old man, "Here are your keys, and they didn't get a nickel." All down the centuries since Christ there have been men and women who have been faithful to the task committed into their hands, and able to say, "I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Four years ago at Paintsville, Kentucky, the National Auxiliary Literature Chairman was authorized by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention to launch out with a profit-sharing plan for the enlargement and the improvement of Auxiliary literature. As a result of this authorized launching, the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention today has $201.43 cash profits from literature sales; $72.84 invested in supplies on hand against the sum of NOTHING in 1940; a 72-page Manual of Methods in the place of the 8-page Handbook in use in 1940; a 135-page Year Book of Programs instead of its former 16-page Book of Devotional Programs; a 78-page Manual for Young People's

Auxiliaries in the place of none in 1940; several thousand tracts written by F. W. B. women; a Standard Wall Chart for the pictorial record of Auxiliary activities done through the year. All of these supplies at not one cent cost to the Auxiliary Convention, but over $200 cash profits to put in her treasury. Has the profit-sharing plan launched in 1940 been profitable? The improved and increased literature among you speaks for itself. So in the words of the old man who gave his life to guard the trust committed to him, I say: "Here are your keys (two manuals, Year Book, Standard Chart, tracts, two study course booklets), I have fulfilled the trust committed to me by F. W. B. women, I have been faithful to my stewardship, I have, at whatever cost to me, kept the faith." It is not the work we have done that has broken us down, it is the work we see to do that must go undone for lack of strength and time and cooperation.

There are no words that can ever fully express what my years as literature chairman of the Women's National Auxiliary Convention have meant. Joy abounding, I have loved it so! There have been glorious days, mountain-top and deep valley experiences. Sincerely we trust this meager account of our stewardship will reveal not only humility but also gratitude for God's manifold blessings showered so abundantly these few years. Truly, "He has blessed us with all blessings in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus our Lord" and to HIM we give all the praise and glory; for as your literature chairman, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit planted, you watered with your innumerable considerations and loyal support, but it was GOD who "gave the increase." Please realize how deeply indebted I am for the privilege of service you have afforded me through these years, as well as the faithful cooperation you have given me and the friendship of W. N. A. C. members laboring together with God in sixteen states today instead of eight states as in 1940. God alone knows the future of Auxiliary literature. He holds the key. "As laborers together with God," "the love of Christ constraineth us" as we return to our various fields of service to give our own selves to the Lord first and then "be ye steadfast" in the work of the Lord. As problems arise, consider each one a challenge to GO FORWARD and make this truly a victorious year in every department of Woman's Auxiliary work.

Wonderful as is the fact that all of the above listed supplies and even more, have been sent by your literature chairman to F. W. B. women in sixteen states, it is also just as necessary that we all remember that as many more do not have any of these publications. The present year's challenge then is to strengthen all those already enrolled as subscribers while gaining yet others. To do this, I recommend while at Flat River, Missouri, during the National Convention, the election this year of a full-time paid literature chairman. Today the duties and responsibilities of the National Auxiliary Literature Chairman most certainly constitute a full-time job for some one. Also, whoever performs these duties and assumes the responsibilities of this very important Auxiliary office certainly deserves compensation. So regardless of how it grieved my heart to make the suggestion that some one take my place, I felt that for the good of the cause I love and want to see continue growing and glowing for Jesus 'sake, it was best that my part-time hands be replaced by hands that could and WOULD devote full-time to the preparation and distribution of our literature. So much progress among auxiliary workers is hampered for want of a regular channel through which we can get current information to and from auxiliary members. We need a monthly publication instead of a yearly book. Since 1932, when as leader of the Courier Circle of East Nashville Missionary Society, I have had visions of a monthly magazine for F. W. B. women. A full-time literature chairman can with your cooperation put out such publication properly departmentalized to meet every need of all auxiliaries—local, district, state, national. Do you want such? Then make plans and provisions this year for such and it WILL be a reality in 1945.

The Convention accepted my recommendation for a full-time literature chairman and elected Mrs. Sylvia Dodd of Nashville, Tennessee. All future communications relative to literature, therefore, should be addressed to Mrs. Dodd, National First Vice-President. I prayerfully solicit for her the same loyal cooperation that you have given me. My whole heart is now and will always be in this phase of Auxiliary work just as it has been since on a June day in 1933 in the auditorium of East Nashville Church, I heard and answered the Macedonian Call of the Auxiliary women assembled there that day. Right now it is impossible for me to devote full-time to this great work.

Pray for me as I undertake the long neglected stewardship department of the W. N. A. C. that we go forward in the strength of the Lord, and be found faithful to this trust committed into our hands. With sincere Christian love we are ever yours in His service.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CHILDREN'S DAY

1. Plan a service in which every part possible is taken by children; let it be their service.

2. Have an abundance of flowers, good lively singing, recitations wisely selected and properly given. Get every bit of starch out of the service except what is in the children's clothes. Make it a service of good cheer.

3. Have the children bring their parents. This is an excellent opportunity to show the relation of the church, parents and children to the cause of missions. There are thousands of children who do not have the privilege of attending Sunday School. It is interesting and helpful to children to tell them about missions.

4. To present the needs of missionaries and take an offering is one of the greatest opportunities of Children's Day, for this act relates the children to the world, broadens their lives, and helps to carry the blessings they enjoy to others.

—Mrs. F. E. Hetrick.

—Moody Monthly.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions
Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts for the month of July, 1944

Hansley's Chapel of Durham, N. C.	$ 60.00
S. S. of Trinity Church, Nashville, Tenn.	25.35
Cumberland Association of Tennessee	70.00
National Women's Auxiliary Convention	136.22
Santa Ana Gardens General Baptist Church of California	25.00
Bible College Church Fund, Nashville, Tennessee	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Goen, Bryan, Texas	10.00
Bright Light S. S. of Texas	18.98
Pikeville Church, Pikeville, Kentucky	6.05
Bryan Church, Bryan, Texas	13.42
State of North Carolina	90.00
Horney Heights Church of North Carolina	15.70
Offering taken at National Association, Flat River, Mo.	112.00
W. S. Gardner, Springer, Oklahoma	10.00
Mrs. E. F. Traut, Iola, Texas	10.00
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, South Carolina	2.00
Altona Church of Ohio	5.00
Wolverine Association of Michigan	115.45
Ladies Aid of Free Union Church of North Carolina	1.00
S. P. Easley, Portales, New Mexico	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Morris, Bentonville, Arkansas	10.00
Rev. O. Stalcup, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	3.00
Christian Soldier Class of Porter Church of Ohio	25.00
Franklin County Quarterly Meeting of Illinois	106.00
Rescue Church of Illinois	154.10
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Settle, Ina, Illinois	30.00
Swannanoa Church of North Carolina	50.00
Beaver Dam Church of North Carolina	20.00
Jack McCoury, Johnson City, Tennessee	1.00
Missouri State Association	346.29
Total	$1,501.56

Winford Davis, Treasurer.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

I have just returned from Sound Side church, Tyrrell County, where Mrs. Griffin and I were special guests (by invitation of the church and its pastor, Rev. W. A. Hales) during the annual revival meeting and the Vacation Bible School. Rev. "Bob" Woolly was the evangelist. The meeting was going nicely. Misses Alethia Etheridge and Margaret Chapel were running the Vacation Bible School with local help and everything was going in fine shape.

The New Parsonage

Sound Side, Malachi's Chapel and the F. W. B. Church at Gum Neck, have purchased a fine piece of property in the town of Columbia to be used as a parsonage. Rev. W. A. Hales and his good family are now living in this new home. Thus the Free Will Baptist of Tyrrell County are going forward.

The State Association

It has been written about, and talked about, and prayed about, but we want to remind you that it is only five weeks to the convening of the State Association of North Carolina. What we do for the cause of Christ during this Associational year must be done quickly. This month, now on, is Church Finance Association month. Everyone that possibly can, especially every church, or auxiliary, should take a life membership.

Too, perhaps for some reason you have neglected or, failed to look after that offering for Christian Education. Some times for various reasons such things are postponed. If such has happened in your church, why not get that off before the State Association, as October is Superannuation month for North Carolinians. The time when every church should do its best for ministers who have worn out their life in the cause, and also for the protection of those young ministers who are going to wear themselves out, if Jesus tarries, in a few more years.

Storms

We hear of more storms, hurricanes and tornadoes, with great destruction every few days. Down at Wilmington the recent storm's destructive hand is estimated to be two million dollars, in that section alone. In many other parts of Eastern North Carolina and adjoining states there is considerable loss. All this coupled with the unusual drouth and other pestilence, and the destructive war in which the whole world is involved more or less, we are forced to believe that the apostle Paul had a part of this in mind when he said, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come" (2 Tim. 3: 1).

Lovers of Self

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud,

blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God" (2 Tim. 3: 2-4).

We have just read under the head lines, "Boxer Sucumbs to Brain Injury" the account of one "Lem Franklin" a heavyweight, getting such a "knockout" that his brain is so injured that he dies. Yet, multiplied thousands yell and cheer, after paying thousands of dollars to see such brutal fights, and rejoice in seeing the blood flow, and often the life taken in such heathen practices, and call it "fine sports." Such is the sport of the flesh. It is born in Hell. Only the Devil can invent a joy in the death of the wicked. These are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." Christians cannot rejoice in such brutality. Real Christians can only rejoice in the saving of life.

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (I John 2: 16, 17).

It is the lust of the flesh that is damning the world today. The lust of the world exalted Hitler and the lust of the flesh plunged the whole world into the present condition. The lust of the flesh runs ABC (Alcohol Beverage Control) stores, "blind-tigers," pool rooms, dance halls, beer gardens, houses of ill-fame, and makes adulterers and adultresses, along with every desire of sinful man, that is corrupt and base.

Some Things That I See

I see church members coming out from A. B. C. Stores with bottles of liquor right open in their hands. These have reached the place that they do not care for the eyes of others. It is bad to live in sin, but it is worse, I believe, to lose the sense of respect, and reach the place of "don't care." While on the other hand we see them coming out with their liquor in bags (as they say out West, in a "poke") stuck under their arm, and try to hide it when they see the preacher. There is hope of these fellows—the one who is ashamed to drink—if the right person can get him to look up a little. But when a man loses all self-respect it is doubtful as to whether you can reach him or not. Of course we should try.

Infantile Paralysis

In spite of every effort by man infantile paralysis increases. About twelve years ago the nation (a big part of the nation) began to have "big Birthday balls" to raise finance to provide for those who have the disease. We have been informed that the disease has increased more than 87 per cent since that time. God's word says, "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

We have never been able to find any good coming out of "birthday balls" or any other "dance." It was at a "birthday dance" that the daughter of a "lude" woman, asked for the "head of John the Baptist in a charger," at the request of her sinful mother, and a drunken king granted the request. Liquor and dancing often go together with drunkenness and fornication.

If our "BIRTHDAY BALLS" have helped INFANTILE PARALYSIS any, it has not been seen by us. If we would try God rather than dancing and drinking, we would get better results. Why not TRY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

SHADY GROVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Sunday School of Shady Grove Church sponsored its first vacation Bible school during the week of June 26-July 1. We are happy to say that it surpassed our greatest hopes. At the closing services, 125 certificates were awarded. There was a record attendance of 111, and an average daily attendance of 102. We attribute this success to the cooperation of the pastor, Rev. Bob Woolley of Durham, the Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. W. C. Westbrook, and Miss Annadell Dawson who drove their cars to take the children to and from the church.

The week of training was under the able direction of Miss Frances Tinnin of Durham, N. C. Miss Tinnin, who attended the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn., last year, did a splendid work and made a host of friends who will always remember and love her. May our prayers go with her as she goes on working for the Lord.

The school was conducted for the glory of God, and He blessed us day by day. We thank Him and praise His Holy Name.

Teachers for the school were:
Beginners, Mrs. J. M. Dawson.
Primary, Mrs. Kermit Jackson.
Junior Girls, Miss Annadell Dawson.

Junior boys, Miss Lucy Warren.

Intermediates, Rev. Bob Woolley.

Mrs. J. M. Dawson.

CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS' MEETING

The directors of the Church Finance Association met in the Bridgeton Church, July 26, 1944. The meeting was called in order to consider an application from the said church to build Sunday School rooms and remodel the church. The pastor, Rev. J. C. Griffin, explained the plan of building and the Board approved the loan.

The Association was asked to make a five-year program and we arranged the following: We have asked each church to buy one or more memberships per year for the next five years.

Since August is the Church Finance month and many churches could start by sending a first membership of $25 to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C., let me urge you to do that as we have no better time to start.

James A. Evans,

Acting Secretary

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THE NORFOLK CHURCH "RALLIES"

The many readers of the Baptist paper, doubtless, will be glad to learn that the "New Attendance Program" launched at the South Norfolk Free Will Baptist Church, on Sunday, July 23, was a glorious success. Thanks be to God for the answering of his children's prayers. It was a great rally.

As was previously announced, it was a Sunday dedicated to Beaufort County, North Carolina, in honor of its twelve Free Will Baptist Churches. Of these churches sending delegates to the Norfolk services, Free Union led the list with 13; Shiloh, with 12; Trinity with 4; Union Chapel with 3; Ephesus with 2; and Belhaven with one. These Beaufort County churches, in gracious appreciation of their recognition, together with special service offerings, gave to the local church the sum of $63.73 for its Building Fund. Of the churches sending contributions, White Hill was first, with $15; Sydney, $10; Belhaven, $5.

Rev. Duffy Toler delivered two very stirring messages to an overflow congregation at the eleven o'clock hour, and almost a full house at the evening service. Upon arrival Sunday morning, the visitors were greeted by a large white cloth sign, BEAUFORT COUNTY RALLY DAY, placed outside the church at the entrance, which announced the county of honor for the day. The visitors lined up to enter the church for the services. They were greeted inside, and were registered, and given ribbons to identify each from the local church members. There was a large BEAUFORT COUNTY BANNER, hanging high from the ceiling, over and just in front of the pulpit, where everyone could see it. As the visitors entered the auditorium, to be seated, they saw small signs, each one bearing the name of a Beaufort County F. W. B. Church, tacked on strips and scattered about the congregation. This gave the "Atmosphere of the Rally."

Pictures of the assemblage were taken in the morning, both inside during the services, and outside the church at the close of the services. At these two services there were around 40 local Free Will Baptist people who visited us for the first time. It was also interesting, and often touching, to see so many old reunited after many years of separation. And what better place could people meet each other?

After the Union Meeting interval, Pitt County will be the next county to be commemorated, Sunday, August 6, in honor of its 18 Free Will Baptist churches. (Editorial note: We regret, due to delay of this manuscript, this notice could not go in last week's Baptist paper, as was intended so that the Pitt County people would learn of this rally.) The Rev. W. A. Dail of Winterville was the minister to bring the messages for this rally on August 6.

Following the Pitt County Rally, the others in order are as follows: Craven, August 13; Tyrrell, August 20; Washington, August 27. Other counties will be announced a little later, as the plans can be completed.

Church Reporter

HELPING OTHERS

Much praise is due the Baptist. I often show my friends topics of special interest and I have been made to realize good which has been accomplished. Some time ago a minister of the gospel read and took to heart a portion of "Notes and Quotes." In his message recently he said something like this, "Just recently I have overcome a great obstacle, which is fear. I have determined in my heart to preach the gospel in its fullness regardless of who don't like it. Sometime ago I was handed an article which spoke of a young man who was studying to be a preacher, but was undecided whether to be an evangelist or a pastor, as an evangelist could say things differently than that of a pastor. He was advised to take up law instead of preaching for a career."

My minister's friend told me later that the Lord may have inspired Brother Griffin to write the article just for his benefit as it had caused him to cast aside fear of man.

I am writing this with the hope of encouraging other readers to pass along the messages in the Baptist to others. Much good can be accomplished. Truly many of us cannot preach nor write, but we can spread the gospel with our Baptist papers.

Let me add here that I have obtained and passed along one of Brother Hollis' books of sermons. It proved a blessing to me and is worth many times the price asked.

"My word shall not return unto me void."—Isa. 55: 11.

E. W. Mitchell,
Shannon, Ga.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Beaver Creek Association

Friday, August 11, Mt. Zion.
Saturday, August 12, Goshen Grove.
Sunday, August 13, Fairview.
Monday, August 14, Rocky Pass.

Jack's Creek Association

Tuesday, August 15, Higgins Chapel.
Wednesday, August 16, Bald Mountain.
Thursday, August 17, Greene Mountain.
Friday, August 18, Young's Chapel.
Saturday, August 19, Terry's Fork.

French Broad Association

Sunday, August 20, Walnut.
Monday, August 21, Red Hill.
Tuesday, August 22, Marshall.
Wednesday, August 23, Asheville.
Thursday, August 24, East Black Mountain.
Friday, August 25, Swannanoa.
Saturday, August 26, Avery's Creek.
Sunday, August 27, (a. m.), Horney Heights.
Sunday, August 27, (p. m.), Cedar Hill.
Monday, August 28, Union Valley.
Tuesday, August 29, Charity Chapel.

Jack's Creek Association

Wednesday, August 30, Pensacola.
Thursday, August 31, Jack's Creek Association.

GOOD HEALTH RULES

Those of us who have studied hygiene have no doubt learned that there are seven rules for good living and good health. We might classify them thus:

1. Healthy appetite
2. Good food
3. Pure air or atmosphere
4. Regular clean habits
5. Clean living
6. Proper exercise
7. Plenty of rest

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church wish to announce that we have decided to revise our church roll. Any member wishing his or her name to be on the new list, you are requested to be present at our quarterly church conference, which will be held on the second Sunday in September, 1944. Or if you cannot be present, please notify the clerk, James H. Bridgers, 1507 Downing Street, Wilson, N. C., or Mr. J. Frank Parrish, pastor, Elm City, N. C., Route 2.

We are hoping to see or to hear from you by that date.

Yours sincerely,

James H. Bridgers

PROGRAM

The annual session of the Sunday School Convention of the Martin Association will be held with Belview Church near Colquit, Georgia, in Miller County, September 17, 1944. Everyone is invited to come and bring well filled baskets for the lunch hour.

Morning Session

10:00—Song and prayer service
—Devotions by Myrtle Lawrence
—Address of welcome by G. L. Cleveland
—Response by W. O. Smith
—Enrollment of Sunday Schools and delegates
11:30—Midday message by Rev. H. L. Catrett
12:30—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions by W. L. Cleveland
—Program by the various Sunday Schools
—Round-table discussions on Sunday School work
—New business
—Miscellaneous business
—Time and place for next session
3:30—Adjournment
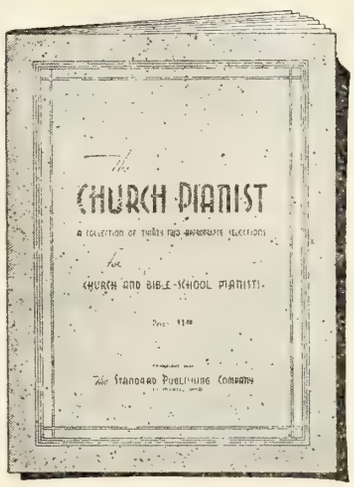
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By Frank C. Biddle

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THE PROPHET IN THE LIFE OF ISRAEL

(Lesson for August 20)

Lesson: I Samuel 3: 19-21; 7: 3-12.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And he that hath My Word, let him speak My Word faithfully" (Jer. 23: 28).

Very little originality is permitted a Western Union messenger boy. A sealed envelope is handed him containing a message addressed to one specific person, and his sole obligation rests in the proper delivery of that envelope. The contents of the message are none of his business, nor can he be held accountable for the reception accorded the news he delivers. If the news is bad and the messenger has a kind heart, he might wish to stop and change the contents of the communication to make it happier or hopeful, but if he does so he will lose his job! No matter what the dispatch may do to grieve and hurt the recipient, there is nothing the dispatch bearer can do except deliver the tidings exactly as he received them for transit. It is required of an emissary only that he be faithful.

In like exact manner God looks upon those who are the custodians of His Word. Our text to-day literally limits the freedom of thought of every Christian, even as it circumscribes the horizons of his conduct. God has not left our race in ignorance of anything we need to know to obtain salvation, nor has He failed to warn the lost of the consequences of their rejection of His Words. This information He committed to writing by the hands of certain secretaries whom He personally chose for their ability and fidelity to His diction.

The great (?) "scholars" of Germany decided that while the Bible was all right in general, there were a few minor errors in it which required revision. So they began the now-historic procedure, and called it "Higher Criticism." They took out certain chapters from some of the Books, and even repudiated entire Books in other sections of God's Word. The work they so ardently began excited the interest of other educators who were also wise above that which was written, and they in turn swept on to greater and more disastrous extremes. Soon the "scholarly" world joined gleefully in the popular game, and their vicious error was perpetuated and extended to other lands and peoples. The disease of unbelief sprouted and thrived in such receptive soil, and Germany was debauched spiritually and swept into a horrible war from whose effects she will not recover for half a century.

Thus an apostasy began which reached our own shores and ruined the fervor and faith of America. Like dumb sheep that blindly follow any leader, our seminary professors accepted the conclusions of the German school, led to this fatal step by reverence for scholarship. When the pulpits of our land began to pass on this poison to those who once filled the pews in our churches, moral discipline began to disappear, men lost their reverence for a Book they no longer believed in, and the educational system of the United States became grossly agnostic in large measure. Our present wave of crime and flood of drunkenness, the modern license in all evil indulgence stems directly from the evil root of a dishonest attitude to God's Word.

Make no mistake about this: it is God's Word! By many infallible proofs the intelligent student of the Bible can prove its Divine origin and its infallible nature, and we are more sure of this fact to-day than we ever were in any past generation. But while we are now coming out of the fog of doubt and unbelief, how about the multitude who were misled by dishonest and mistaken false prophets in the era just closed?

Their epitaph can be inscribed in just two words: "Too late!"

II. Home Work

1. Who is called a Prophet first in the Bible, and by whom? (Gen. 20: 6, 7.)

2. What was the great prophecy of Moses concerning Christ? (Deu. 18: 15, 18).

3. When did God first send a Prophet to Israel? (Judg. 6: 7, 8).

4. Who is usually regarded as the first of the prophetic order? (I Sam. 3: 20).

5. By what name was the Prophet first known in Israel? (I Sam. 9: 9).

6. What three offices did Samuel hold in Israel? (I Sam. 2: 35; 7: 15-17).

7. As what did many of the Jews regard the Lord Jesus? (Lu. 7: 16; Mk. 6: 15; Mat. 21: 11, 46; Lu. 24: 19; John 9: 17).

8. Was Jesus indeed a Prophet? (Lu. 1: 76; Mat. 13: 57; Acts 3: 22; 7: 37).

9. What was the fate of many of the Prophets in Israel? (Mat. 5: 12; 23: 31, 34, 37).

10. What is the relation of the prophets to the Church of Christ? (Eph. 2: 20; 3: 5; 4: 11).

11. Let each one in the class, or home, tell an interesting story about a prophet of their own selection.

12. Study carefully all the lesson material in our quarterlies. There is a reason why their circulation is increasing, and if you are using them you know what that reason is. It would be a good idea to read Chapters 1 to 8 of I Samuel.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee. Psa. 55: 22.

And shall I still the load retain,
Which thou hast offered to sustain?
No; at thy bidding I will flee,
And cast my burdens all on thee.

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Pet. 5: 7.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor

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FAITH

Mrs. Eunice Edwards

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2: 8).

Shall we read this verse again? "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that (that faith) not of yourselves: it (that faith) is the gift of God." We are saved by Grace through faith, and even that faith is not of ourselves, but is the **Gift of God.**

In the light of this verse, then we may go further to say that faith is fundamental in the Christian's creed and conduct. We are saved through faith and further, we walk by faith in our Christian experience.

I'm sure you have heard this illustration given in defining faith: "A small boy was atop a high fence. His father was standing beneath and when all other methods had failed to get the boy to descend from his precarious perch, his father called to him, 'jump, I'll catch you.' Whereupon the child immediately jumped into his father's outstretched arms."

This illustration is given oftentimes to show the penitent that he must accept Christ by faith and that Christ will not fail to catch him. It is a very good illustration, but the one point which is often overlooked in the story is the fact that the child **knew his father.**

Faith is not believing without evidence; it is not a blind leap into nothingness; but true faith is based upon knowledge that God is God and His Word is true and will be true forever and forever. We cannot believe in God without knowledge. But knowledge is not altogether sufficient by itself.

We have a world full of people who believe that God is God; that He is omnipotent, omniscient, holy, just, pure, and all these things, but they only believe with their heads. They do not believe with their **hearts,** in that they have not surrendered their love, and devotion unto Him. And the Scriptures say, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." It isn't enough to acknowledge Christ as the Saviour of the world, but there must also be the assent of the heart to this knowledge. "But as many as **received** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on his name" (John 1: 12).

Further there must be an appropriation unto ourselves of all we know and assent concerning Christ and his work. There is such a thing as saying, "Amen," without surrendering the heart's affections and desires to Christ. I know that water will keep me from dying of thirst, my heart can yearn for water, but until I reach out and take and drink I will not be benefitted. Faith always has in it the idea of action!

Faith is the work of the Triune God. Read Rom. 12: 3; I Cor. 12; Phil. 1: 29; Heb. 12: 2; Gal. 5: 22; I Cor. 12: 9. Are you asking, "if faith is the work of the Triune God, why am I responsible for not having it?" Because you will not allow God to create faith in you and because you will not use the faith he has already entrusted to you.

Remember the time when the Spirit whispered to you to speak to that one about his soul; to teach that Sunday School class; to pray in public, or whatever the task may have been, but you would not? Do you remember your faith failed to grow because you would not yield yourself to the bidding of the Holy Spirit and do the task assigned to you? Had you obeyed, your faith would have been strengthened and made stronger for the next task.

There is a human side to faith. Rom. 10: 17; Acts 4: 4; Eph. 1: 13; Gal. 3: 2-5; Rom. 4: 19; The reading of God's Word is an instrument in the development of faith. The power of prayer in the development of faith must not be under-valued.

I could go further here and give you some Scriptural results of faith, but I shall not take up the space, and too, to impose on our good editor, but I do wish to bring this to your attention:

We are saved by faith, we walk by faith, and **our faith is not based upon nothing.** God is expecting us to use our faith and put it to work in the salvation of the lost and the edifying of the saints. We have a full year ahead of us. There are many, many souls without hope in Christ; that is our first task. Then we are asking for 50,000 co-laborers. Will you help us? You are saying, "that is impossible." "And he said unto them, why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" (Mark 4: 40). "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" (James 2: 20).

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KENLY AUXILIARY

The Women's Auxiliary of the Kenly Church held its regular monthly meeting for July at the home of Mrs. Felton Watson. The meeting was called to order by the president, a song was sung, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Luther Kirby. Different members made talks on the lesson.

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Mrs. C. T. Edwards, Secretary

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IN MEMORIAM

"The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."—Psalm 112: 6.

He has left us for a little while
'Tis true, we miss his voice, his smile.
We miss the kind words he had to say
We miss his presence day by day.

He was a friend to all, the friendless, the foe,
The rich, the poor, the young, the old,
The Widow, the orphan, the lame, the blind
To any in need he was always kind.

It was not great riches that he craved,
To leave behind when he went to his grave.
It was not words of laud and fame,
To add more glory to his name.

His desire was to help those in need,
By some good word, song or deed.
Someone to life who had fallen by the way,
Someone's burden to carry day by day.

He always gave his best in all he would do.
Thought first of others, then self when through.

We hope to meet him on some glad day
When our toils on earth are o'er,
And join him in singing on the beautiful shore
And rejoice for ever more.

This was written in memory of my father, John S. David, who departed from this life December 22, 1943.

By Mrs. Vester Benson

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HOMEGOING OF CUBAN CHRISTIAN

One year ago, on arriving home, I was deeply shocked and grieved over the loss of one of our most attractive and promising boys, Luis Fria.

Luis had a real testimony of a radical conversion and was unceasing in his labors for the Lord on the great American Tobacco farm. One never saw him without his Bible and a group of young men around him. Naturally, when a young man, such as he was, it is a shock. I was on the way to visit him while he was dying, but arrived too late.

Luis was always my right hand man at Rio Seco. It was my happy privilege to bury him and his grandmother in the waters of baptism. Rev. Henry Melvin was present at the baptismal services and has pictures of both Luis and his grandmother, with whom he lived.

Luis was our first Free Will Baptist member in Cuba, to die.

The picture included with the article is a very good likeness. He was, I estimate, twenty-two years of age.

Our loss is his gain, but he being dead still speaketh. His consecrated life is an undying example in the community and the church of Rio Seco.

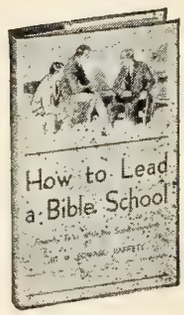
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There are millions yet who shall die. Do we let them die without hope? God help us to teach them to live that they might be ready to die.

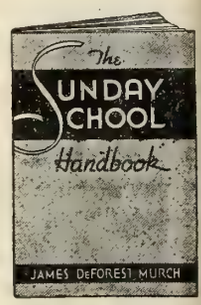
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To the sky from the clay and the clod.

To sweetness and beauty it grows under care,
Neglected, 'tis ragged and wild;
'Tis a flower that is tender and wonderfully rare,
The sweet wistful soul of a child.

Oh, gardener, be tender, and give it its share,
Of nurture, of warmth, and of light;
And let it not lack for thy painstaking care,
To protect it from frost and from light.

A glad day will come when its bloom will unfold,
You'd think that an angel had smiled;
Reflecting a sweetness and beauty untold
In the sensative soul of a child.

—Anon.

Selected by Mrs. Sallie Fornes,
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Reverend L. H. Wetherington, president of the Board of Directors and Stockholders of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, is sending out this early a call, requesting that the churches, and Union meetings of the State appoint someone to represent their stock at the Annual Stockholders meeting which will be held in September. He felt that it is important to have at this coming meeting a good representation of stock held by individuals, churches, union meetings and conferences.

Brother Wetherington is looking forward to being able to attend this Stockholders meeting in September, as he is now improving in health. He is greatly interested in seeing the business of the Press go forward, and to have it serve the whole denomination even in a larger way during the coming years.—R. B. Spencer, Secretary to the Board.

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The following is the Report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. F. W. B. State Association for July, 1944.

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BOB LEARNS TO BE GRATEFUL

Bob stalked out of the house. Every step he took showed that he was angry. This was nothing new for Bob. Always Bob became angry when his parents punished him for wrong-doing. This time he had failed to lay a brick up close to the opening in the chicken house, and a rat had killed some of the chickens. His mother had taken the price of the chickens from his allowance.

"I wouldn't care if I hadn't planned to buy a new kite to-day," he muttered. "Why should she punish me for something I forgot?" he asked his pup, Spot.

Spot listened quietly, but was watching for a chance to jump down off the bushel basket. Bob was scowling when a kind voice behind him said, "Cheer up, Bob. It's not so bad as you think."

"Yes, it is," mumbled Bob. "Mother knew I was planning to buy a kite to-day. She just wanted to keep me from buying it—just 'cause she doesn't like them."

"Don't say that, Bob," said uncle Bill. He said it so sternly that Bob looked up, surprised.

"You know better than that, and you must not speak so of your mother. Suppose you had a mother like Ted Taylor has."

"I think that would be fine," said Bob. "She let's Ted do as he pleases. He has lots of money to spend, and she doesn't blame him for every little thing he does."

"I'm afraid his money won't be much comfort in jail," said Uncle Bill.

"In jail! What do you mean?" asked Bob.

"Ted was caught stealing last night

and is in jail now," his uncle told him. "You know yourself that he was dishonest. Maybe if his mother had punished him for taking an apple that didn't belong to him, as your mother did when you did that, he would have learned to be honest."

"Maybe so," admitted Bob. "I know I never have taken anything since that day Mother made me earn a nickel and take it to Mr. Morris."

"Yet you were ever so angry because you had to do it. Remember? You thought Mrs. Taylor was kind to let Ted off as she did—but don't you suppose he wishes to-day that someone had taught him to be honest?"

"I expect so."

"Ted is like that tree," said Uncle Bill, pointing to a crooked apple tree in the yard. "He was allowed to do as he pleased—and children never please to do right unless trained to do so.

Ted has become a crook. Perhaps you would have, too, if it hadn't been for your parents. They were kind enough to punish you, and you have a name for honesty now."

"I hadn't thought of that," said Bob.

"You told me the other day that it is hard for you not to be careless about following directions. A man at my office lost his job the other day because of that very thing. Don't you think your mother is doing you a kindness to insist that you learn to do what you are told, in the manner you are directed? It may help you be a successful man later on in life."

Bob looked up and smiled. "You're right," he said. "I'm sorry I was so cross about not getting to buy my kite to-day. I'm going to ask Jesus to help me be more thankful for parents who are helping me learn to do right."

"That's right, Bob. You know, God has commanded parents to train their children. He is displeased when parents allow their children to 'get by' with wrong-doing. The Bible tells of a man who loved God himself, but did not make his children do what was right. Mrs. Taylor is being punished now by having Ted in jail. God would punish your parents, too, if they did not punish you when you do wrong. It is God's plan that parents punish children when they do wrong, just as God punishes grown people. If you were not punished when you did wrong, you would not learn that God will not 'put up' with wrong-doing. I'm sure many people are in hell to-day because they never learned when children that every wrong-doing must be punished."

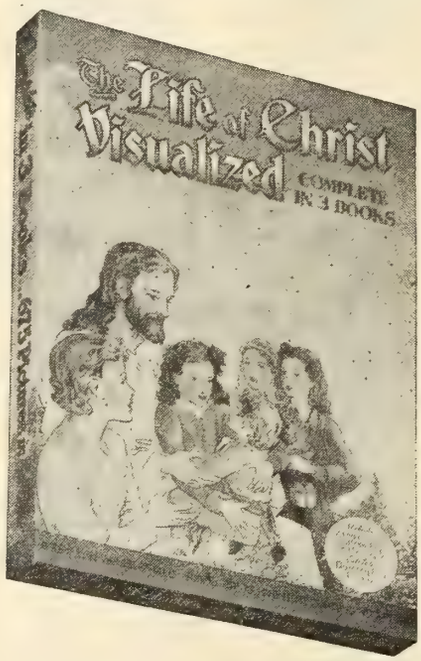
Bob turned Spot loose. "Thank you for talking to me like this, Uncle Bill," he said. "From now on I'm going to be more grateful for the kind of father and mother I have."

And he was.—O. P. Boys and Girls.

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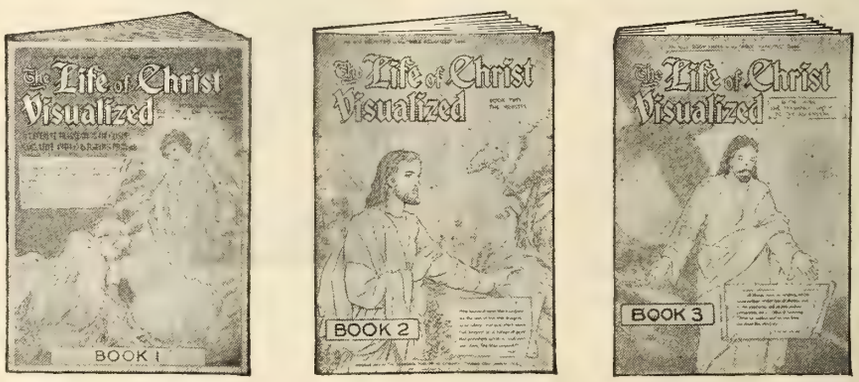
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A day of tender memory,
  A day of sacred hours,
Of little bands of marching men,
  Of drums and flags and flowers.

A day when a great nation halts
  Its mighty, throbbing pace,
And pays its meed of gratitude
  And love with willing grace.

A day when battles are retold,
  And eulogies are said,
When dirges sound, and chaplains read
  The office for the dead.

A day when fairest, sweetest blooms
  Are laid upon each grave,
And wreaths are hung on monuments,
  And banners, half-mast, wave.

A day to keep from year to year
  In memory of the dead;
Let music sound, and flowers be laid
  Upon each resting-bed.

—Emma A. Lent

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EDITORIAL

One of the best known men of Ayden and vicinity, Brother George Dail (better known by most people as Uncle George) passed away last week. Uncle George was eighty-eight years old, and had enjoyed reasonably good health all his life until a few days before his death.

Brother Dail was greatly respected and beloved by most everyone who was well acquainted with him. He was a consecrated Christian, and a member of the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church. He joined the church when he was twelve years old, and proved faithful to his convictions in serving the Lord as long as he lived. He will be greatly missed by his friends and loved ones, as he was happy and cheerful, and had a good word for everyone.

For many years Brother Dail took great interest in the Baptist paper by soliciting subscriptions for it among his friends at the conferences, union meetings, associations, conventions and revival meetings. We shall miss him very much here at the Press, as he so frequently would come in and have a cheerful word and turn in the subscriptions which he had secured for the paper.

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The Stockholders of the Free Will Baptist Press will hold their annual meeting this year on Monday, September 11, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. The president of the company, Rev. L. H. Wetherington, is asking that each individual, church or church organization that holds stock in the company to represent this year in this annual meeting. He has already sent out a request through the columns of the Baptist paper to this effect, and is expecting that the churches, union meetings, conferences and associations that have stock to represent this time in this annual session.

As secretary of the Board of Directors and of the Stockholders meeting, we are asking each Board member to look forward to being present for this meeting on September 11, as well as the representatives from the churches, unions, conferences and associations, etc.

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The North Carolina State Association will convene in a few weeks at Reedy Branch Church, in Pitt County, near Ayden. The days will be September 13 and 14, and this session is expected to be an important one. There are matters of vital importance to the churches of North Carolina to be transacted in the association, and a splendid attendance is desired by the officials of the association so that all of the churches may have representation in the meeting.

Each Free Will Baptist church in the State is requested to fill out properly the church letter sent to them by the secretary of the association, and send it and the contribution, together with the delegates, to the association in September. Since the work of the association is increasing in scope and effectiveness, more money is needed this year than ever to enable it to do more for the different outstanding phases of the denominational work. Each church should increase its contribution this time for this purpose. The church people have more money, as a whole, than usual and can contribute more to the work of the local church, so that the church can in turn make larger contributions to the state and district church organizations when they convene.

There are a number of church organizations in the state that are not members of the State Association, but should come in at this time, and be made a part of this larger body of the Free Will Baptist work of the state. They should identify themselves with the association, and let it be known how they are accomplishing things for the Lord in their local districts. Where there is unity there is strength; where there is brotherly love and Christian fellowship there is harmony and peace; and where there is organized plans and purposes there is the rich achievement for Christ and righteousness. Why not, then, become a part of the greater organization of Free Will Baptists in the State of North Carolina by taking membership in the association in September?

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The Free Will Baptist church is growing. There is no doubt about that. Though the growth be slow, yet it is sure, we believe. A firm belief in its teachings and practices, and a willingness to do things for the Lord constitute the essentials for growth. And many have both of these.

As a whole the local churches everywhere are moving forward as never before in the Free Will Baptist denomination. The churches are increasing their memberships; the leaders of the local churches are gaining a larger vision for Christian work; and the ministry is launching out into fields of greater whole-time services for the cause of righteousness. Church buildings are being made better and more adequate for the needs of the local congregations. A greater church pride (spiritual interest) is being shown more and more all the while in many of the churches, both in the towns and in the rural districts. Progress is being made.

But we have a long way to go yet before we shall be able to achieve big things as a denomination for the Lord. Greater educational advantages must be provided for the coming years; many missionaries must be trained for the foreign fields; and the work in the homeland must go forward in the cities and the rural districts. Giving, living and serving shall have to be the cry from every pulpit; sacrificing, planning, and praying shall have to be made freely by the laity in the pews, before this greater task shall be accomplished by the whole denomination. The final word is STEWARDSHIP in each local church—time, talent, means—of the local church membership, as God has blessed each member in abilities to serve, possessions to give, and time to utilize for the glory of the cause of Christ.

"Tongues"

Rev. Fred Dellinger
Nebo, N. C., Route 1

For the last few years there have been much bewilderment and misunderstanding of the scriptures concerning the subject of "Tongues." With much prayer and study, I shall try to explain the different kinds of tongues spoken of in the Bible.

The Apostle Paul in II Timothy 2: 15, 16 says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But to shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase to more ungodliness." Then again, we want to look at Acts 2: 4, 5, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language." So, friends, we can see by these scriptures that the tongues spoken of here were languages, or of words spoken of other nations that were spoken as the Spirit gave utterance, and not the vain babblings we often hear in some of the denominations today.

While we know that the Apostle Paul says, "Forbid not to speak with tongues," and rightly so, for Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." How could we preach to other nations unless we spoke their languages, or had interpreters along to interpret for us our words to them. The interpreter would have to know more than one language. Paul said, therefore, "study to show thyself approved unto God," that is, be able to answer to whatever calling you are called to do. Read the fourteenth chapter of First Corinthians. We find that there are two kinds of tongues spoken of there. The "unknown tongue" is often taught as "tongues," but let us look at the second verse of this chapter. It reads thus, "For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries." The latter part of Romans 8: 26 is as follows: "For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Now let us turn back to the Old Testament to First Samuel, chapter one, where Hannah was grieved in her soul because she had borne her husband no children. She went up before the priest Eli and prayed unto the Lord until Eli thought she must be drunk, for he could see her lips move but he could hear no utterance from her. God was hearing and in due time answered her prayer. So, it is no wonder that Paul says, "He that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto man but unto God." Hannah's prayer could not be understood by man, but the Holy Spirit was making intercession for her.

In St. Mark's Gospel, chapter sixteen, and the latter part of verse seventeen, we find mentioned the third tongue which we want to mention briefly: "They shall speak with new tongues." Some may say this was plural, "tongues," but let us notice the "they" which is also plural. If there is more than one person, there must be more than one tongue. As to the "new tongue," I received it when the spiritual birth came to me. The things that I once loved to talk about have left me, and the new birth has made me a new man. It gave me a new tongue, but not the kind for vain babblings, nor ungodly acts. It is to glorify God with joy and to win lost souls to the Lord.

If people would search out the hidden mysteries of God instead of taking a verse here and there, just to prove or uphold a certain point, they would understand better the will of God and what Christ really came into the world to do for sindul man. We are not to argue about certain things, but to do our part in saving sinners that we might have a part in the new way of life. May this brief message enable others to live nearer the Lord by the study of His word. May everyone be able to understand the scriptures better by diligent study, and be better people for God's glory.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Bible—Christian Propaganda

"One of the most active exponents of foreign missions is Adolph Hitler. For ten years his missionaries have been at work in every part of the world. There is no longer any question as to whether or not we are going to have foreign missions. The only question is whether the missionaries will be teaching Machiavelli and Nietzsche, upon whose ideas Fascism is based, or the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are going to have plenty of pernicious 'missionary' movements. We must be wise enough to increase our activities in propagating the good news of Jesus. We must be as wise in our strategies with truth as the dictators are with error."—Bible Society Record.

The Editor of the American Bible Society Record stated in words the very thing that this writer has been preaching for a good while. While he only mentions Facism, but we can well include Communism. These two "isms" do not agree within themselves but they are both the same in results. They are contrary to the teachings of our Christ. They are enemies of the Church of Christ.

Our Responsibility

As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ we are responsible for a great work which lies ahead of us. No one will carry the GOSPEL to this old sin-soaked, lipuor-drinking, adulter-

ous world, except those who are on the Lord's side. When I say "on the Lord's side," I mean those who are sanctified in the Lord Jesus, through His shed blood and the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Hypocrits and "lovers of self" will not make the sacrifice that it is going to take to meet the un-godly isms that are flooding the world, and very likely will be more plentiful after the war; providing the Lord Jesus does not take His church up to the great "meeting in the air."

Meeting at Antioch

According to the arrangements we are to begin a series of evangelistic meetings at Antioch, Craven County, Monday night after the Third Sunday in August. We are soliciting the prayers of all God's children throughout the whole denomination, together with all who believe that through Jesus Christ God answers every real prayer that meets the requirements as laid down by our Lord. Pray God will use us in the conviction and the salvation of the lost of that community. I believe in the old-fashion "CONVERSION" that really takes the lost sinner out of the clutches of Satan and places him in the BODY OF THE LORD JESUS.

A Soldier's Prayer

"Dear Mother:
Are they praying for us at home?
Are they meeting together for prayer,
Or are they going on in the usual way,
As they did when I was there?

We thank them for their money,
We thank them for their care,
But, oh, just tell them, dear mother,
We are needing so much their prayer!

Will you ask them to gather together,
To meet at our Father's Throne
That we may be kept from faltering
When we feel we are standing alone?

There are moments when courage fails us,
And dangers around us stare,
Do tell them again, dear mother,
We are needing so much their prayer!"

Let This Be Our Response:

"Surely their voices must touch us,
As they echo from over the sea,
And call us away from our pleasures,
To help them on bended knee.

We are sending them goodies and clothing,
And seeking their burdens to share,
But oh, let our meetings be crowded,
When kneeling together in prayer."

—Christian Victory.

Our Prayer Meeting

We have just returned from Bridgeton where we met in a cottage prayer meeting. This meeting is known as "The Prayer Band." It was organized just after Pearl Harbor was bombed. The object was to pray "for the boys of Bridgeton" but as time went on those who were interested began to present the names of their friends. The list grew until long ago it was approximately 150. These boys have served in the camps here in the home land, and in the armed forces over, and on the seas, where we have been forced to fight. Some are in the Navy, some are marines, while others are in the army, and other services of the government. Thanks be to God for His wonderful keeping power. A very few have been wounded, but to those who believe in God we are glad to say that "God is faithful" and he has heard the prayers that have been sent up for these boys. But, one strange thing, there are parents and friends, who seem to be as anxious over the safety of those who are not their own children and relatives, as their very own. While there are those whose relatives are on the list, who have never attended a single prayer meeting. But so far, not a single wound has been received by any one in the service, whose parents, relative, or special friend has been active in the prayer meeting, if so we have not heard of the incident. GOD DOES ANSWER PRAYER.

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REVIVAL AT STACY

I feel led by the blessed Holy Spirit to tell you readers of the Baptist of our splendid revival which closed on fourth Sunday night in June. Rev. W. H. Landcaster and Bro. Latham Phillips of Smithfield, labored with us for two weeks.

It seemed up until last year that the time of revivals had passed here at Stacy, but thank the Lord we had one last year and another this year.

Bro. Landcaster did good preaching at every service and some interest was shown but no moves were made until the last night when six young people came for baptism. It was a happy time. Two others were received by letter the same night.

Our pastor, Rev. J. R. Forrest, New Bern, N. C., was able to be with us part of the time.

As a result of the revival our Sunday School attendance has increased considerably, the Ladies Aid work has taken on new life and best of all we have prayer meeting every Sunday night at the church, except when we have preaching. These prayer services are well attended.

We beg the prayers of all praying people everywhere that a revival may come to such an extent as to touch and bless the souls of every person living here.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Weldon Fulcher

SPRING BRANCH REVIVAL

It is the custom at Spring Branch for any new pastor to conduct the Revival meeting the first year he serves our church. So Rev. M. L. Johnson, who was elected last October, at the close of our three years of splendid leadership under Rev. W. L. Moretz, will begin revival services in this church on the fourth Sunday night in August.

We are looking forward to some inspiring messages; and are extending a hearty invitation to YOU to come out and worship with us. We would also ask that you pray with us for the good of this and other revival meetings.

Lorene Beaman,
Walstonburg, N. C.

THE YOUNG MAN TIMOTHY

"To Timothy, my dearly beloved son; Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord" (II Tim. 1: 2).

Timothy was a young man dearly loved by Paul. To us this statement carries two suggestions. The first is that Paul the valiant Apostle had a loving disposition toward others. He knew how to love as well as how to preach. The second thought is that Timothy, Paul's son in the Gospel, was worthy of being loved. Some people probably wonder why they are not loved by others today. As a rule, they are not lovable. We are not talking of looks, but of characteristics. If we want people to love us, we must be kind, gentle, considerate, and not selfish, crabbed and filled with fault-finding. So many people want to gossip all the bad news they can hear of, but never say anything about the good. They are ready to criticize, but never ready to hold up.

Timothy was a young man for whom Paul prayed. Again, we have two things. First, the man who prayed. Paul was more than a preacher and an instruoctr. Paul was a praying man. He prayed for individuals. Paul prayed day and night. Oh that we as Christians today might pray more! That we might know the power there is in prayer! That we might realize the need of prayer for ourselves and others !

Secondly, we have the man for whom Paul prayed. Paul prayed for Timothy because Timothy had knit himself around Paul's heart. Paul saw in Timothy the possibilities of a real workman, and he prayed for him. Many times we pray selfish prayers, we think only of ourselves, but we should pray one for another. When we as Christians love one another as Paul loved Timothy then we will pray for one another. Paul's love for Timothy was real, He greatly desired to see him. The love Timothy had for Paul was also real. Paul tells us how Timothy wept when he was taken away from him. These tender touches in the Bible record make Christianity glow with beauty. Timothy also had faith that was unfeigned. It was not a faith that was counterfeit, but a faith that was real and genuine, one that would stand the test — a faith that was taught him from his mother's knee.

Paul said, "The unfeigned faith which is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that is in thee also." Timothy had been brought up in a Christian home and the great apostle Paul was persuaded that he had the faith of his mother and grandmother. If we as parents today could only realize the great need of teaching our children the word of God and the ways of God, our coming generations would have a better world to live in. As it is, we are going on thinking nothing of the young people, giving them no place in the church and in the work of Christ. If the children of Israel had taught their children the word of God and the ways of God they probably would not have had to suffer the afflictions at the hands of the enemy. But they failed to teach them the things of Christ, and after the judges died the young people grew up knowing nothing about God and His Word. As we go into many homes today, we find magazines of all kinds on the front room table, and all kind of pictures on the wall which tell us what kind of training the children are getting. If we as parents could realize that the pattern we lay before our child will more or less govern that life, I believe we would be more concerned about the way we live before them. Watch the chain gangs and penitentiaries and see how many of the criminals come from Christian homes, how many of them were raised in homes where the parents attended church and Sunday School.

Paul was able to place great confidence in Timothy because he knew the life that he had been taught to live. He admonishes him to stir up the gift of God which had been given him, and not to be ashamed of the testimony of Christ. May we as Christians and parents awake to the sense of our duty toward our children and toward God.

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DAILY FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

By Rev. G. T. DELL
Moultrie, Ga.

The first and chief need of our Christian life is fellowship with God. The divine life within us comes from God, and it is entirely dependent upon him. As I need every moment afresh the air to breath, so it is in direct living communication with God that my soul can be strong. I must every day have fresh grace from heaven, and I obtain it only by direct waiting upon God Himself.

Take time to meet God. Let your first act in your devotion be a setting yourself before God. In prayer or worship, everything depends upon God taking chief place. I must be ever before him in humble faith, and adoration. God is near, longing to communicate himself to man. God the Almighty worketh all in all, and is even waiting to work in all and make Himself known to all.

God is very near. When you have given God His place of honor, glory and power, take your place of deepest lowliness, and seek to be filled with the spirit of humility. As a creature it is your blessedness to be nothing that God may be all in you. As a sinner you are not worthy to look up to God. As a saint let God's love overwhelm you, and bow still lower, sink down before him in humility, meekness, patience, and surrender to his goodness and mercy. He will exalt YOU.

God delights in His Beloved Son, and can be satisfied in nothing less in those who draw nigh to Him. Enter deep into God's holy presence in the boldness which the blood gives, and in the assurance that in Christ you are most well pleasing. In Christ you have access into the very heart and love of the Father. This is the great object of fellowship with God.

Be silent before God and let Him bless you. This Christ is a living person. He loves you with a perfect personal response of your love. Look into his face with trust till His love really shines into your heart. Make his Heart glad by telling Him you do love Him. He offers Himself to you as a personal Saviour. We have not

only Christ's life in us as a power, and his presence with us as a person, but we have His likeness to be wrought into us. He is to be formed in us, so that His form or figure, his likeness, can be seen in us. Bow before God until you get some sense of the greatness and blessedness of the work to be carried on by God in you. God who revealed Jesus in the flesh and perfected him will reveal him in thee and perfect thee in him. The Father loves the son and delights to work out his image and likeness in us.

As you meditate on this wondrous salvation and seek full fellowship with the great and holy God, and wait on him to reveal Christ in you, then you will feel how needful the giving up of all is to receive Him.

A TOUR OF REVIVAL MEETINGS

Dear Baptist Readers:

This is to state that I am still on the field of service for God. I left Soper, Oklahoma, on July 12, 1944, for Meskete, New Mexico, to assist Rev. A. F. Pierce, of El Paso, Texas, in a revival meeting. We had a fine meeting there, and could have organized a church, but thought it best to wait until we can get a church building erected in which to worship. The people are planning to build a church sometime in the future. We do not have a Free Will Baptist church in the State of New Mexico, but we would be very glad to see one started there.

It would be fine if we had a Building Fund in our denomination from which money could be used for such purposes in establishing churches in states where there are none already established.

I left New Mexico and began a revival meeting at Union Hill Church in Alabama. It was a good meeting with four conversions. They have a nice church building there, and the people were splendid to work with in the services. On the Third Sunday in July we began a meeting at St. John's Church, near Bonifay, Florida. This is also a nice little church, and they have a fine young man as their pastor, Rev. John Rich.

From that church I went to Travellers' Rest Church on the Fourth Sunday in July for a meeting. We met some very fine people in this church. They are doing some good things for God. They have a fine church building. The music for the meeting was very good with special quartet singing. Rev. James Roberts is their pastor. We baptized three converts at the close of this meeting. I was very glad to work with Brother Roberts while at this church in the meeting.

I left Travellers' Rest Church early on the Fifth Sunday morning for a Sunday School convention at Piny Grove Church near Chipley, Florida. Several Sunday Schools were represented at this convention. There were a large number of singers present, and it was a fine occasion. I preached at the eleven o'clock hour, and a fine dinner was spread on the church grounds after the services were over. At the close of the convention, I left for Panther Creek Church, which is northeast of Slocomb, Alabama. We had services that night, as I arrived in time for the services. The meeting began in a fine spirit. I left this church for Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and visited my daughter and family a few days for some rest.

Yours for the cause of Christ,

Rev. M. M. McKee,

Soper, Oklahoma

NOTICE

All Free Will Baptists who have manuscripts in preparation for books, pamphlets, periodicals, Gospel tracts, etc., that they would like to have printed into publication, we wish to state that the Board of Publication and Literature of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet at Nashville, Tenn., at the Free Will Baptist College, on Tuesday following the Third Sunday in October—October 17, 1944.

We are meeting to pass on the above described manuscripts, and to make plans for the publication of the same. If you have such manuscripts now in preparation, please make plans to have them finished and in our hands by that date. Address all communications to:

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MY CHRISTIAN DUTY

As I travel along this pilgrim road
I want to lighten another's load.
It brings to my life more joy and beauty,
And above all, it's my Christian duty.

Often I meet with those in need
Of the Gospel, on which their souls to feed.
To my surprise they have never heard
The story, it's my duty to spread the Word.

Then—there are those who long for a friend,
One who will keep them to the end.
It's my duty to tell them where to find
Such a Friend, so loving and kind.

There are millions of tasks that have to be done
Before I approach the setting sun;
That will add to my life more joy and beauty,
And give to God my Christian duty.

Venie M. Carney.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rosebud Free Will Baptist Church wish to announce that we have decided to revise our church roll. Any member wishing his or her name to be on the new list, you are requested to be present at our quarterly church conference, which will be held on the second Sunday in September, 1944. Or if you cannot be present, please notify the clerk, James H. Bridgers, 1507 Downing Street, Wilson, N. C., or Mr. J. Frank Parrish, pastor, Elm City, N. C., Route 2.

We are hoping to see or to hear from you by that date.

Yours sincerely,

James H. Bridgers

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions
Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BY BOARD OF EDUCATION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Inasmuch as Rev. L. C. Johnson, president of the Free Will Baptist Bible College for the first two years of its history, tendered his resignation as president of said institution on July 14, 1944, in favor of a full-time preaching ministry; and inasmuch as, after due consideration of said resignation, it was deemed the only thing the Board could do to accept the same; and inasmuch as it immediately became the responsibility of the Board to procure the services of someone who could efficiently fill the vacancy caused by the Rev. Mr. Johnson's resignation, the Board reached the following decision on the following stated grounds: Rev. L. R. Ennis of Goldsboro, North Carolina, having served the National Association for the first three years of its present plan of operation as its Executive Secretary, and his having proven his worth in the fields of organization and instructions as such, and having had to do specifically with every movement in our Educational Program as advisory counsel since July 15, 1940, and having been proved as to his worth in the field of Christian Education and knowing that his love for the cause would not allow him to do less than to commit himself wholly to the successful prosecution of our Cause, the Board of Education of the National Association of Free Will Baptists of the United States of America unanimously elected the Rev. Mr. Ennis to the presidency of the Free Will Baptist Bible College at nine o'clock a. m., July 15, 1944. Mr. Ennis was not able to give an answer to the Board at that time; hence, the matters of final business arrangements were of necessity deferred until the proposition could be thoroughly studied by him.

At 10:20 o'clock Sunday night, July 30, 1944, a majority of the members of the Board met in the basement of the Edgemont Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina, with the Rev. Mr. Ennis present. After the meeting was called to order by Chairman Henry Melvin and prayer by F. A. Rivenbark, a counter proposition was made to the Board by Mr. Ennis to the effect that he would accept the position on a basis of acting president of the Free Will Baptist Bible College without written contract. The counter proposition was unanimously accepted by all members of the Board present and it was forwarded to the other members for their approval. This plan provides for the termination of the office of acting president at any time.

Signed:

Henry Melvin, Chairman,

J. R. Davidson, Secretary

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MESSAGE FROM THE FIELD WORKER

Dear Co-Workers:

I want to tell you about our plans for another year. I do wish you could have been with us at the last National Association. It was the greatest one ever held, I feel. Some of you who will read this message were there, but others who were not present, I wish they could have been, and have enjoyed the fine things done in this last session.

In the first place, our women have just finished the greatest year's work ever witnessed by Free Will Baptist women since the Auxiliary Convention was organized in 1935. When I arrived in Flat River for the convention, one of the women from Michigan handed to me the report of the Auxiliary organized in her state. This made my heart to rejoice to know that they had accomplished this fine work. They will be able by another year to come into the National Auxiliary Convention, with a group of auxiliaries instead of one.

One splendid phase of the work of the convention was the setting forth of the program of "50,000 Membership Campaign" for the new year. The plan is to get 50,000 praying people to come together in one united effort for lost souls. Now, sometime during the year, a dollar will be given by each member (more if God leads) for this wonderful work. Some have already given their dollars, Brother J. B. Bloss, of Columbis, Tennessee, being the first one to do so. There are some who have already given as much as one dollar per month for next year. The plan was received with great joy in the convention. We praise the Lord for this wonderful start!

We have just received a letter from Sister Polston stating that Brother Bloss had already sent in $100 for the members from his church, and that they were all on the altar for this campaign. So Columbia Church of Tennessee is the first to go on record, and first to be on the Honor Roll. We are asking that all of our pastors co-operate with the presidents of the auxiliaries. Remember, this Honor Roll will be published in the Baptist and the Gem papers from time to time. In this way we shall be able to tell just what we are doing as each month passes.

I am asking the churches to send to me the number of new names monthly, so that I can keep the list always before the people. This will show just how the work will go forward. By working together a wonderful work can be achieved during the year.

I have visited a number of churches since the National Association convened in July, and had splendid results. It was certainly a grand privilege to have had Sister Tommie Franklin with me on this tour South. She is a fine spiritual character, con-

secrated to any task for the glory of the Lord. Our first visit was with the Frederickton Church where Brother and Sister C. F. Zinn have charge of the work there. It is a beautiful church made of red granite with full basement and plenty of Sunday School rooms. In our services while there one precious soul was saved, and 32 people took membership in the "Membership Campaign." This pastor and his church people are in full accord with every phase of the National work.

We next visited the Flat River Church, and while there we secured new members for the campaign. We are quite sure that this church will be a one hundred per cent church for the "Membership Campaign" before the year shall close.

At this point we will make mention of the fact that we do not send the money in that we collect on the campaign. We give the church and auxiliary that privilege. We feel that it will be a greater incentive to our good people as a whole by doing it this way. Thus, they will feel a greater interest in the great move.

Our next stop was with Brother and Sister James F. Miller, who are very dear servants of the Lord. They have been our co-workers for years. Brother Miller is pastor of Desloge Church at this time, and it was indeed a joy to visit with this church. The women of this church are doing a fine work. When the campaign program was presented at the night service, Brother and Sister Miller were the first to join. We received only a few members at this time, as others decided to join later on, when they were ready to pay the dollor. God bless them.

Our next church was in St. Louis, and we visited two groups while we were there. Brother and Sister Mark Lewis have charge of the Third F. W. B. Church in the city. This church has been brought by the pastor from a mission church to a full-time church, which is doing wonderful things for the Lord. They are supporting all of the National work. This pastor and his good wife were the first to join this "Membership Campaign." I believe every member present in that service joined also. God bless those willing workers and their good pastor.

We next visited Brother Harvey Hill's mission church in another part of the great city. This is a new work, and they are a very zealous people for the Lord. They are all lined up with our National program. It will soon be a strong church. Brother Hill is a fine young man, and is doing a great work with those people. May the Lord bless him and the work which he is doing. Please keep this group on your prayer list.

Our next stop was in Oklahoma, at the Wewoka Church with Brother and Sister John H. West. They had things lined up for us when we arrived, as they had attended the Association in Flat River. Oh, what a joy when all of us are working together! When this campaign was presented, Brother West arose from his seat, and said, "Put us down for 100 members, and we will begin right away to send in the money." This was indeed a great surprise. The women are going forward with their auxiliary also in this church. May God bless all of these dear people. We do thank God for such pastors as Brother West and others. These are days of rejoicing in Oklahoma.

Tecumseh, in Oklahoma, was our next stop. Brother and Sister Epperson have charge of this work, and they are doing fine in the service of the Lord. We had a fine service, though the weather hindered some from attending the services. We do enjoy visiting this church, for we have conducted nine revival meetings there during our gospel ministry, since the last 25 years. May the Lord richly bless this good pastor and his fine people. We went to Earlsboro, but due to a storm, we had a poor service. The number who joined this "Membership Campaign" was small, but later on I am sure there will be more to take membership with us.

From Oklahoma we went on to Texas to be present for the Quarterly meeting at the Blue Lake Church. It was a fine meeting and we feel that much good was accomplished. The mission spirit prevailed throughout the entire meeting. A Home Mission Program was launched for Texas to enter the towns where we have no churches. When we presented the "50,000 Membership Campaign" most all the delegates spoke in favor of their churches. They took memberships while there. And this is what I told them: "With Christ our Leader, and fifty thousand praying, and fifty thousand paying," the church will reap the greatest harvest ever seen. Put the Devil on the run and we will see the greatest soul winning campaign ever begun.

We are in Florida now visiting a group of churches which are pastored by Brother J. M. Rich. As we had not seen our companion since May, God has given us the privilege to see him again for a few days. Then we will be back in full services again. He does not feel able to tour in the congested crowds, he is still praying for our great work, and perhaps many of us who do get credit for a great work has been due to the fact that someone has been praying for us. God alone knows the good that has been accomplished because of others praying for us while we were out on the field for His righteous cause.

All churches and auxiliaries wishing to be placed on the Honor Roll monthly, please send to me the number of your memberships, and let us do our best to make this "50,000 Membership Campaign" mean 50,000 souls saved for Christ, as well as $50,000 which we want to come into our treasury by the end of the year.

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams.

THE HONOR ROLL

Tennessee

Columbia, 100 members ____$100.00

Missouri

Franklington, 32 members __ 15.00
Flat River, 22 members ____ 20.00
Desloge, 7 members _____ 5.00
Third F. W. B. Church, St. Louis, 20 members _____ 11.00
Mission Church, St. Louis, 19 members _____ 13.00

Oklahoma

Wewoka, 100 members, Pay Later.

Tecumseh, 7 members 7.00
Earlsboro, 4 members 2.00

Texas

Bryan, 7 members 7.00
Houston, 5 members 5.00
Pine Grove, 15 members 1.00

Lizzie McAdams

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Beaver Creek Association

Friday, August 11, Mt. Zion.
Saturday, August 12, Goshen Grove.
Sunday, August 13, Fairview.
Monday, August 14, Rocky Pass.

Jack's Creek Association

Tuesday, August 15, Higgins Chapel.
Wednesday, August 16, Bald Mountain.
Thursday, August 17, Greene Mountain.
Friday, August 18, Young's Chapel.
Saturday, August 19, Terry's Fork.

French Broad Association

Sunday, August 20, Walnut.
Monday, August 21, Red Hill.
Tuesday, August 22, Marshall.
Wednesday, August 23, Asheville.
Thursday, August 24, East Black Mountain.
Friday, August 25, Swannanoa.
Saturday, August 26, Avery's Creek.
Sunday, August 27, (a. m.), Horney Heights.
Sunday, August 27, (p. m.), Cedar Hill.
Monday, August 28, Union Valley.
Tuesday, August 29, Charity Chapel.

Jack's Creek Association

Wednesday, August 30, Pensacola.
Thursday, August 31, Jack's Creek Association.

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The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor*,
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"FEED MY LAMBS, FEED MY SHEEP"

"Feed my lambs, feed my sheep," said the Lord one day,
To a called disciple who dared to stray
To seek for wealth and worldly gain
While the lambs were bleating in hunger and pain.

Both hungry and weary they need food and care,
A Shepherd to guide them in study and prayer.
Behold the mad rush of people today
Who take no time to study and pray.
Then, we hear the same words of Jesus anew,
'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep," if you love me true.
Who are the lambs? Do we dare to ask?
As we ponder this most important task.

Though aged in years, yet lambs are they,
Who need to be taught to study and pray.
Teach them to lean on Jesus for strength and food
To help them to be strong, kind and good.

Teach them to give that much be given,
Pressed down, running o'er said the Lord from heaven
Give him life, talent, money and all,
He knows how to place each one lest we fall.

Through wealth or fame, or worldly gain
Some will find their labor in vain.
Watch and pray, neither slumber nor sleep,
If thou lovest Me, feed my sheep.

Second Vice-President,
W. N. A. C.

PLANS AND PROGRESS

At our State Auxiliary Convention, held in May at Stony Creek, I feel sure that our women recall that the Vice-Presidents, in giving their reports for the year, also stated that goals had been set by each, for their respective departments. As your Second Vice-President, in charge of Christian Education, among other worthwhile items, I asked that we raise $500.00 for our National Bible School, with a certain part of this amount to be used for the Assembly grounds in our own State. Since this sum will have to be proportioned to the Districts, I want to advise that I am getting my plans in shape, and hope to be able to attend all of the Fall Conventions, at which time, I will present the amount that each District Convention will be supposed to raise. Let us be thinking, praying and planning, for a greater interest in this great work, for without your co-operation, we shall not be able to go very far. I am sure that we can far exceed the small amount we are asking, when we take into consideration that when we gave ourselves to God, we also gave Him our time, our talents and our pocketbooks. So if we are truly dedicated and consecrated to Him, we will not look upon His work as a mere duty, but we will love to do His will at all times.

I am very highly gratified with the progress of the Vacation Bible Schools this summer. Interest has been great and attendance wonderfully good. I have attended four of of these schools, and feel that I have been greatly benefitted and blessed. I believe that with the present interest, we shall be able, with the Lord's help, to establish many more of these Schools in our churches another year. Any church desiring a Bible School for next year, I would advise that you begin to make plans now, in

order that you may be thoroughly equipped and ready for action at the right time.

I cannot give in detail, the work of our National Auxiliary Convention, however, it was deeply spiritual throughout. The reports were good, from the various Departments, while the report of the Treasurer was excellent. The money raised by the various States for the objects we sponsor, is very gratifying. North Carolina took her place in the front ranks, as usual, which made us feel very good indeed. Although, not the year for election of officers, there were some changes made, owing to some resignations. I think about the greatest enthusiasm shown regarding the work for another year, was the $50,000 goal set for the Auxiliaries to raise by Convention time next year. I cannot give the plans, as I lost my notes, however, there is being prepared some little leaflets, setting forth in detail, the entire plan which will be mailed out in due time. This may look like a large amount of money to raise, but St. Paul said on one occasion, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4: 13)., so if each enlisted woman will be of the same mind, we shall come out victorious. May we be united in prayer, effort and in service, for the up-building and the ongoing of the kingdom work of our Lord and Master, knowing that of ourselves, "we can do nothing," but that His grace is sufficient for our every need.

Yours,
In service for the Master,

Mrs. J. C. Griffin,
240 N. Pasteur St.,
New Bern, N. C.

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STEWARDSHIP IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

To Second Vice-President:

In working with and for the youth, our hearts are torn anew when we see how badly they are neglected, and when we read these words of Solomon: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22: 6). Church members, what are we doing for the youth? Do we seek to train them in the Youth Program of our denomination, as the Young People's Auxiliaries, F. W. B. Leagues, Vacation Bible Schools, Youth Camp Studies, etc.?

I fear that many of the churches are failing because our young people are not all active in the young people's work. Our Woman's Auxiliary is seeking to lead the young people in the churches to a higher and a more abiding missionary zeal, and to a more perfect consecration of life itself. The department of Christian education in the women's work makes no distinction in missions, as it leads and instructs the youth in becoming better witnesses, both at home and abroad. A generation of missionary minded young people will come only from missionary minded homes and churches.

Now, dear women, our special task as Second Vice-Presidents is to educate the young people in missions, and to send them to the Bible College for further training in Christian work. Our biggest job is to do that which the most of our churches are neglecting—the training of missionaries for home and the foreign fields. Our work in Cuba is in need of more missionaries. The reason Miss Barnard has no workers ready to go to India is the fact that we do not have the trained people to do the work there. As a denomination, we have not been steadfast in the missionary work in the past. Many of the young people are growing up with practically no missionary vision.

Let us awake, Second Vice-Presidents, and do our part in offering the young people an opportunity to prepare themselves for the missionary fields. Let us give the young people the fourfold gospel which is badly needed today everywhere. We are to see that they are developed physically, spiritually, mentally and socially. Jesus increased in wisdom, and stature, and in favor with God and man. As was the growth of Jesus, so should be the growth of every boy and girl. The program of the Women's Auxiliary seeks to develop these four phases of the life of the youth, thus trying to produce faithful and steadfast witnesses for Christ. Personal services is a work which our youth in the churches should be doing for the glory of God.

We are keenly conscious of the fact that this is one of the largest fields of service for the Woman's Auxiliary in our denomination. We, knowing Christ's great commission, are to go forward with faith and determination to do more for the youth of our church. Let us become more effective in the mission work with the young people. With their assistance, let us press on toward the goal, unto the prize of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus.

Mrs. Melvin Bingham,
Second Vice-President,
Woman's National
Auxiliary Convention

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THE BAND OF FIFTY-THOUSAND FREE WILL BAPTIST "LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD"

Mrs. J. E. Frazier,
National Stewardship Chairman

"Lift up your eyes and look.
Lift up your hearts and pray.
Stretch out your hands and give!"

It is an inspiration to turn back the pages of history and read how the hearts of women responded to the appeals of the first missionaries and turned from their household cares to listen to their sisters in bondage. Prayer groups were formed on the plantations, in the cities and rural places as women came together calling on God to show them what they might do. The women met then as they meet now to work, to pray, and then to send. Gradually through the years, as we have met together to pray and to study the missionary messages of the Bible, HIS plan has been unfolding in our hearts until we realize as never before that EVERY ONE was included in the "Great Commission." As we realize that we are stewards of the Gospel and that by Christians must the Gospel be carried to all the world, our Christian hearts have a desire to be true to the trust of not only making Woman's Auxiliary members 100 per cent contributing but also reaching out for

(See **Auxiliary** on page 14)

St. Claire Bible Class
Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

ISRAEL'S FIRST KING

(Lesson for August 27)

Lesson: I Sam. 9: 15-21; 10: 25-27; 11: 12-15. Read: I Sam. 9; 10; 11.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king" (I Pet. 2: 17).

The entire question of human government, with all its devious ramifications, is one of the darkest problems that man has ever attempted to solve. A hundred queries rise to plague the man who attempts to erect a body of certainties in the field of political science, and a perfect form of government has not yet been discovered or erected. The best that man can do is to delegate authority to certain trusted individuals and agree to abide by their edicts. If the governing body is a group we call the resulting system a Republic; if this power is vested in one man we call the system a monarchy.

The third precept is the most important: "Fear God"! What mighty deeds have been and will yet be accomplished by men who were actuated by this high motive. Myriads of men have turned away from temptation and have steadfastly resisted Satan and evil, because they feared God.

If a man fears God, it follows as a natural effect that he will "honour the king;" that is, he will be faithful to the highest ideals of the form of government under which he lives. And if the precepts of that government conflict with his duty to God, he will migrate to a more commendable system of rule, and pledge allegiance to that new government.

Christians make good citizens. If they do not, there is something wrong with their conception of Christianity. Great honor can be brought to the Name and cause of Christ by fidelity to the four precepts of this text.

—Selected

II. Home Work

1. When was it revealed that Israel would at some future time have a king? (Deu. 17: 14).

2. To whom did God restrict the Israelites in their choice of a king? (Deu. 17: 15).

3. What restrictions were to be imposed upon the king to keep him from becoming proud? (Deu. 17: 16, 17).

4. What was to serve as the basis of all his government? (Deu. 17: 18-20).

5. What king is specially noted for violating the imposed restrictions? (I Ki. 10: 26; 11: 1-3).

6. What king is specially known for his devotion to God? (I Ki. 15: 3, 11; II Ki. 14: 3).

7. What was God's own testimony concerning David? (I Sam. 13: 14; Acts 13: 22).

8. Was Saul's physical attractiveness a proof of kingly qualities of character? (I Sam. 10: 23).

9. What good qualities did Saul display in the beginning of his reign? (I Sam. 10: 27; 11: 12, 13).

10. How did Saul become qualified for kingship? (I Sam. 10: 9, 10; 11: 6).

11. Consult our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies for the helps you need on this important event in Israel's history.

III. Heart of the Lesson

King Saul is one of the most singular and contradictory characters in the Old Testament. At one moment he acts so **nobly,** at another so **meanly.** His life is well summed up in his own confession, when the magnanimous spirit of David in saving his life drew from him the words: "I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly" (I Sam. 26: 21). If any man fooled away his life and opportunities, it was King Saul.

The people's desire to have a king, Samuel interpreted as a rejection of his leadership. He felt aggrieved, as he had a right to be. He had served Israel long and faithfully. He had asked nothing in return. Now, to be cast aside, seemed to him an act of ingratitude. But Samuel was not the first nor the last faithful servant of a people who experienced this treatment. It often happens that the servant of God who works best for the interests of a people receives the shabbiest of treatment (II Tim. 1: 15).

But the matter was worse still. In the final analysis it was a rejection of God. As the Lord said to Samuel: "For they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them" (I Sam. 8: 7). The Israelites would not like the matter to be put so boldly; but that is what it amounted to. They were putting their desires and wills before the will of God. It was a case of self or God, and they chose self. And this spirit of rebellion against the rulership of God persisted among them down the years. They rejected the Father in the days of Samuel. They rejected the Son, when He came to them in a mission of love and grace. They conspired against Him and put Him to death. And a few weeks later, they rejected the third Person in the Trinity, when Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, witnessed to them. They stoned him to death. And finally, they rejected the testimony of Paul when he preached the Gospel to them (Acts 28: 25-29). Such is the inveterate enmity of the unregenerate heart of the natural man against the God who created him and provides for him. We all need to head the words of the writer to the Hebrews: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (Heb. 3: 12).

It may seem strange that the Lord permitted the people to have a king and to command Samuel to anoint Saul as king even before Israel had chosen him (I Sam. 10: 1). There is

a difference between the active and permissive will of God. If men are willful, God will permit them their desire till they learn better. God had a king in prospect for them—one who would reign in righteousness. But they must first learn what the king of their choice would be like.

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MINUTES OF THE ALBEMARLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The convention met July 30th at Belhaven church. The devotions were conducted by Miss Alethia Etheridge. After the devotions the president made some remarks and gave the address of welcome.

The ministers were recognized and those present were, Rev. D. M. Radcliff, Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. R. P. Harris and Rev. L. E. Ambrose, who was received into the convention during the session. Rev. D. W. Alexander of Bethel, visiting minister, and invited to preach for the convention, was present. The minutes of last meeting were read and corrected. The phrase which read, "Rev. J. E. Wooten from the 2nd district of the Western Conference," should have read "from the Central conference."

The list of Sunday Schools was called and those represented were as follows:

	Orph.	Conv.
Malachi's Chapel	$ 96.38	$ 1.00
Sound side	20.00	1.00
Mt. Tabor	25.00	1.00
Belhaven	25.93	1.75
Free Union	23.16	1.00
Sidney	4.75	.25
Elizabeth City	21.52	1.00
Gum Neck	11.00	2.00
Shilo	3.00	1.00
Hickory Chapel	18.19	2.00
Trinity	4.00	1.00
South Norfolk	4.00	1.00
	$256.93	$14.00

Special music was arranged by Mrs. William Webster.

Rev. D. W. Alexander brought the message at 11 o'clock.

A public offering was taken for the orphanage amounting to $59.93.

The convention recessed for lunch after song and prayer.

Afternoon Session

The devotions were conducted by Bro. Archie Willoughby.

The business was entered into. There was another collection taken to raise the amount for the orphanage to $325.00. The offering was $14.81 making a total today for the orphanage of $329.68.

The convention extended to Bro. L. E. Ambrose the right hand of Fellowship and he was received into the convention as a licensed minister. Bro. Robert Gradeless made remarks concerning the Rally Services which are being held at the South Norfolk Church.

There was a motion made and carried that the convention purchase three shares in the Church Finance Association, Inc.

There was a motion made to pay $25.00 on the three shares to-day, motion carried.

There was a move that the convention elect one representative by votes to represent the convention in the Association. Bro. Archie Williughby was elected.

Rev. W. A. Hales made remarks concerning benefits derived from the Sunday School Convention, but due to the length of time used in the business period did not use the time allotted to him.

The convention adjourned to meet with Corinth Church on the fifth Sunday in October, 1944.

David H. Furlough,
President,
Alonzo L. Reynolds,
Secretary

THE PEACE

Amplifying at several points our "Six Points For Peace," carried on Page 16 of the May issue of Christian Herald, it might be well to add yet another "Six."

1. To make effective any plan for peace, the Allies must remain united. Consideration and regard each for the rights and viewpoints of all others is prerequisite to such unity.

2. To put into effect any peace plan, the war itself must first be won. Winning the war and winning the peace are one.

3. Immediately following the armistice, full responsibility lies with the Allies to administer the affairs and to police the territories of the enemy. The character of the peace finally organized, will be materially affected by the character of this administration and policing.

4. There will be matters of adjudication that cannot wait on a permanent international judicial body. Always the victorious Allies must carry the responsibility for discharging the obligations of their dearly bought victory.

5. Certainly the Allies must not disarm until the peace is fully and permanently organized. We must not repeat the folly of our own immediate past.

6. Not every people is at the moment qualified for complete self-rule. But certainly collective responsibility for the administration of the affairs of the so-called "backward peoples" should be substituted for "national ownership"; always the administration should be primarily for the well-being and advancement of the "backward peoples."

—C. Herald.

AUXILIARY

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others; thus the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention in session at Flat River, Missouri on July 11, 1944 adopted as a new goal in her stewardship department for the new convention year, the enlistment of 50,000 F. W. B. Church members in the support of the UNIFIED PROGRAM of the National Association, which gives 50 per cent to Mission Work, 40 per cent to Christian Education, 10 per cent to Superannuation.

The Unified Program holds a merited place in the rank of our National Association's activities. Therefore, it has a claim in our Woman's Auxiliary Convention calendar of activities, and a claim upon the interest and effort of every member.

This new obligation and privilege assigned to the national stewardship chairman automatically becomes the obligation and privilege of every stewardship chairman within the bounds of the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention, since we are all "Laborers together with God." Here, then is the plan and your opportunity, Stewardship Chairman!

The W. N. A. C. wanted to encourage and strengthen ALL the causes that F. W. B. are endeavoring to support. So after years of prayer, study, and experience some of our consecrated women outlined a plan they call the "FIFTY-THOUSAND BAND of CO-LABORERS," and whereby every F. W. B. who wills may strengthen and encourage ALL F. W. B. causes. To become a member of this band of "Laborers together with God" you pay $1.00 membership fee. 90 per cent of your dollar will be sent by the Woman's National Auxiliary treasurer to the National Association's treasurer for the above named distribution on a percentage basis as voted by the National Association. The other 10 per cent will be kept in the Convention's treasury for the promotion of Auxiliary work among our people.

The purpose of this Band of Co-laborers is to hasten the day when God's way may be made known unto all nations, and to do this it seeks 50,000 F. W. B. who will give one dollar OVER and ABOVE their regular church contributions. These 'Band-of-co-laborer membership' dollars are not to be given to any promoter, but the stewardship chairman of each local auxiliary who sponsors the plan, will collect the dollar memberships and have the church treasurer or the auxiliary treasurer (whichever system operates in your church) to send the dollars and the membership blanks direct to Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tennessee, who was instructed by the National Convention to send 90 per cent immediately to the National Association's treasurer. In this way your church has the record for the district associational record or letter; your auxiliary has her record for the district auxiliary record, but Mrs. Polston gets the money and the membership blanks because the plan is a convention plan and not an associational plan. Please Stewardship Chairman, get the plan clear in your mind. Write the National Stewardship Chairman for any information or help that you need or may desire.

Since the birth of the National Association, the Woman's Auxiliary has been giving the money she raises throughout the year to the associations, and in most instances she was not even been given a record of her word done. Surely now for this once, associations can and will permit the women, whose only desire is to help the associational boards, the privilege of receiving the money first and then the joy of distributing it according to the plan adopted without ONE DISSENTING WORD either from the Auxiliary delegates or from the Associational delegates assembled in Flat River.

This Band of 50,000 Co-Laborers must be found in the local churches among those who are able and willing, and who appreciate the needs of our National Association's Boards. This plan cannot be successfully worked by a church vote nor by public collections, but by individuals who are so deeply interested in seeing all F. W. B. causes advanced that they will be WILLING to pay at least $1.00 OVER and ABOVE all other church contributions. It is a LOVE offering made by intelligent, loving, devoted Christians who care and who wish to help relieve the Master's cause of the great burden under which it is now suffering. The treasurer of this fund should not be the church treasurer, and the funds should be kept entirely separate from all other funds. Therefore the stewardship chairman of the local auxiliary is asked to assume full responsibility for making your church 100 per cent members of the "Band of 50,000 F. W. B. Co-laborers" as well as seeing that the dollars and the blanks are sent direct to Mrs. Polston after of course, your church and your auxiliary have proper record of all the work you are able to do.

Won't you give faithful, prayerful consideration to this timely, effective plan in which each membership hastens the day when our auxiliary work as well as the Unified Program causes shall project faster and further than ever before in the history of FREE WILL BAPTISTS?

May we grow and help others to grow through our wholehearted participation in this "FIFTY THOUSAND CO-LABORERS' BAND."

Ieaflets describing the plan in detail and containing a membership blank can be secured by writing TODAY.

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ATTENTION ALL STEWARDSHIP CHAIRMEN!

Watch our church papers for an article in the near future, which is to contain a complete plan of work for our stewardship department for the new year.—Mrs. Frazier.

NEWS FROM GUM NECK CHURCH

We have experienced at Gum Neck Church a wonderful revival meeting. Rev. H. Edgar Harden, of the South Norfolk Church, conducted the services each evening. He was assisted by our pastor, Rev. W. A. Hales. Brother Harden delivered some very fine messages. There were fifteen who accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, and were baptized on Tuesday afternoon, July 25th.

We have every reason to believe that all confessions were real and sincere from the heart of everyone who took a stand for Jesus. We believe also that the good seed sown in the hearts of the people by Brother Harden have been a great help to the church.

Brother Hales has been pastoring our church and much fruit has been brought forth under his pastorate. Brother Harden and Brother Hales rejoiced to see those young people come to Christ, and give their lives to God.

Miss Alethia Etheridge, from Sound Side Church, and Miss Margaret Chappel, from Durham, helped to make our revival a great success. We want to thank them for their services rendered in the meeting. They helped us wonderfully in the choir with the music. May the Lord bless them as they continue to work in His vineyard.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus,

Mrs. C. F. Swindell.

Columbia, N. C.

PRAYER AFTER DARK

By Ruby Weyburn Tobias

Christ most merciful, hear our prayer
For those in peril on land and sea,
And in the labyrinths of the air
Where we can never be.

Not only, Lord, for life and limb,
But for the fortress of the soul;
That no confusion ever dim
Thy face, Thy hand at the control.

They are eager, and so brave;
They gave their happy youth away;
Death rides the airways and the wave,—
Oh, reach them first, we pray!

Not in the zero hour alone,
But while their breath comes warm and free
In the "All Clear" after the storm
Their gallant hearts have need of Thee.

And we have need, who wait at home,
O Father, hear our trusting prayer,
Thy will be done, Thy kingdom come
Here, there, and everywhere.

—S. S. Times

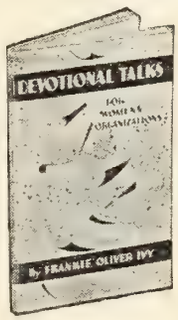
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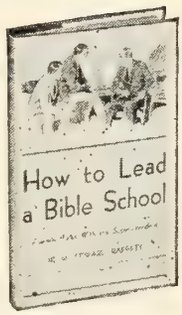
When I concealed my guilt,
I felt the festering wound,
Till I confessed my sins to thee,
And ready pardon found.

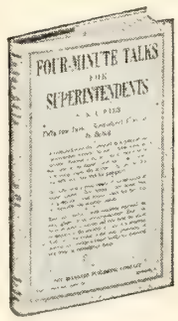
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HOW A LITTLE GIRL DID GREAT GOOD

There was once a poor little girl who was stolen away from her home in Israel by Syrian soldiers, and carried far from her mother and friends to be a slave. It must have been very sad and lonely, but God lets nothing happen except for the good, and so this poor little captive maid did a great thing. Her master was named Naaman. He was the captain of the army. He was brave and strong, but he fell ill of a disease called leprosy that no doctor could cure, and which would go on getting worse till he would die of it. The little maid was sorry for him, and though she was all alone in a heathen land, she had not forgotten about God and His prophets, and she told her mistress that at home in Israel there was a prophet who could cure her master by God's power.

So, Naaman set out in his chariot and came to the prophet's door. He thought the prophet would come out and strike his hand over the place and cure him directly—all the more because he was such a great man. But, instead of that, the prophet sent out word to him that he was to wash seven times in the River Jordan, and he would be well. This made Naaman very angry. He thought the bathing in Jordan would do no good, and that the prophet made light of him, and he turned and went away in rage. Then his servants persuaded him. They said, "My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? How much rather then, when he said to thee, 'Wash and be clean,' thou became angry?"

Naaman was wise enough to listen to them. He did go as the prophet bade him, and God gave the water the power to make him quite well again. Then he came back and thanked the prophet, and said he would never pray to any god again but the one true God, who had healed him.

So, you see, the little maid did great good to her master, both to his body and his soul, because she was good, and remembered her God, even when she was far away from home.

Submitted by Lucille Outlaw

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IN MEMORIAM

This is in memory of my devoted wife, Annie C. Willis, of Vanceboro, North Carolina, who departed this life on August 5, 1939.

My darling Annie, I miss you,
As I sit here alone tonight;
My thoughts wander back to the time
When our hearts were happy, young and bright.

God took you from me, darling,
Just five years ago today;
My life has been so lonely
Since you went away to stay.

But I thank God He lent you to me,
Even for a little while;
You were so kind and gentle
I cherish your loving smile.

The sun does not seem to shine so brightly,
There is a change in everything;
And I wonder as the days go by,
Just what the next will be.

The mocking bird still sings, dear,
In the oak beside our door;
But she does not sing so gladly,
As she did in days of yo're.

I wonder if she misses you, too,
As there is sadness in her song;
As I hear her gently caroling
All the day long.

I wish that I might tell her
Just how sad that I am, too;
For I miss you everywhere, Annie,
And my friends are not so few.

But I hope that you are happy,
In our heavenly Home above—
Up there with our heavenly Father
Where all is peace and love.

Oh! that will be a happy meeting,
Up in heaven, some sweet day;
When I see your darling face again,
And God will not take you away.

I'll try not to be resentful,
For I know He loves you, too;
Though my life was left so lonely,
When He sent an angel for you.

How happy I shall be, dear,
When I hear your footsteps there;
For I think God will send you
To meet me upon the golden stair.

As we were so happy here together,
I know we'll be happy there;
And I pray that God may make me worthy
To be with Him and you up there.

A devoted husband,

Hardy P. Willis

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR RAIN

After having read the report which Mrs. Ruthie Hardison had published in the Baptist paper about the prayer services which were held at Deep Run Church during the drought period, I decided to write, stating that we at the Bethel F. W. B. Church in Kinston have been having special prayer services during the drought period. I feel that our prayers were answered.

I do believe that if we will pray more than we have ever done before this world will be much better than it is at the present time. I do know that God does answer prayers, for I have asked His help and guidance, and He has given to me the assurance that my prayers were answered.

During the sickness and the death of my husband, and even since, if I had not received God's help, I am sure that I could not have gone through all the troubles and accomplished as much as I have thus far. I certainly have felt the power of God's helping hand. I am asking the Christian people to pray for me that I may be able to do more for the Master.

Showers of blessings came down from above
In forms of raindrops so rich and rare;
A few of God's children met and prayed
For showers of blessings so sweet and fair.

Mrs. Annie Hill,

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Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in Thy presence will avail to make!
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take!
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;
We rise, and all, the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear;
We kneel, how weak! we rise, how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong,
Or others—that we are not always strong—
That we are sometimes overborne with care—
That we should ever or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled—when with us is prayer,
And joy and strength and courage are with Thee?

—Richard C. Trench

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REVISION OF CHURCH ROLLS

From all reports coming to our office, we understand a number of the churches are revising their Church Rolls. Some think this is a good thing to do, while there are others who feel that more harm than good have come from many of the revisions which have been made.

Most will agree, however, that something should be done to bring the average church roll up-to-date, that is, know how the membership actually stands. In many instances some church rolls contain names of members who have long since moved away from the community, and the church clerk does not know whether they are living, dead, or have taken membership with some other church. In other cases, there are church members who live somewhere in the radius of ten to twenty miles of the church, and who have ceased to attend services for years, and thus the church clerk does not know anything about them. Then there are some who live in close walking distance of the church, but who have ceased to go about the church for years.

The question is: What should be done with the names of such delinquent and non-contactable members of the local church? Many churches have already adopted the plan of arranging the names of the church members in two lists: namely, the Active List and the Inactive List, in separate places of the Church Register. At the regular Quarterly Conference, in calling the roll the church clerk calls only the names on the Active list. The Inactive List, consisting, of course, of the names of those members who rarely ever attend the church services, and also those whose residence have long since been unknown to the church and the church clerk. It is considered that The Active and the Inactive lists, as now used by many of the churches, solve the problem very well. But this has its objectional features, as well as the good ones. For example, when some names are dropped from the roll because of their long absence from the church services, or their whereabouts not known, there are some other members of the church who become offended. It may be, perchance, they are close friends or closely related one to the other. In such cases, it has been known to cause some church members to completely ignore the church the remaining part of their lives. While such an act seems to be unscriptural, and unjustifiable, yet some church people will manifest such an unreasonable attitude.

Although such offenses do arise in many instances, and the Apostle Paul tells us that offenses will come, yet the active membership of the church must bear the responsibilities of the activities of the church, and advance the cause of righteousness in the church and the community. In view of this fact, we believe every local church should do everything possible to keep all members living within the reach of the church in constant contact with its work, and to seek to secure their regular attendance upon the church services by encouragement, casual visits in their homes, and having their pastor to make occasional calls in their homes. Such activities will, we believe, do much good in bringing back to the church many "cold and indifferent church members." When they learn that the new pastor and the church people as a whole are really interested in them, they will most likely be moved to take an account of themselves, and come back to the church. Old grudges, bitter feelings and unjustifiable offenses, long pent up in their hearts, will give way to better feelings, we believe, and cause many of such people to renew their covenant with the church and with the Lord. It is far better to win people to the Lord by love and true friendship than it is to drive them away by hard words and ironclad church rules.

WHERE THEY ARE NOT

By Prof. A. R. Flowers

A certain pilot of mature age, who had navigated a meandering river for more than twenty-five years, and never having had a wreck, was delighted to have a distinguished visitor along. Said the visitor to the Pilot, "Well, Ben, I suppose you know where all the obstructions in this stream are by this time." "No," said Ben, the pilot, "but I know where they are not and there is where I steer my boat."

How pathetic, and how thoughtless it is, that there are still so many of our young people who seem to think that they should know about where all the places of disrepute are to be found, and that the sowing of "wild-oats" is only a way of keeping in touch with the on-going of modern society.

Only a few months ago John A. Huff handed out this statement. "The problem of delinquency, among adults and even children, is real widespread and growing at an alarming pace, and can not be limited to the illiterate and under-privileged class, for about twenty-five percent of the cases come from the middle classes and the upper brackets of society."

Brethren, it is indispensable that Christian people come together in the name of Christ to make this earth on which we live a more desirable abode for those who are to live after us.

NOTICE

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the 2nd District of the Western Association will not convene September 6, at Friendship Church. It has been postponed until Wednesday after the first Sunday in March, 1945. You who have part on the program be ready to give your part at that time.

This change was made due to the polio epidemic.

Yours for the Kingdom,
Mrs. D. O. Wilder,

On the Road

By L. Everett Ballard

Editor "The Young People's Friend"

Mrs. Ballard (Field Representative of the Orphanage) and I left the Home on Tuesday afternoon, August 8th, for a three week's tour of the Piedmont and Western North Carolina area in behalf of the Orphanage.

Our first stop was Prospect Church in Harnett County, where we were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Cannady. A very nice group of the church members met us at the church Tuesday evening, and gave splendid attention to the presentation of the Orphanage news and responded well to our appeal.

On Wednesday we traveled to Rockingham for an engagement at the Entwistle Church. We stopped in the home of our old friends, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Carter. We found that another old friend, and former school mate, Rev. M. H. Mellette of South Carolina, was in a revival meeting with Brother Carter. He very kindly agreed to divide time with us, and Mrs. Ballard brought the Orphanage message, and the people in their characteristic manner responded with a splendid offering. Then we had the pleasure of listening to one of the best gospel sermons it has been our privilege to hear for sometime, by Bro. Bellette.

On Thursday morning Brother Carter carried the writer and Brother Mellette around to inspect three new churches, organized within the past year. Two of these congregations are in process of finishing nice church buildings, and the third has laid the foundation of their building. The people about Rockingham are doing some excellent home mission work, which, we believe, will mean much to the future of our denomination.

Our Thursday evening engagement was with the Elwood Lane Church in Kannapolis. We have four fine churches in Kannapolis, but were unable to reach but two of them on this tour. However, our hearts were encouraged much when the Mable Avenue Church sent a nice delegation to Elwood Lane with a splendid offering, which just about duplicated the Elwood Lane offering. We spent Thursday night in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Jenkins. On Friday afternoon we crossed the city to the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Brooks. Rev. J. J. Brooks is pastor of Mt. Zion Church. The Boy Scout troop of the church had a watermelon slicing scheduled for 7 p. m., and we were invited to take part. The writer responded to the invitation by eating two slices! The crowd that assembled in the church at 8:00 o'clock was not a real large one, as many of the members had to work at that time, but the offering was a good one, and the fellowship, both with the people in the church and in the pastor's home, was fine.

Leaving Kannapolis Saturday morning we came on to North Belmont and the Goshen Chapel Church, stopping in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Wade Calvert. We learned that one of our evangelists, Rev. Roy Rickard, was engaged in a tent-revival in North Belmont, and had cordially invited us to combine our service with his, which we did, and were well received, and a splendid offering was taken.

We spent Sunday with the churches at Gastonia (Washington Ave.) and at Caroleen. We were welcomed for the morning service at Gastonia by a nice crowd, who listened very attentively to the message. After the service we drove to King's Mountain, with the pastor, Rev. S. H. Oakes, where we enjoyed a splendid noon meal with this good pastor and his wife. After dinner we came on to Caroleen for the evening service. The people of the Caroleen church have under construction one of the finest buildings of our denomination in the state. The outside work is about finished, and the auditorium has been completed inside, but about eight of the S. S. rooms in the basement are still to be finished. We are told that the total value of the building when completed will exceed $40,000. We had a very nice congregation for the Sunday evening service, and the people gave liberally, considering the heavy burden they are bearing building their church. We stopped in the home of Brother and Sister L. H. Duncan.

Leaving Caroleen early Monday morning we came on to Weaverville for a day and night of rest in the home of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Ballard, after which we will leave for a week of engagements in the Jack's Creek Association.

Pray for us that the Lord may bless our efforts in behalf of our Home. So far we have been gratified with the response, and have been most graciously received by the people.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary,

North Carolina State Association

Superannuation

The month of October is named as "Superannuation Month" in North Carolina. Every church and every individual should do the most possible for the cause during this month. Not only this month but every month should be a month of giving to the Lord to be used in the "Go Ye Spirit of Christ."

Johnson to Tupelo

I have just read in the F. W. B. Messenger that Rev. L. C. Johnson, who has been at the head of the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, will begin a full time pastorate in the East Tupelo church the first of October. This is a forward step in the aforesaid church. It is a growing church, having been organized out of a tent meeting, conducted by Rev. M. L. Hollis, a few years ago. This writer has visited and held two revivals in the Tupelo church, and knowing Rev. L. C. Pohnson, and the congregation as I do, we predict a

continued growth for this fast growing congregation.

Meeting Scheduled

A series of evangelistic meetings are scheduled to begin at the Black Jack Free Will Baptist church on the First Sunday night in October and to continue through the Third Sunday in October with two services each day. Rev. M. L. Hollis, Columbus, Miss., is scheduled to be the guest evangelist. The pastor, (this writer) humbly solicits the prayers of all God's children in behalf of this meeting.

Christ a Wonderful Saviour

The poet wrote years ago that grand poem, "He Is a Wonderful Saviour To Me." This song has been sung by thousands of protestant congregations, with great joy. Truly, I can add my testimony, by saying HE IS A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR TO ME.

Recently, I read several wonderful testimonies from boys who have been and some of them are now on the major battle fronts of the world. Sgt. Carl A. Hoferer, USMCR writes, according to "Christian Victory," 'I am thankful to God today that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. When I received Christ into my heart and life as my personal Saviour, He gave me the power to become a son of God. The greatest proof that I have of His saving power is the fact that I have a new life in Him. No longer do the sinful habits enslave and rob me of the real happiness that only Christ can give."

"The Lord Jesus Christ is not only my Saviour but my closest companion in the service. It is a real joy to know that He will go with me all the way; to counsel and guide me in all things. The closer I walk with Him, the better I can hear His voice. My experience with Christ reveal to me that His promises are true and that His is the power working in my life."

The above testimony given by Sgt. Hoferer, sounds like the real message of a saved person. A salvation that does not take away love for sin, and places in the heart a JOY, full and complete, is counterfeit. If you HATE SIN and have a REAL JOY IN FOLLOWING JESUS, you have the evidence that you HAVE PASSED FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE.

Sin Mongers

I recently read of a great Sunday School teacher (great as the world sees it) who said that he had "no confidence in a man who did not curse a little, play a little poker, and drink a little." This was a part of this teacher's discussion on class in one of the biggest Sunday Schools in the South. Personally, I rather my son would take his fishing tackle and go fishing, or play in the back yard with a poodle dog, than to sit at the feet of such a TEACHER OF SATAN as the teacher referred to. I could rebuke the sin of fishing on the Lord's day and point my son to the Lamb of God that takes all sin out of the heart. But when a child is taught, that he has "got to curse a little, and drink a little, and gamble a little" in order to get through, I am satisfied that if the Devil himself could step out of HELL and stand in person in the class room to teach a class of young men, that he could not do a better job than his hired agent. Salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ takes "cussing," gambling, drinking of liquor, and Sunday desecration out of the heart of man. No genuinely converted child of God wants to do anything that is forbidden by God the Father and the Lord Jesus.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

"DEAR MOTHER:

Are they praying for us at home?
Are they meeting together for prayer,
Or are they going on in the usual way,
As they did when I was there?

We thank them for their money,
We thank them for their care,
But, oh, just tell them, mother,
We are needing so much their prayer!
Will you ask them to gather together,
To meet at our Father's throne
That we may be kept from faltering
When we feel that we are standing alone?

There are moments when courage fails us,
And dangers around us stare,
Do tell them again, dear mother,
We are needing so much their prayer."

—Selected.

LONGING

Psalm 107: 9

By Loren E. Parker

Longing greatly, still I'm trusting,
Hoping soon to see His face,
He who graciously has saved me,
Won me by His matchless grace.

Even when my heart is breaking,
Burdened by a weight of woe,
Then He heals the painful aching,
Bids the rending passions go.

Through the manifold temptations,
Raging as an angry sea,
Come His whispered consolations,
Breathing softly, "Trust in Me."

Oftentimes I'm filled with wonder
At His love that stays my hands,
When I'm almost torn asunder
By my turmoiled heart's demands.

Strong, impassioned, anguished yearning,
Swelling up within my soul,
Deep into my life is burning;
O my God, take full control!

Thou alone can quell this tempest;
Human efforts all must fail;
Thine alone shall be the conquest;
Lord, I know Thou shalt prevail.

Let me feel Thy kind caressing;
Fill my emptied self with Thee;
Consecrate my life for blessing;
Conquer, comfort, strengthen me.

Then I know my greatest longings
Shall be satisfied by Thee.
Lord, I know Thy grace shall conquer;
May I ever trust in Thee.

—Moody Monthly

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE ASSOCIATION

The State Association of North Carolina will convene this year at Reedy Branch Church in Pitt Coun-



Rev. D. W. Alexander

ty and near the town of Winterville. The time will be September, Wednesday 13, and Thursday 14, 1944

Reedy Branch is an old church, having been established for a goodly number of years, and is located in one of the finest farming communities in the State. It is a large church building, and will conveniently seat several hundred people for the association. It has large church grounds for the parking of cars and the spreading of bountiful dinners for such occasions. The people are thickly settled on the farms in the community and about the church premises. Fine hospitality will be accorded everyone.

The church is conveniently located on a dirt road about two miles from the town of Winterville, and west of the Highway between that town and Greenville. Those who are planning to attend the association will have no difficulty in reaching the church if they will turn west from the Highway, about one mile north of Winterville, on a dirt road which leads directly by the church a distance of about one half mile from the said highway. A cordial invitation awaits everyone who will attend this sitting of the association.

Rev. R. C. (Bob) Wiggs, of Ayden, North Carolina, is pastor of the church, and he and his church people are looking forward with a great deal of interest and concern toward the coming of the association to Reedy Branch Church this time.

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PROGRAM

Following is the Program of the North Carolina State Association, which will convene at Reedy Branch Church, Pitt County, September 13, 14, 1944.

Wednesday Morning

9:30—Devotions, Rev. L. R. Ennis
9:45—Registration
10:00—Appointment of Committees
10:15—Report of Executive Committee
10:30—Report of Field Secretary
10:45—Address of welcome by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
10:50—Moderator's address, Rev. D. W. Alexander
11:05—Report of Historian
11:20—Report of Auxiliary work by Mrs. C. F. Bowen
11:30—Devotions, Rev. S. A. Smith
11:45—Introductory Sermon by Rev. Lloyd Vernon
12:30—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

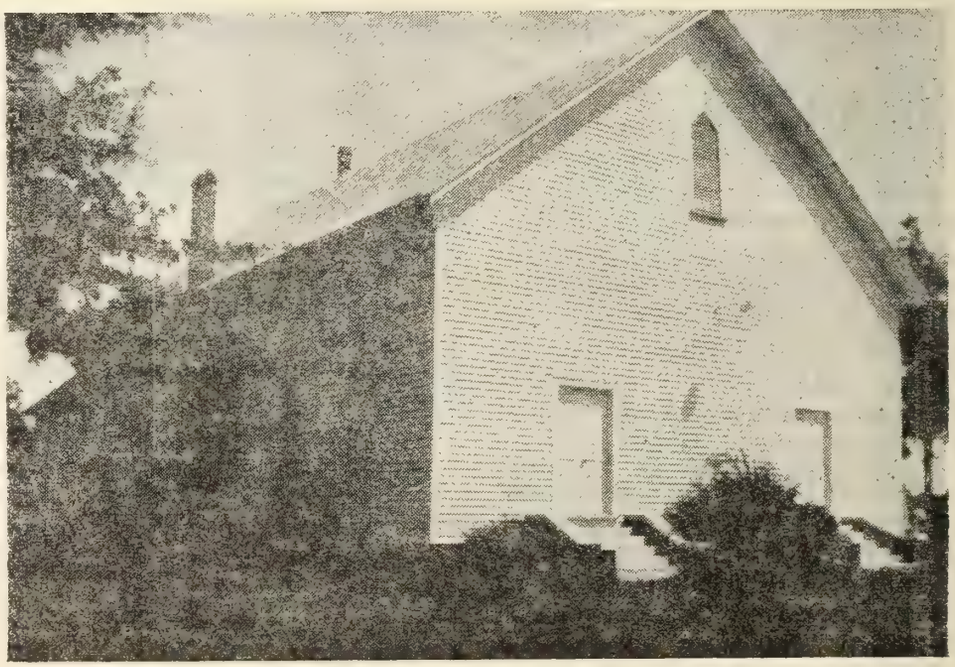
1:30—Devotions, Rev. Henry Melvin
1:45—Report of Committee on Conference Boundary lines
2:00—Business period
3:00—Report of Mission Board, by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
3:15—Report of Superannuation by Rev. M. L. Johnson

Wednesday Evening

8:00—Devotions, Rev R. B. Spencer
8:30—Sermon by Rev. Bob Woolly

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotions, Rev. J. B. Ferrell
9:45—Report of Committees on Credentials, Resolutions and Temperance
10:15—Report of National Association, Rev. R. B. Crawford
10:45—Report of Church Finance Association, Inc., Rev. M. L. Johnson
11:00—Report of F. W. B. Press, Mr. C. K. Dunn
11:15—Report of Committee on Church Letter, Rev. R. B. Spencer
11:30—Report of Orphanage Board and offering
12:30—Lunch



Reedy Branch Church

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions, Rev. W. E. Anderson
1:45—Report of Board of Finance
2:00—Business period
3:00—Report of Nominating Committee and Treasurer
3:30—Adjournment

Committee:

R. N. Hinnant,
D. W. Alexander,
W. A. Jackson,
Rom Mallard.

NOTICE

STOP — READ — ACT

To All North Carolina Free Will Baptist Ministers

Dear Brothers:

Some time ago I mailed to you some Literature sent to me by the National Board of Superannuation. The purpose of this was two-fold: First, to inform you of the National Superannuation Program. Second, to make a complete SURVEY of Free Will Baptist Ministers.

You received with this Literature three blanks that you were asked to fill out and return to me. These blanks are not an application for Insurance. (They will come later.) These blanks are to furnish information that your State and National Boards need in planning their work.

To date very few of you have returned the blanks. Please observe the following request.

1. If you have not already returned the blanks, please fill them out and return as soon as possible. This IS Important.
2. If you have not received this literature, please send me your name and address, and I will send you the literature by return mail.

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer,
North Carolina Board

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NOTICE

All Free Will Baptists who have manuscripts in preparation for books, pamphlets, periodicals, Gospel tracts, etc., that they would like to have printed into publication, we wish to state that the Board of Publication and Literature of the National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet at Nashville, Tenn., at the Free Will Baptist College, on Tuesday following the Third Sunday in October—October 17, 1944.

We are meeting to pass on the above described manuscripts, and to make plans for the publication of the same. If you have such manuscripts now in preparation, please make plans to have them finished and in our hands by that date. Address all communications to:

Rev. Mark M. Lewis,
Secretary-Treasurer,
2043a Sidney St.,
St. Louis, (4) Mo.

A CHILD TALKS TO GOD

Dear God, I wish I could have been
Among those girls and boys
You called to come and talk with You
And who left all their toys,
And ran and climber upon Your knee,
And held Your hand and sat
Around You, learning lovely things
I wish I had done that!

But God, I know that even now
I can get close to You.
I know You still love children—
Yes, indeed! I know You do.
I cannot see Your face, and yet
I know that You are here.
I know I'm just as close to You
As all those children were.

—Selected

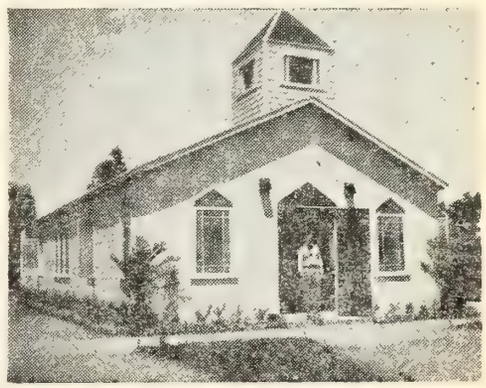
NOTICE

Those who may desire to write to us will please note our new address as follows: Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Willis, cfo F. W. B. Bible College, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tenn.

"EVERYBODY'S CHAPEL"

North Africa

I am sending you a picture of our new chapel which we have built entirely of salvage or scrap material. The construction of the chapel bepan on March 13, 1944, and the first service held was Communion Service on Good Friday, **April 7.**



The Chapel

I wish everyone could see it as it stands, looking very nice, being made only from scrap material. A week was spent salvaging lumber from airplane packing boxes. The painting, "Resurrection," was done by a former Italian prisoner of war, S. Quaquarolli, for the Easter Services at Camp Don B. Passage. The painting was presented to Chaplain Osborn by Chaplain Edwards, of the Atlantic Base Section. The bronze bell was donated by M. Aussal. The altar was by M. and Mme. F. N. Santos.

I am enclosing this picture of the chapel with our Chaplain standing in the center of it. I hope you can use the picture, together with this article, in the Free Will Baptist paper. I should like for all of the people who read the paper to be able to see how our chapel looks here in North Africa.

I am hoping to see the article and the picture of our chapel in the Baptist paper very soon, I remain,

Yours very truly,

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OVERCOMING PROBLEMS IN MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

By Rev. L. R. Ennis, Acting President
Free Will Baptist Bible College
Nashville, Tennessee

The transmission of truth by one generation to another is a responsibility which both God and reason enjoin upon the race. The measure in which one generation is faithful to its trust is the measure that should determine the knowledge of the truth enjoyed by a succeeding generation. But here a problem arises: Those who have known the truth have failed in many instances to pass it on to the coming generation and have thus obscured the light of knowledge to their successors. The solution to this problem has been found nowhere except in the sovereign will and grace of God. This problem also has its counterpart in the rejection by one generation of the truth which its forebearers would perpetuate. In this latter case, the harmful effects of ignorance amount to voluntary sin.

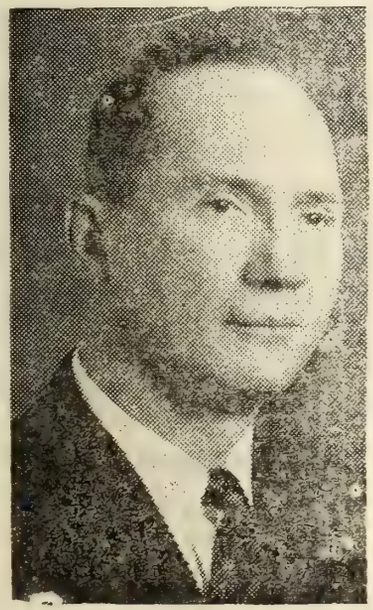


The College Administration Building

This reasoning provokes the following question: Why is my generation of Free Will Baptists not the most devout and best enlightened of any generation in the history of the Denomination? Here is my answer: Our forebearers, or predecessors, have fallen short of their obligations, and we of this generation have been rebellious students. We are therefore sinners against the truth both by inheritance and choice; and our recovery of the clear light can be found only in the will and grace of God. It is, therefore, in the interest of mediating the truth and grace of God that the minister is called into service. A trust so momentous—so related to time and eternity—claims the significance of God engaged in revealing himself to Free Will Baptists through his servant, the minister.

How God obtains the use of a preacher can best be considered in the light of a definition of the minister's call. For all practical purposes it suffices to say that a call to the ministry is a work of the Holy Spirit in which an abiding conviction is created in the soul of a regenerate person that he ought to preach. I do not claim that this definition is perfect, but I do claim that the ministers whom I have known intimately give corroborative testimony to the general truth contained in this definition. The Holy Spirit who regenerates the believer is thus creating in him an abiding consciousness of duty to be discharged, a duty, indeed, that can

never be accepted as an honor and privilege without a cheerfully yielded obedience. This quality of obedience involves a complete consecration. The minister, then, should place all of his abilities and all of his possibilities at the disposal of his Lord.



Rev. L. R. Ennis

But some still insist that they do not believe in the surrender of their possibilities to God and, therefore, pose as unbelievers in the education of the minister. Such reasoning—which is no reasoning at all—definitely places upon God the responsibility of setting a premium on native human imperfections. Every dollar invested by Free Will Baptists in the education of ministers and Christian workers proclaims the conviction that all latent abilities inherent in God's servants should be used to their utmost. God will honor his minister who thus engages at his best in the labor and work of the gospel.

Another problem to be overcome in ministerial education is that of pessimism. Many signify their doubts and misgivings by harsh pronouncements of judgment, contempt, despair, and ridicule toward the world, the government, and the church. They contend that the day of evangelism has passed and that Christians everywhere have sold out to materialism. They say that the race has gone to the devil and that preachers are renegades of a decadent civilization. Again, God's man comes forth endued with power from on high to proclaim both the grace and wrath of God to a sinful people. He offers his abilities and his possibilities to God for use in setting men free from tyranny and blight of sin.

There is also the compromise problem which has to be overcome in the field of ministerial education. A major characteristic of human nature is expressed in contentment with the unideal; and the minister suffers from want of motivation and aspiration sufficient to compel the engagement of every force within him in the work of spreading the gospel. The Free Will Baptist Bible College is itself a command and challenge to the minister who would give his best to the cause of aggressive evangelism and church advancement.

There is yet a final problem to be overcome in ministerial education about which a word should be said; it is the problem of cost. Many of the most useful ministers Free Will Baptists have had were so-called "uneducated," but were they not hindered from a sheer lack of means with which to defray the expenses of an education? They were. But now the cost problem has been reduced to a minimum. Our Bible College will, in process of time, be favored with endowment loan funds sufficient to help many who will desire training for Christian service; but even now, the Denomination may be rightfully termed "guardian" for those who receive biblical instruction in the College. No tuition is charged, and the expenses of room and board are held to a minimum.

Free Will Baptists are overcoming the problem in ministerial education.

New Subjects to be Taught in the College

By a process of re-evaluation of the subjects taught in the College, it has been found possible to add to the present work the following: elementary psychology, Sunday School and League administration, Woman's Auxiliary, Bible analysis, expository preaching, and sermon practice.

Reverend Jesse Parrotte Barrow Becomes Instructor in Nashville Bible College

Reverend Jesse Parrotte Barrow has accepted a position as instructor in Bible and related subjects in the Free Will Baptist Bible College, of Nashville, Tennessee. Brother Bar-



Rev. J. P. Barrow

row is a native of North Carolina, a Free Will Baptist from birth, a devoted minister of the gospel, and a faithful student and teacher of the Word. Brother Barrow graduated from the Moody Bible Institute in the year, 1924. He received the graduate and bachelor degrees in theology from Northern Baptist Seminary, of Chicago, Illinois, in the years, 1928 and 1929, respectively. Feeling the need of further training, Brother Barrow enrolled in Wheaton College, of Wheaton, Illinois, and from this institution of highest standing received the degree of Ph. B. in the year, 1934. Free Will Baptists are greatly blessed in the life and abilities of this man of God, and we predict a gracious teaching ministry for him in the Bible College.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE REPORT

J. R. Davidson, Business Manager

Feeling that our people are interested in reports from their Bible College at intervals, there being no one else to make such, I take pleasure in

committing the following: reports from quite a few of the former students reveal the fact that they will be back to pursue their courses of study on September 14, 1944; and applications already received and coming through the mail from time to time together with inquiries which are being received point toward a capacity enrollment this fall. The interest of the people from different states as expressed by various means justifies the belief that support in prayers, testimonies, gifts, and Annual Endowments will be constantly increasing. The financial report for July, which is generally one of our leanest months, reveals the following figures:

Gifts	$ 324.33
Annual Endowment	703.00
Student Board	66.00
Salary from Churches of J. R. Davidson	75.00
Total receipts from July 1-31	$1,168.33

Disbursements

Salaries and Service	$ 451.80
Milk	5.43
Traveling Expenses	57.50
Petty Cash	3.00
Telephone and Utilities	16.00
Withholding and Victory Taxes	83.55
Promotional Services of Nat'l Association	400.00
Total	$1,017.37

It will be observed that we received only $150.96 in July above our expenditures; however, this is accounted for by the fact of the extraordinary heavy draw for promotional services during the month of July, which was three hundred per cent higher than the average for the past associational year. It should be pointed out, however, that this will not be the case every month.

We invite the continued prayers and support of this Cause by our people everywhere.

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CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

French Broad Association

Friday, August 25, Swannanoa.
Saturday, August 26, Avery's Creek.
Sunday, August 27, (a. m.), Horney Heights.
Sunday, August 27, (p. m.), Cedar Hill.
Monday, August 28, Union Valley.
Tuesday, August 29, Charity Chapel.

Jack's Creek Association

Wednesday, August 30, Pensacola.
Thursday, August 31, Jack's Creek Association.

Johnston County

Tuesday, September 5, Kenly.
Wednesday, September 6, Little Rock (Women's Auxiliary, Friendship).
Thursday, September 7, Micro.
Friday, September 8, Selma.
Saturday, September 9, Pine Level.
Sunday, September 10, Holly Springs.
Monday, September 11, Pleasant Grove.
Tuesday, September 12, Rain's Cross Roads.
Wednesday, September 13, and Thursday, September 14, State Association.

Pitt County

Friday, September 15, Greenville.
Saturday, September 16, Piny Grove.
Sunday, September 17, (a. m.), King's Cross Roads.
Sunday, September 17 (p. m.), Marlboro.

Hertford County

Monday, September 18, Hickory Chapel.

Halifax County

Tuesday, September 19, Dawson Grove.

Tyrrell County

Wednesday, September 20, Sound Side.
Thursday, September 21, Malachi's Chapel.
Friday, September 22, Gum Neck.
Saturday, September 23, Mt. Tabor.

Pasquotank County

Sunday, September 24, Elizabeth City.

Beaufort County

Monday, September 25, Trinity.

Martin County

Tuesday, September 26, Corinth.

Pitt County

Wednesday, September 27, Black Jack.
Thursday, September 28, Rose Hill.
Friday, September 29, Ayden.

Greene County

Saturday, September 30, Little Creek.

NEWS FROM PROSPECT, ALABAMA

Dear Baptist Readers:

The members of Prospect Church, Alabama, would like to let you know what the Free Will Baptists are doing in southeast Alabama.

In September, 1943, we called Rufus Hyman as our pastor. He was living in South Carolina at that time, but he accepted the call which we extended to him, and moved just across the Alabama line into Florida. He also had three other churches in southeastern Alabama, and west Florida called him at that time, thus these churches gave him full time services.

Brother Hyman has done a splendid work in our church, and we feel that he is truly a man called of God for the gospel ministry. We have also called him for the coming year for half time services, which will be on the first and third Sundays. Our aim is to work toward an all-time service in the very near future. Please pray that we may be able to accomplish our goal.

On May 20, three deacons were ordained, and all of them have responded to their duties and are really live workers for the church, and the up-

building of Christ's kingdom here on earth. We have screened our church, rebuilt and painted the pews, remodeled the inside of the church. We have painted the floors and laid runners for the aisles. We have also made splendid improvements on the church yard, and the cemetery.

Our pastor held a revival, beginning July 15, and closing July 20, with four additions to the church. It was a good revival and the church members were greatly revived, and several re-dedicated their lives to the work for the Master.

We have a year-round Sunday School, and a young people's league. On the fifth Sunday in July, the State Line Sunday School convention met with our church. There were six churches represented in this convention, and Prospect won the honor banner. We felt proud indeed to be able to win it, but it was all for the glory of God.

We are asking the prayers of the Christian people that we may always be found working for our Lord and Master.

Mrs. Arthur Trawick, Reporter

PIEDMONT ASSOCIATION

The Piedmont Association of the Original F. W. B. met on August 3, 4, 5, 1944, at Goshen Church, in North Belmont, North Carolina. This was the first annual session, since the Beaver Creek Association was divided into two associations. The Treatise of Faith and Practice of the Free Will Baptist denomination was adopted. The Five Point Program was also adopted.

The business of the association was carried on in a progressive manner, and forward steps were taken for a greater Free Will Baptist denomination. Splendid sermons and fine singing, and the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit marked the meeting with great success. An offering was taken for the Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, and the amount raised was $56.

The fervor and the spirituality of western North Carolina saints were mixed with good order and fine business. It represented the form of Godliness and did not deny the power thereof. Elder O. M. Hilburn was elected as moderator, and Sherman H. Oakes as clerk. An application for membership in the State Association is to be sent with two delegates to its annual meeting in September.

Mr. L. E. Ballard represented the Orphanage, and spoke on the Women's Auxiliary work in the State, and also on the Five Point Program. Sherman H. Oakes delivered the educational address, using as his subject: "The Big Five." He stressed the five great phases of the work of our church. J. J. Brooks preached a soul-stirring sermon on the subject: "The Family Prayer of Jesus." Wade Calvert, pastor of the host church, did a splendid job of entertaining the association. Every minister and layman did their best, and they have a vision for greater works for the glory of the Lord.

Sherman H. Oakes,

King's Mountain, N. C.

ALBEMARLE UNION REPORT

The Albemarle Union convened with Belhaven Church on July 29, 1944. The devotions were led by Brother Brinson of the local church, after which the moderator made some opening remarks. Then the business was entered into for the union. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of ministers was then called, and those who were present were as follows: D. M. Radcliff, R. P. Harris, W. A. Hales, L. E. Ballard, P. C. Wiggs, and Bob Woolley. Brother Ambrose of Mt. Tabor was accepted as a licensed minister.

The list of churches was then called, and there were fifteen that represented with a donation of $48.30 for missions, and $28.00 for the union. At the eleven o'clock hour we called off the business for the union sermon. Special music was rendered by Miss Ruth and Miss Louise Daughtery. The sermon was preached by Rev. P. C. Wiggs, after which we were dismissed for dinner.

The union was called to order at 1:45 P. M. and the devotions were conducted by Brother L. E. Ambrose. We had some special music also at this time. Mrs. L. E. Ballard made a talk concerning the work of the Orphanage. Then the list of churches was called, those that were not represented in the forenoon. Miss Etheridge spoke to the union concerning her work in school at Nashville, Tennessee, and she thanked the union for what it had done toward helping her in a financial way.

At this time Brother Alton Reynolds told the union about the progress that the Tyrrell County churches were making. It was moved and carried that we send twenty-five per cent of our mission money to the State Mission Treasurer, and that we earmark it as foreign mission money, and seventy-five per cent to be used in our own district. Next was a report from the South Norfolk church. The treasurer of the union and the mission treasurer made their reports and they were accepted. Then a motion was passed to give to Miss Etheridge $50.00 out of the union treasury, and to take an offering also for her to enable her to go back to college. The collection amounted to $27.75; making the total $77.75. It was next moved and carried that we give our mission money to the South Norfolk Church.

The petitions for the next union were taken up, and it was voted to go to Corinth Church in Martin County. It was moved and carried to give to this church a rising vote of thanks for their kind hospitality shown to this union. It was moved and seconded that we adjourn this union to meet again at Corinth Church in October.

Rev. W. A. Hales, Moderator,

J. A. Harris, Clerk

God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by ous Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. 5: 9.

Be all my heart and all my days
Devoted to my Saviour's praise;
And let my glad obedience prove
How much I owe, how much I love.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

SAUL REJECTED

(Lesson for September 3)

Lesson: 1 Samuel 15: 10-23.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

Our Golden Text (I Sam. 15: 23) provides us with the central truth of our lesson. It reveals to us the **penalty of disobedience**—"Because thou hast **rejected** the Word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king." Saul, as we saw in our last lesson, began his kingly career with great promise. He revealed a noble spirit when after his victory over Nahash (11: 1-11) he ascribed all glory to God, and showed such a **forgiving** spirit to his enemies (vss. 12, 13). But he soon became stubborn, proud, self-willed, and followed his own selfish impulses rather than the commandments of God. He became **impatient** when Samuel delayed his coming, and in the sight of the people at Gilgal he took upon himself the priestly office and "offered the burnt offering" (13: 9). Samuel rebuked him and declared that because of his disobedience his kingdom would not continue, it would be given to a man whom the Lord had sought "after His own heart." The loss of his kingdom was the **penalty** Saul must suffer for his rebellion (vss. 13, 14). The rebellion of Saul was no single act of sin; rather was it a **state of heart** which manifested itself in **many** acts of sin. **Sin is no isolated thing**, it is part and parcel of our unredeemed nature (Rom. 7: 18). Thus we find Saul **again** deliberately disobeying a command which was so clear and definite. The Amalekites had grievously sinned against Israel (Exo. 17: 8-14; Deu. 25: 17-19) and Saul was told to "utterly destroy" them and their possessions. **Nothing** was to remain to remind Israel of this exceeding sinful people. But Saul flagrantly disobeyed God's Word, for he spared Agag the king (15: 8). Why? Possibly to exalt **himself**, to glory in his capture; his proud heart found more satisfaction in a **live** king than a dead one.

Heathen kings found satisfaction and pride in leading their fallen **foes** through the streets of the city. Saul set himself up a **place**, a memorial to commemorate his **own** triumph (vs. 12). Doubtless he regarded the preserving of Agag and the best of the flock as quite an **insignificant** thing, and felt he **had** "performed the commandment of the Lord" (vs. 13) as far as was necessary. He thought the offering up of some of the sheep as a sacrifice unto the Lord was a very **worthy** thing (vss. 15, 20, 21). But Samuel stripped his act of any seeming virtue and showed that God found no pleasure whatever in such conduct—**"to obey is better** than sacrifice, and to **hearken** than the fat of rams" (vs. 22). This sin of **rebellion** and **stubbornness** which seemed so light in Saul's eyes was as grave and heinous as witchcraft, gross wickedness, and idolatry.

—Selected

The Powerful "Won't Power"

Strong will power is no guarantee of getting a thing done. The trouble with our common worship of will power is that we leave out of account another factor that is even stronger. It is like the predicament of the Negro who, wrestling with a balky mule, was asked, "Why, Sambo, where's your will power?" "My will power's all right," came the reply, "but you ought to come out here and see this yer animal's won't power." There is in us all a "won't power" that is more powerful than the strongest will power any human being ever had. Its name is sin. Will power crumples like a piece of tissue paper in the flame when, unaided, it confronts some real sin desire of our life. And when will power has done its feeble most, and failed, then Christ has His opportunity.—S. S. Times.

II. Home Work

1. Whose descendants were the Amalekites? (Gen. 26: 12).

2. How had the Israelites been able to defeat the Amalekites on a previous occasion? (Exo. 17: 8-12).

3. How is God affected by the sins of men? (Gen. 6: 5, 6; Ps. 95: 10; Mk. 3: 5; Heb. 3: 10, 17).

4. Does God's repentance mean that He changed His mind, or that a condition arose which required different procedure? (Gen. 6: 6; I Sam. 15: 11, 35).

5. When did God's repentance prove beneficial to man? (Exo. 32: 14; II Sam. 24: 16; Jer. 26: 19).

6. What will be God's judgment of all hypocrites? (Job 13: 16; 36: 13; Mat. 24: 51; 23: 15).

7. What great reasons does God give for demanding exact obedience? (Deu. 4: 39, 40; 8: 19, 20).

8. How important is obedience in the life of the Christian? (Heb. 5: 9; Acts 5: 32; Rom. 6: 16, 17).

9. How do men usually justify themselves when brought face to face with their sin? (Gen. 3: 12, 13; I Sam. 15: 15, 21).

10. Who was king of Amalek? (I Sam. 15: 20).

11. Where else is this name mentioned? (Numbers 24: 7).

12. What descendant of Agag plotted to destroy all Jews, and how were they delivered? (See the Book of Esther).

13. You will be delighted with the helps in our Quarterlies. They are really good.

PINY GROVE REVIVAL

This is to make known that the Reverend Edgar Harden, of the South Norfolk F. W. B. Church, will begin the revival meeting at Piny Grove Church on August 28, at 8:00 P. M. This church is in Beaufort County, North Carolina. All who possibly can do so please attend this meeting. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to come and enjoy the meeting with us.

J. E. Ingalls

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By Raymond T. Sasser, President
N. C. Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention-Institute

In approximately one hundred schools of North Carolina the Bible is being taught. Campaigns are being conducted by representatives of church bodies in many other communities to raise funds to support the program.

A pastor makes the following comment: "Besides the thorough instruction in Bible, there are other pleasing results. The high school pupils come to the teacher for discussion of their personal and religious problems. A greater interest is shown in the churches and Sunday Schools by those pupils who are taking the courses. Furthermore, we are reaching hundreds of pupils heretofore not reached by any Sunday School or Church."

Recently at the request of the editors of the "Bible Society Record," published by the American Bible Society, Dr. George Gallup made a survey of American Scripture-reading habits, in an effort to see whether there has been any change in these habits as a result of the war. The following is the result of the survey as recorded in the "Bible Society Record":

"The survey, taken from coast to coast, reveals that whereas ten in every one hundred persons interviewed say they read the Bible every day, 49 out of every 100 frankly admit that they have not looked into the Bible within the last year. Translated into terms of the adult population, this means that about eight and one-half million people say they read their Bible daily; that about 35,000,000 say they have not read it within a year."

This is an alarming situation for "Christian America." We are not practicing what we preach. Are we not following in the footsteps of the Children of Israel when they reached the Promised Land, and forgetting the only true and living God and substituting gods of Baal in the form of money and riotous living? Are we taking advantage of the sacred privilege of "Religious Freedom" which our boys are fighting to protect?

It will be a sad day for America, when the Christians of America allow the corrupt, political government which we put up with to take our place and teach Christian truths and Bible doctrine. We must face facts, the churches are not reaching the multitudes. What is wrong, is it the people, or is it the Church? To my mind it is neither. It is the Christians who belong to the Church, they have compromised, they have not kept the faith.

Teaching the Bible in public schools will not take the place of the Church as long as this program is controlled by the Church. The present organization is controlled, financed and supervised by cooperating church groups in each community. It is a forward step. It provides training for many children who do not attend church and Sunday School.

Our churches and Sunday Schools have made a progressive step. Now they need to make another. Teaching the Bible in school will create interest in the minds of the pupils, educate them to Bible history, and assist in removing the idea from certain groups of young people of the adolescent age that "only sissies go to Sunday School." We need to be awake to the situation, and when school opens immediately organize recruiting groups to invite the young people to our Sunday School. We need to make our young people's program so interesting that they will want to attend regularly. Give them something to do, something to utilize their talents.

In the majority of the communities in which this program has been introduced we find that Free Will Baptists are supporting it 100 per cent. We should go further than that. If the Bible is not being taught in our community, we should begin the program by contacting the North Carolina Council of Churches, College Station, Durham, N. C. They will be glad to send information on how to organize the churches in your community, raise funds and make Bible Study available in your schools.

MORNING PRAYER MEETING SINCE "D-DAY"

On the day of Invasion, June 6, our local chapter Number 249 started a prayer meeting in our shop, to pray for all our boys and girls in the armed forces.

One will never know just how much good we have found it to do us. We hold our services every morning at quarter to eight with reading of our Bible and prayer.

We all know it is going to take love and prayer to win this war. Sin has got to be driven out by our Christian people. We can do it if we only trust in God, for He is the only one to clear things up in this sinful world.

Our head lady, Mrs. Sol Schechter, who took over the business after her husband was inducted in the army, is fine. She loves us all, and we love her very much. She is very much in favor of our meetings.

We do not know just what our boys are going through, but we can at least pray for them and keep up the Christian spirit on the home front. Let us not forget these words: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jon. 3: 16).

Mrs. Ruth Kennedy,
816 E. Gordon Street,
Kinston, North Carolina

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

HARTLEY. On June 26, 1944, in the quietness of the afternoon, the soul of Mrs. Alice Hartley laid down the cares of this life to assume her reward in a better world.

This good woman was for many years a strong pillar of Antioch Church in Craven County, where her memory will ever be honored and revered. Her funeral was held from Antioch Church by Rev. Toler, her pastor, and assisted by Rev. Griffin and Rev. Hodges. Her body was laid to rest in the Hartley Cemetery. A large floral display attested to the high esteem in which she was held.

Besides her husband, J. K. Hartley, the following children survive: Mesdames Mayme Baliss, Hyman Adams, Guy Everton, Jack Howine, Willie Lee, and Mr. Floyd Hartley, all of New Bern, North Carolina. There is one son, Cecil Hartley of Rocky Mount, N. C., and several grandchildren.

"A few who have watched me sail away
will miss my craft from the busy bay.
Some friendly barks that were anchored near
Some loving souls that my heart held dear
In silent sorrow will drop a tear.

But I shall have peacefully furled my sail
In moorings sheltered from storm or gale.
And greeted friends who have sailed before
O'er the unknown sea to the unseen shore."
—Anon.

—Written by a friend,
Mrs. Willie A. Gaskins

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DUNN. On July 22, 1944, the death angel visited our home and called my dear husband, M. B. Dunn. He had been suffering from cancer of the stomach for around four years. He had been confined to his bed since the past February, but he bore his sufferings with patience.

He was a member of Sarecta Church, and he said that he knew that he was going to rest with Jesus. He was 54 years, 15 days old when he died. He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, 7 children and 6 grandchildren, and a host of friends.

All was done for him that the doctors and nurses and friends could do, but the Lord knew best. Some day we shall meet him at the dear Saviour's feet, where there will be no more goodbyes. We do miss him very much, and we cannot tell just how much. He has gone to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers in the family burial ground, Sarecta, North Carolina.

We loved him, yes we loved him,
But Jesus loved him more;
So He gently called him
To heaven's golden shore.

—Written by his wife,

Mrs. Mattie G. Dunn

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WESTBROOK. Mrs. Walter H. Westbrook, the last charter member of Macedonia F. W. B. Church, Georgia, has gone Home to be with Jesus. She was born on July 23, 1866, and married Napoleon Cleveland the first time while she was a young lady. There were four children who were born to this union. Her husband passed on in 1890.

She later married Walter Westbrook, and to this union were born 7 children. Three remain of the first union and six of the second. She was in declining health for some time before her death. She was confined to her bed for several months, but she was calmly resigned to her sufferings and to the will of God.

It was my privilege to hear her testimony several times, and to have seen her active in the Lord's work for about ten years. She met death bravely, as she lived faithfully unto the Lord. She died on June 27, 1944. She just moved on to the other shore, and is there waiting for the coming of her family.

—Written by her pastor,

Rev. S. T. Shutes

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CANNON. Our dear mother, Mrs. Effie Cannon, departed this life on July 1, 1944, making her stay here on earth 66 years, 9 months, and 15 days. She was the daughter of the late Ora and May Helen Hancock. She was married to John Cannon sometime during the month of October, 1891. Her husband preceded her to the grave on March 30, 1943. They were united together for over fifty years. To this union there were born twelve children. There were six boys and three girls left to mourn their loss. There are 21 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren, three brothers and a host of friends and relatives.

She was a kind and loving wife, and an affectionate mother always unto her children. She had great courage and ambition, though she appeared to be very delicate. Her husband was an invalid for six years, and she did her part waiting on him day and night. For the past six months she suffered untold misery, and the last few weeks she had heart dropsy. She was in her right mind until just a few hours before she passed away. She begged the Lord to take her away.

She was a member of the F. W. B. Church and had been for a long time. Rev. J. C. Griffin, of New Bern, conducted her funeral. She was laid to rest in the family cemetery near her home by the side of her husband. The floral offerings showed how highly she was esteemed by her many friends.

We often think of you
And hope you are at rest;
There where the angels dwell
With Him among the blest.

We know God calls His jewels
And hope that you are one;
But still it was a sad heartache
That God's will must be done.

Sleep on dear mother, we hope to meet you
When life's trials here are o'er;
In that dear country prepared to greet us
Where those who meet shall part no more.

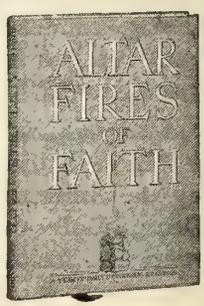
—Mrs. W. H. Cannon,
Daughter-in-law

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Jas. 5: 16.

Prayer an answer will obtain,
Though the Lord awhile delay;
None shall seek his name in vain,
None be empty sent away.

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UNION REPORT

The Union Meeting of the Midway Association of Georgia convened with Travelers' Rest Church, Baker County, on July 28, 1944. After the usual devotional services by the moderator, M. B. Griffin, the list of churches was called, and the names of the delegates were taken. There were 16 churches that represented. The visitors were invited to have seats with us in the meeting.

At this time the Finance Committee was appointed, and the business was called off at this time for preaching services. Elder J. N. Barnes brought the union message which was splendid. We then were dismissed for lunch which was served out on the church grounds. Everyone enjoyed the fine dinner spread on the table.

At 1:30 P. M. the meeting was called to order, and the committees made their reports. The Finance Committee reported as having received $101.50 at this union. The officers were elected for the coming year as follows: M. B. Griffin, moderator; J. N. Barnes, assistant; O. F. Everson, clerk; L. M. Wiley, treasurer.

Treasurer reported on hand	$139.28
To State treasurer	40.35
To Superannuation	50.75
Balance in the treasury	$49.93

The petitions for the next union meeting were brought up, and it was voted to go to White Plains' Church, Early County, Georgia, on Friday before the fifth Sunday in October. Eld. W. T. Wiley is to preach at the eleven o'clock hour.

The union then closed with praise and prayer.

M. B. Griffin, Moderator,
O. F. Everson, Clerk

HAVE I PLEASED GOD?

I'm weary and tired as I sit alone
Tonight, pondering o'er days that are gone.
I wonder if God is pleased with the way
My work has been done in the yesterdays?

To me it seems that all I've done
Has vanished with the setting sun;
But I wonder if God is pleased with me?
Have I been what I ought to be?

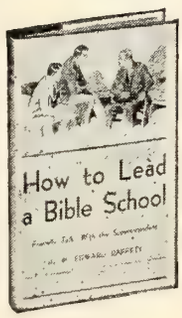
I wonder if in later years, I see
Any fruit hanging from my life's tree?
Have I been faithful in God's Holy way,
Or, does my work remain in the yesterday?

—Venie M. Carney

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Boys and Girls Corner

JOHN'S GIFT

Several years ago in one of the mission schools in Africa the pastor asked the children to bring in their various gifts for the Sunday-school work and to the church. The gifts might be vegetables, rice; in fact anything that could be used, that was worth using. The children had held such services before, so they knew just what to do. Besides they had been planning for the event for months in advance.

Among the boys was a new pupil, a little colored boy, who had been in the school only a short time. He was an orphan and had no one to help him or show him what to do.

On the following Sunday the children began to bring their gifts and place them on the platform in the church. In the meantime our little friend's heart grew heavier and heavier. The tears started to his eyes. He could not keep them back. Bowing his head in prayer, he said: "Oh, Jesus! Dear Jesus! I love Thee with all my heart! I, too, want to take up a gift, but my hands are empty! What is there for me to give?"

Then God put a wonderful, beautiful thought into his mind. "My boy," whispered Jesus, "just give yourself —yourself! That is the gift I want from you today!"

As his name was called he went forward, stepped up to the communion table, took from it the silver plate lying there, placed it on the floor, stepped into it in his bare feet, looked up very earnestly into the face of his pastor, put the plate back and went back to his seat.

"Well," said the missionary to himself, "that was a queer thing for John to do; I think I will ask him why he did that."

When the service was over he called John aside, and said, "That was a queer thing you did this morning. What did you mean by it?"

"Well," was the answer, "a short time ago I gave myself to Jesus, and I love Him with all my heart, because He has done so much for me. Now when I stood on that plate and looked up at you my heart was filled with a great gladness. It means just this: 'Dear Jesus, I love You with all my heart, my hands are empty, but if You take me, just me, I will be Your boy. Go where You want me to go: do what You want me to do, and be what You want me to be. I give myself to Thee forever! It is the only gift I have to bring.' Oh, pastor! I am so happy! Will you take me and train me so I can go forth and tell the glad news of Jesus and His love, and be used of God to win others? I want to be a missionary like you."

"Jesus, take this heart of mine,
Make it pure, and wholly Thine;
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee."

—The Junior Class Paper

TWO NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED IN THE MICHIGAN AREA

On Saturday eve., of June 23rd, 1944, a goodly number of brethren and sisters met with those worshipping in River Rouge in a special service. After singing, prayer and testimonies, the Rev. N. P. Gates brought the message of the hour. After this, those making up the list of Charter members were called together and duly organized bringing together a body of worshippers known as the James Street Free Will Baptist, by entering into said covenant and selecting the following as Officials of said church: Bro. Jack Hagen, being a Deacon in the church of his former membership was elected to serve as Deacon for the new Organization. Bro. Jim Gaylor, to serve as Clerk. Mrs. Violet Hagen, Treasurer. Saturday eve. before each fourth Sunday was selected as their meeting for Church Conferences. This was done in the presence of Rev. and Mrs. Carson Whiteaker, Rev. Horton T. Davis, Rev. C. D. Harron, visiting Minister, Reba Presley, and Mrs. N. P. Gates with Rev. N. P. Gates, officiating. A United prayer of consecration was given, Pastor supplied.

In the afternoon of July 16th, 1944, we met in special service with Rev. Harvey Garrison and his congregation worshipping at Simenole and Gratiot Aves., Detroit, Michigan. Those making up the list of Charter members were called together entering into the Covenant of Free Will Baptist, adopting the name Philadelphia Free Will Baptist, and selecting the following Officials: Rev. Harvey Garrison, Pastor, Bro. Bean to serve as Clerk. Saturday before the Fourth Sunday each month was selected for regular Church Conferences. This was done in the presence of Rev. V. S. Versnick, Rev. Virgil Greenway, Rev. and Mrs. N. P. Gates, Rev. and Mrs. Carson Whiteaker, Rev. R. K. Crawford, Bro. Paul Carrier, Bro. C. D. Vire, Bro. Willie Whiteaker, Bro. and Sis. H. B. Sloan and others. Rev. C. E. Riggs, officiating, Prayer of consecration by Revs. Virgil Greenway, N. P. Gates and V. S. Versnick.

—The F. W. B. Evangel

JESUS CARES AND HEARS

Jesus hears us when we pray,
Rolls the burden of sin away;
He'll hear us when we cry
Take us up to His home on high.

Jesus hears us when we pray,
Takes our every sin away;
When in faith we talk to Him
He'll come and dwell within.

Jesus hears us when we pray,
Knows our thoughts and what we say;
If we'll trust His saving grace
He'll prepare for us a heavenly place.

Jesus is our dearest Friend,
We must trust Him to the end;
If we trust Him night and day
He will lead us all the way.

God the Father and the Son,
Holy Spirit, all three in One;
He will hear us when we pray
And guide us all along the way.

Chorus—
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, for the Bible tells me so.

Sent in by Mrs. F. L. Oliver

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And being just to your fellow man;
It's making money, but holding friends,
And staying true to your aims and ends;
It's fiuguring how and learning why,
And looking forward and thinking high;
And dreaming a little and doing much;
It's keeping always in closest touch
With what is finest in word and deed;
It's being thorough, yet making speed;
It's daring blithely the field of chance
While making labor a brave romance;
It's going onward despite defeat
And fighting staunchly, but keeping sweet;
It's being clean and it's playing fair;
It's laughing lightly at Dame Despair;
It's looking up at the stars above,
And drinking deeply of life and love;
It's struggling on with the will to win,
But taking loss with a cheerful grin;
It's sharing sorrow, and work, and mirth,
And making better this good old earth;
It's serving, striving through strain and stress,
It's doing your noblest—that's Success!

—Berton Braley

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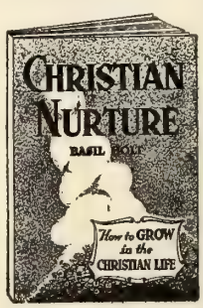
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STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET

The Board of Directors and the Stockholders of the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, North Carolina, will hold their annual meeting on September 11, 1944, in the Ayden Free will Baptist Church. The meeting will be called to order by the president at ten o'clock eastern war time. All Board members are expected to be present for this meeting. Individuals holding stock are requested to be present also. All churches, union meetings, conferences, etc., that have stock in the Press should send duly appointed representatives to represent them in this annual meeting. Please remember the date, September, Monday 11, and be on time for the meeting.

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THE ORPHANAGE PAPER

Reverend L. E. Ballard, who has been elected to direct the religious activities of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina, has begun the publication of an orphanage paper known as the "Young People's Friend." We understand that it will be a monthly paper, giving out from time to time to the church people of the State information concerning the work and progress of the Home, and the training of the children in religious matters.

For quite a while the people of the churches have desired to see the Institution have such a paper going out from the Home each month, so that they might have it coming to their homes, as something of interest and information of the work and progress being made from month to month during the year. The price per year for each individual is one dollar. The good people of the State should subscribe for this monthly paper by sending their dollar to "The Young People's Friend," Box 395, Middlesex, North Carolina.

THE BAPTIST PAPER

New and Renewal subscriptions to the Baptist paper are coming in now in good numbers almost every day. We are noticing with interest this almost sudden increase over the previous months in the subscriptions coming in during the last three weeks of August. As has been the custom each year during the months of August and September, the subscriptions usually increase over the previous months, but thus far they are coming now in larger numbers than we had expected for the month of August. But according to our records, there are a great many people who have failed this year to renew their subscriptions, however, we are looking forward to their doing so within the next few weeks. There are a number of church leaders in a very great many of the churches who do not take the Baptist paper. They should know what they are missing in the way of their failure to read and keep up with what the denomination is doing in the various fields of endeavor for the cause of Christ. The solicitors in each local church should solicit them for the paper, and let them know they should have the paper going each week into their homes.

KEEP SMILING

My father smiled this morning when
  He came downstairs, you see,
At mother; and, when he smiled, then
  She turned and smiled at me;
And when she smiled at me I went
  And smiled at Mary Ann
Out in the kitchen; and she lent
  It to the baker's man.

So then he smiled at someone whom
  He saw when going by,
Who also smiled, and, ere he knew,
  Had twinkles in his eye;
So he went to his office then,
  And smiled right at his clerk,
Who put some more ink on his pen,
And smiled back from his work.

And when this clerk went home he smiled
  Right at his wife; and she
Smiled over at his little child,
  As happy as could be;
And then the little girlie took
  The smile to school; and, when
She smiled at teacher from her book,
  Teacher smiled back again.

And then the teacher passed on one
  To little Jim McBride,
Who couldn't get his lessons done
  No matter how he tried;
And Jimmy took it home, and told
  How teacher smiled at him
When he was tired, and didn't scold,
  But said, "Don't worry, Jim."

And when I happened to be there
  That very night to play,
Jim's mother had a smile to spare,
  Which came across my way;
And then I took it for awhile
  Back home, and mother said:
"Here is that very selfsame smile
  Come back with us to bed."

—Anon

YEARLY MEETING

Dawson's Grove F. W. B. Church will have its Yearly Meeting on third Sunday in September. There will be a homecoming day celebration and lunch on the ground, and an all day service.

We are requesting the presence of the active and the inactive members, and also all the former pastors. We are planning to revise the roll of members, and starting a new ledger. Please come if you can.

Come and let us worship together, and praise God from whom all blessings flow on that day together, enjoying sweet fellowship one with another.

Sincerely in His service,

J. Albert Harris,

for the Church

Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power. Psa. 110: 3.

Work!--Study!--Pray!

Dear Committee Co-Workers:

The date of the annual State Association convening with the Reedy Branch Church, in Pitt County, draws near. Our annual executive committee meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, September 13th, during the convention, probably beginning before the afternoon session is over.

We have many items of business which demands our immediate attention. You are urged to begin giving these your thought and prayers. Below is listed the order of business, and various committee assignments. The chairman of each committee should contact members of his or her committee by mail, and at the convention, September 13th. Each member is expected to be present, or be represented by proxy. (Please give written note to proxy.)

Order of Business

1. Chain of Prayer.

2. Roll call of committee, minutes of last convention, etc.

3. Report of committee on location for next convention—Mrs. Irma Godley, Chairman, 16 Dunn St., New Bern, N. C.; Earl Glenn, 107 Watts St., Durham, N. C.

4. Report of committee on program for next convention — Charles Simpson, Chairman, 1009 Macon St., Wilson, N. C.; Mrs. Bruce Barrow, F. W. B. Church P. O. Box, Kinston, N. C.

5. Report of committee on motto, theme, letterheads, etc., for convention—Mrs. Bruce Barrow, Chairman; Mrs. Irma Godley.

6. Report of committee on textbook, and program of educational articles for the press—Rev. J. Albert Harris, Chairman, Enfield, N. C.; Rev. R. P. Harris, Enfield, N. C.

7. Report of committee on field secretary work, and central finance office—Rev. R. P. Harris, Chairman; Rev. W. L. Moretz, P. O. Box, Wilson, N. C.; Mrs. Edward L. Hardee, RFD, Greenville, N. C.

8. Report of Assembly Ground committee—Rev. R. B. Spencer, Chairman, Ayden, N. C.; Fountain Taylor, Richlands, N. C.; Mrs. Gertrude Ballard, care F. W. B. Orphanage.

9. Report of Delegate to National S. S. Convention—Rev. H. K. Jordan, Lionel and Simmons St., Goldsboro, N. C.

You can readily see that we have much business to transact. Let us be prepared. Reports, discussions and action will be limited to ten minutes for each committee. The reports should be written, and contain appropriate recommended action.

Looking forward to seeing you at Reedy Branch, I'll be praying that we may band ourselves into a cooperative, progressive committee for the advancement of God's kingdom through the Sunday Schools.

Sincerely yours,
Raymond T. Sasser

NOTES OF INSTRUCTION FOR EACH COMMITTEE

Location—

One or two churches made prospective invitations at the last session, but inasmuch as they have not made public their final decisions, we need to begin making our plans. I might suggest that each of you contact all of the ministers you know, tell them to help you. It might be well to write a short article for the Baptist that invitations are being accepted, and that the executive committee will meet September 13th to vote on which invitation to accept.

Program—

You will find enclosed copies of one or two of our previous convention programs. Please study them over, pick out the good and bad, and arrange a program that you consider worthwhile for next year. Keep in mind that we want a live, educational, interesting, instructive program, that is more than a reading of reports.

Motto, Theme, Letterheads, Etc.—

For sometime we have considered and talked of adopting a motto, theme, etc. The first convention (after the organization convention) we used as the motto "Work, Study, Pray," and somehow it was printed on our letterheads, with scripture 2 Timothy 2: 15. This theme has never been made official. Study about it, and make a recommendation that we adopt a motto in keeping with our work. Along with this should also be an official song, scripture, and possibly flower and colors. Use your own judgment. Also work out a proposed copy for having letterheads printed. You will find enclosed a copy of the ones we have been using for four years, they are about gone. Notice the heading of this bulletin, make comparisons and recommend for action. Also recomment number of sheets to be printed and sent to each officer.

Text-Book, and Program of Educational Articles for Press—

You recall the motion of the convention in authorizing us to print a textbook, subject to the action of the National S. S. on this subject. Study the project, it will require a lot of studying, hard work and planning. Bro. Griffin informs me that Mr. Coville has reported he has a manuscript for a text book, however do not feel we can have too many textbooks, or instructive literature for our people. They are hungry for knowledge and training. Let us "feed the sheep." Work out a schedule of articles, giving titles, dates to be prepared by, and assign them to various members of committee, also other well informed people outside of our committee. Someone should assume the responsibility of editing and preparing in final form for the press. It seems to me that these articles, together with other appropriate material in the form of definite, detailed instructions would make a good start on a book, to be compiled and edited by a member of our committee.

Field Secretary Work, Central Finance Office—

To those of us who have been

thinking, dreaming and planning for the future, this committee work is a step in the right direction. There is no question of the fact that we need active, full time field secretaries on the field—home missions if you please. It seems to me that if our convention, possibly in cooperation with the Leagues and Ladies Auxiliary, could support at least one full time, paid field secretary. I believe it can be done, and I am definitely sure that once the program was started, this secretary would raise enough funds to more than pay his or her salary, and that soon we would add one, two, or more secretaries. The harvest is ripe for a forward movement in the auxiliary work of our denomination, and we need active, trained workers devoting their full time to training the laity of our church. Think about this, talk about it, and do the following.

1. Make a recommendation for a definite, planned field secretary work —plan of operation, salary, duties, etc.

2. Recommend one or two prospective applicants for the position.

3. Contact the Home Mission Board, for their support.

4. Make a recommendation (to be approved by our committee) to the State Association, to endorse our program.

A central finance office, operated as a public service for our denominational use in North Carolina, would at once give us, and the other auxiliaries of our denomination (if they wish to cooperate) a central headquarters. It would provide much better means of accounting for funds raised and turned over to denominational enterprises, for monthly reports of receipts and disbursements to various denominational enterprises would be published in our papers. The same day the money was received at the office, a receipt would be mailed to the person or organization originating the contribution. Monthly, quarterly, or yearly reports by conferences, and different auxiliaries would be prepared, making it easy to make statistical reports for our convention. This office could be operated for as little as one dollar per day to begin with, and the funds to finance it could be raised by allowing a small percentage of receipts for operating expenses. The person or organization making the contribution could have the privilege of specifying to which enterprise the money is to go, and in the case of unspecified contributions the money would be divided on an agreed percentage basis.

This may be a little ahead of the times, but it seems to me that we have too many funds, too many treasurers, too many addresses to send our money to, and when it comes time to make a report it is practically impossible to get the desired information. Study, talk, pray about this, and act as the Lord directs.

Assembly Ground Committee—

This committee has a big responsibility, the task has been placed on broad shoulders, we are praying that the Lord may direct that you think and act wisely. By all means be in action. Our people have cooperated splendidly, now they want action. It will not be long before our building restrictions will be lifted, and I know of no better time to raise funds and make preparation for our assembly ground building program. We should like to know your plans for financing, sites you have investigated, and building plans you are considering.

The State Association made a nice contribution to our program at a previous convention, therefore we should like for you to contact the appropriations committee and make a request, in writing, that we should appreciate their financial support this year.

ADVICE WANTED!

("The communion cup or the communion set"—Which?)

A certain church in a certain state is in a disturbing predicament, and is seeking advice of the editor (or someone) that will be greatly beneficial to them. From the report, their situation is likely to cause a great deal of trouble, but there are other churches which have had, some time or other, similar difficulties, and they came out all right in the end.

Here is the situation of this church, or so they write us: Some of the church members want to keep the old communion cup for the wine, and others want to use the communion set which they have bought for the use of the wine. Consequently, a disturbance seems to be arising between the two groups of the church. The question is: **What shall be done about the matter?** As we were asked to give some advice through the columns of the Baptist paper concerning this division in the church, we feel led to give the following for their consideration.

Probably this would help: "And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mk. 3: 25).

Or this might do that church good: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord" (Isa. 1: 18a).

The Psalmist David's admonition might be very helpful to this church if they will take it seriously: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Ps. 133: 1).

Then again the Apostle Paul's advice to the church at Ephesus might be also good for this church: "I, . . . beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, . . . Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4: 1, 3).

But, if none of these should seem to suffice for this church, then we might suggest the following: When the time arrives for Communion Services in this church, let the pastor and the deacons divide the congregation, placing those who want to use the cup in the pews on the right side of the church, and those who want to use the communion set in the pews on the left side of the church, then proceed as follows. Have the bread and wine served first to those in the pews on the right, using the wine cup. Then, after they are through, have the bread and the wine served to those in the pews on the left, using the communion set for the wine. Let this continue as long as both groups are satisfied, or until they are willing to come together in perfect unison and love as a band of God's children. —Editor.

REVEREND D. W. ALEXANDER RETIRES AS MODERATOR

In compliance with the motion which was passed at the last Union meeting of the Second Union of the Central Conference in its session at Hull Road Church, we take great pleasure in expressing for the union, and for Brother Alexander's good friends thanks and appreciations for his splendid services which he rendered as moderator of the union for several years.

Brother Alexander very successfully and wisely directed the work of the union for seven or eight years in succession. During that time he had the co-operation of the ministers, the church delegates and the visiting friends of the union as well. In fact, everyone greatly appreciates Brother Alexander, not only as the Moderator of the union, but also as a fine minister of the gospel. His decisions and viewpoints on matters pertaining to the union and the work of the churches as a whole were always good and greatly appreciated by the church people as a whole.

The services which Brother Alexander rendered as moderator of the union will be long remembered, we believe, by most of those who were accustomed to attend the unions year after year while he was moderator of the same. No one shall ever be able to know how much good his services as moderator have had upon the work of the churches that compose this union meeting district. He was ever faithful to the union, pleasant with the ministers, and urged everyone to take an interest in the work of the union. He is not only appreciated by the church people who compose the churches within the bounds of the Second Union meeting district, but also he is greatly appreciated in the Central Conference, of which he is a member. He is greatly known over the State of North Carolina, and is at the present time the Moderator of the North Carolina State Association. For his frank decisions and open-hearted services in the whole church, both State and Nationally, he is a faithful servant of the Lord.

It was by his own request at the last union that he be not re-elected for another term of office. He felt that he had served as moderator long enough, and that someone else should



Rev. Alexander

be elected to take his place. While the union would have readily re-elected him for another term, they were willing to concde to his wishes, and elected Brother R. C. Wiggs in his stead. Brother Alexander pledged his support and faithfulness to the union in the future, and urged everyone to work for its advancement for the coming years.

By his brother in Christ Jesus,

R. B. Spencer

REVIVAL AT MT. TABOR

Our revival began at Mt. Tabor Church on Sunday, August 6th, and closed on Wednesday, August 16th. The Reverend Edgar H. Harden, of the South Norfolk Church, Virginia, did the preaching. It was a wonderful meeting, for the Spirit of God seemed to have worked wonderfully in the hearts of the people. Everyone was made happy in the Lord.

The churches of the community, as the Methodist, Missionary Baptist, Christian, and the Old Baptist church, etc., showed keen interest in the meeting by their presence for practically every service. The church was filled to its capacity each night, and the entire community considers that it was a great blessing to every one. It surely was a great blessing to have had Brother Harden with us for this meeting. He is a real God-sent preacher.

Our beloved pastor, Rev. J. R. Forrest, of New Bern, North Carolina, was with us during the week-end period, and gave much assistance in the meeting. There were 27 people who came forward and accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. There were six who moved their membership from other churches. There were about 150 persons who re-dedicated their lives anew to Christ.

Sunday, August 13, was a glorious day for those in the Lord. There was great rejoicing. Brother Harden's text was "No Room in the Inn for Jesus." He stirred the people with this great message. The baptismal services were held on Wednesday afternoon, and at the evening services the new converts were properly received in the church as members of the Body of Christ.

We have at our church a very good prayer meeting and Sunday School. We are asking the children of God to pray for us that we may always be up and doing things for the Lord.

Mrs. Jordan Phelps

GOD'S LOVE SUPREME

By Rev. Basil Hodge,
1409 Walnut Street,
Kenova, West Virginia

Text: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3: 16).

Not very many people love the Lord today, because Christ said, "If ye love me, ye will keep my words." Not very many people keep His commandments, for some people love the Lord just about like a certain boy loved his sweetheart. He wrote her a letter and said, "I love you better

than anything in this world. I would cross the widest ocean to come to see you. I would swim the widest river, and I would face an army or a cannon ball to see you." Then he closed his letter by saying, "I will be over to see you Sunday if it does not rain."

People love with a natural love, but God's love is divine. We love our children best when they are at their best, but God loves us when we are at our worst. God loved us while we were sinners.

When I went to see the woman whom I later married for my wife, I would always try to look my best. Some women today are somewhat disappointed in their husbands, because when they loved them then they loved them the best, but later showed less love for them. Jesus loves us when we are at our worst, therefore, we cannot tell the great love of God for us. In its fullness Christ's love is as broad as the ocean, and as deep as the sea itself.

Once D. L. Moody, in speaking of a certain boy who came over from England, and preached for him six nights on love, said that he never knew God loved the world so much, until he had heard that boy preach. Mr. Moody said that the boy began at Genesis and went all the way through the Bible, and showed the love of God. He said the boy made the statement that you could borrow Jacob's ladder and climb up to heaven, and ask Gabriel, who stood in the presence of God, how much God loved the world, and He could only say, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

AN OPEN LETTER

To All Sunday Schools, Women's Auxiliaries, and Leagues of Free Will Baptist Churches

"The Abundant Life Hour" is a religious program designed to broadcast the gospel by way of the radio as Free Will Baptists know and understand the gospel. This program may now be heard over a number of stations each Sunday. More stations are to be added to the list just as soon as sufficient cash and pledges are received to justify the signing of contracts with radio stations.

The entire personnel of the broadcast receive no salary or commissions whatsoever. In addition to the giving of their time and talents, they are among the most liberal contributors to the work. Hence, every dollar you give to this cause goes directly to purchase time on the radio. The gift of $1 makes it possible for 1,500 people to hear the gospel; $5, 7,500 people; $10, 15,000 people, etc.

Your organization is hereby asked to help support this radio ministry. You are requested to make a cash donation today, and a pledge for a definite amount to be paid each month, for six months or a year. We sign no contracts unless the cash or the pledges in hand are sufficient to justify our doing so. If you will make a pledge for a certain amount for each month, then, we know what to depend on. A pledge card is enclosed. All remittances should be made payable to Miss Katherine Beaman, Treasurer.

Thanking your organization, and each member of it, in advance for whatever part you may have in this Radio Ministry, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Thomas E. Beaman,
Director, The Abundant
Life Hour, P. O. Box 120,
Goldsboro, North Carolina

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Jack's Creek Association

Wednesday, August 30, Pensacola.
Thursday, August 31, Jack's Creek Association.

Johnston County

Tuesday, September 5, Kenly.
Wednesday, September 6, Little Rock (Women's Auxiliary, Friendship).
Thursday, September 7, Micro.
Friday, September 8, Selma.
Saturday, September 9, Pine Level.
Sunday, September 10, Holly Springs.
Monday, September 11, Pleasant Grove.
Tuesday, September 12, Rain's Cross Roads.
Wednesday, September 13, and Thursday, September 14, State Association.

Pitt County

Friday, September 15, Greenville.
Saturday, September 16, Piny Grove.
Sunday, September 17, (a. m.), King's Cross Roads.
Sunday, September 17 (p. m.), Marlboro.

Hertford County

Monday, September 18, Hickory Chapel.

Halifax County

Tuesday, September 19, Dawson Grove.

Tyrrell County

Wednesday, September 20, Sound Side.
Thursday, September 21, Malachi's Chapel.
Friday, September 22, Gum Neck.
Saturday, September 23, Mt. Tabor.

Pasquotank County

Sunday, September 24, Elizabeth City.

Beaufort County

Monday, September 25, Trinity.

Martin County

Tuesday, September 26, Corinth.

Pitt County

Wednesday, September 27, Black Jack.
Thursday, September 28, Rose Hill.
Friday, September 29, Ayden.

Greene County

Saturday, September 30, Little Creek.

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ALABAMA ORPHANAGE NEWS

Here is more good news from Alabama. There was a great time at

(See Orphanage News page 11)

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
North Carolina State Association

What Is Our Offer?

Those of us who are ministers are offering to the congregations, which we are permitted to preach to, the REAL, or either a "counter-fit" Gospel. The REAL GOSPEL is that which Paul said, "I am not ashamed of . . . for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Rom. 1: 16). The counter-fit" consist of many different "isms" and philosophical teachings of men. "Social Service Gospel" is one of the most prevalent, and one of the most deceiving. "Fool-osophers" have been able to deceive millions in the accepting of the theory of modernism that denies the DEITY of the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Orthodox Free Will Baptists

The original doctrine of the church of Free Will Baptists is fundamental. We believe that JESUS CHRIST was born of a VIRGIN who had "never known man." We believe that the man JESUS was "GOD MANIFEST IN THE FLESH." We believe that CHRIST died on the cross for our sins, and without His Shed blood there is no forgiveness for sin. The believer is a "BLOOD BOUGHT SAINT." We believe in the "FREEDOM OF THE WILL." If a man goes to hell he goes there for wilfully rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. We believe that Jesus Christ actually died; that He was buried; that He arose the third day; that He was seen, just as the Bible teaches; that He ascended up into heaven, and that He is coming again to catch up His church—His bride—to be with Him, and to judge the world. We believe that those who accept Him as Saviour and Lord will live eternally with God and the redeemed of all ages, and that those who reject the Lord Jesus will be cast into the lake of fire, with the devil and his angels (Rev. 20: 10-15).

We believe that IMMERSION IN WATER IS THE ONLY NEW TESTAMENT MODE OF BAPTISM FOR BELIEVERS IN CHRIST. We believe in observing of the LORD'S SUPPER and the WASHING OF FEET. We believe in "TITHES AND OFFERINGS" as God's plan for the support of His church, together with every command and ordinance as set forth by the WORD OF GOD.

We believe that the BIBLE IS DIVINELY INSPIRED AND THAT IT IS THE INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD. We believe every word of it was written as God dictated. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3: 16, 17). "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1: 21). All of these teachings make me a FREE WILL BAPTIST.

The Treatise to be Taught

Rev. L. R. Ennis has informed me that the Treatise of the Free Will Baptist Faith and Practice will be taught in the BIBLE COLLEGE at NASHVILLE, TENN.

Where to Attend College

If you want to study medicine select the best Medical College that you can find. If you want to study Civil engineering go where it is taught. If you want law go to a Law school. If you desire teaching in public schools go where teachers are prepared. If you are a Free Will Baptist and want to prepare to win the lost to Christ and be a blessing to your church, you should go to the FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE, NASHVILLE, TENN.

What We Have Is What We Made

Our Orphanages in the various states are just what we Free Will Baptist have made them. Our publishing houses and our literature is just what we have made them. Our Home and Foreign mission work is just what we have made it to be. Our Bible College is just what we Free Will Baptists have made it. None of these institutions will ever go beyond our support. If what we have does not measure up with some of the "big ones," the situation will never be made better by starving our very own and feeding the other man's. To wait for ours to grow to great institutions; that is, as the world calls "great"—without our support, or our patronage is "Fool-osophy." If great denominational institutions are ever realized by the Free Will Baptist Church these institutions will be built and maintained by FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

I for one cannot be content to sit on the side and see what the outcome will be. I know what it will be if we all sit down and wait for things to get better. What we have will die. We will either go ahead, or we will go in our hole. We will bring forth fruit or we will wither. We will Christianize or we will fossilize. "No man can serve two masters." Our service; our support; our patronage; our fidelity; our holiness, and our sacrifices, HAVE GIVEN US JUST WHAT WE HAVE AS A DENOMINATION. Do we want it better? If we want better things, we must give better service. We should never ask the Lord to "open the windows of heaven" . . . "and pour out a blessing" upon us, so great, "that there shall not be room enough to receive it" unless we meet the conditions, as stated by the Lord, that is, "bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." When you do this, you can just look up and see the BLESSING COMING DOWN. The windows will open as soon as the tithes are carried into the storehouse. OUR TITHES will build institutions, and make the Free Will Baptist denomination "Go, Glow, and Grow." Suppose we meet God's Challenge, for one year, and see what He will do? I know what He will do. He will meet every promise.

The redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away. Isa. 51: 11.

ON THE ROAD

By L. Everett Ballard
Editor "The Young People's Friend"

Mrs. Ballard and myself have spent the past week mostly in the Jack's Creek Association, where we have been well received by the people who have responded well to the message in the interest of the Orphanage.

Churches visited the past week were:

Tuesday, August 15th, Higgins Chapel at Higgins, N. C., where we were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Higgins. The attendance at the church was not a large one, but the people were very generous in their offering and seem vitally interested in the Home.

Wednesday, August 16th, Bald Mountain. Rev. Quince Miller, pastor of the Higgins Chapel and Bald Mountain churches, accompanied us to Bald Mountain, and greatly helped and encouraged us. The attendance here was very good under the circumstances. We stopped with Mr. and Mrs. Allison Edwards.

Thursday, August 17th, we went to Elizabethton, Tenn., to attend the annual meeting of the Toe River Association, were well received, and the association insisted upon taking a liberal offering for the Home, although we did not ask for it, since the association met in Tennessee. However, since about one half of the Toe River churches are in North Carolina, and the other half in Tennessee, the people want to support both our Orphanages. We met some fine people at the Toe River meeting, and believe that there is a good future to the work there. For the night service we came back to Burnsville, N. C., and the Green Mountain Church. This is a young church, small in membership, but very enthusiastic over the Home. We found that this church keeps a regular "Orphanage Bank" which is passed around each Sunday, in connection with the S. S., for the gifts of the people. We were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woody.

Friday, August 18th, Young's Chapel at Windom. Here we were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Jones. Interest in the message was good and the offering liberal.

Saturday, August 19th, Terry's Fork Church. These people showed most splendid interest in the Home. The crowd was not large, as very rigid restrictions were being enforced as to children and young people attending public services on account of polio, but the small crowd present responded in a wonderful way. We spent the night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Radford.

On Sunday, August 20th, we visited the Barnardsville Church for the morning service, and heard a splendid message delivered by Rev. Frances Radford, who seems to be a very consecrated young woman and zealous for our Free Will Baptist work in the mountains. From Farnardsville we travelled to Walnut, where Mrs. Ballard spoke in the evening to a large crowd. The pastor of the church, Rev. J. B. Brigman, and pastor-elect Rev. B. E. Guthrie, were both with us and gave their earnest support to our work. The offering was the best of the week, and so we ended the week greatly encouraged.

FORGET TO BE THANKFUL

By Prof. A. R. Flowers,
Sims, N. C.

According to the old legend the "Angel of request" on his voyage from earth to heaven is always heavily laden with the supplications of men; but the angel of thanksgiving, after he has brought blessing to men, returns to the heavenly courts, almost empty handed.

How pathetic is the fact to us, who support our Master, still have myriads of people who forget to be thankful.

"For two reasons of the divine administration," said Dr. W. R. Eckman, "Let every man be thankful. First that God has made such perfect provision for the deeper needs of human life, and secondly that He has made the possession of these most choice gifts dependent on asking and striving." "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

Not long ago vice-president Henry A. Wallace said, "Thousands, tens of thousands are dying today because they want something more than food for their bodies. They seek and will gain spiritual food — those qualities and attributes of the spirit, such as love, peace, truth, fortitude, self-respect and tolerance." It is a fact that through the entire stretches of human history, no people have been able to survive who did not rely on spiritual qualities.

We remember the scriptural account of how Jesus was to turn stones into bread after he had fasted through forty days and forty nights, but hear his emphatic answer, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Certainly no civilization has ever been built on anything less than spiritual qualities.

A PRAYER FOR VICTORY

O God! to thee we pray to night
To give our men the strength and might
In which to strike the fatal blow
And win the victory from the foe.

We know that Thou will have a hand
In every battle of air, sea and land;
We know that wherever our boys may go
That you, dear Lord, will be there also.

We fight, O God, for liberty
And the right to worship Thee;
Please stand behind our generals
And give them wisdom for the attack.

Dear Lord, please vanish all fear
And as we go into the fight,
Please lend Thy guiding light
And let us have victory by Thy might.

As some of the boys go to the test
Some may say "Why not the rest?"
But, O God, we know that some must stay
To help protect as well as pray.

In closing this our prayer to Thee,
We beg, O God, this our earnest plea,
Hasten the victory that is to be won
As we pray to Thee in the name of Thy Son.

Cpl. Lebert L. Neely,
Fort Riley, Kansas

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

NOTICE

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the 2nd District of the Western Association will not convene September 6, at Friendship Church. It has been postponed until Wednesday after the first Sunday in March, 1945. You who have part on the program be ready to give your part at that time.

This change was made due to the polio epidemic.

Yours for the Kingdom,
Mrs. D. O. Wilder,

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"AND HE TOUCHED THEIR EYES"

Mrs. Damon C. Dodd,
First Vice-President
of the N. W. A. C.

That Jesus went about doing good is nowhere declared more emphatically than it is in Matthew 9, inasmuch as this chapter is a record of one incident after another of works of mercy and compassion. Jesus was concerned primarily about men's spiritual welfare but while ministering to their spiritual needs He ministered also to their temporal and physical needs. The poor in spirit and the sick in body or mind always found a loyal, sympathetic friend in Jesus. And as our Master went about seeking occasion to do good, so should we concern ourselves with the immediate task at hand—that of being a friend to those who are in need.

Jesus had spent an exhausting and exasperating day. He had been invited to leave Gadara after having healed the demoniacs, the people having declared by their actions that they loved their hogs more than they did men's souls. Undaunted, He came over the Sea of Galilee and once on this side he healed a paralytic man. Passing on He must needs go by the toll office where He called Matthew to the discipleship. Having grown weary, Jesus sat and ate with a group of tax-gatherers and sinners and was taken to task by gain-saying Pharisees. In the course of time Jairus came to Him saying, "My daughter is dead; but come put your hand on her and she will return to life." Jesus rose to follow but even in going he was besieged by those who were in need and He healed the woman who had been afflicted for twelve years. Once in the house of Jairus He soon banished death and restored the daughter to life while doubters and scoffers looked on amazed.

Thus it was that while many remained in spiritual blindness, two men who were actually, literally blind hailed Jesus as He left the house of Jairus with, "Thou Son of David, have mercy . . ." It was no uncommon thing to see blind men in that country as there was a peculiar disease that affected the eyeball causing sudden blindness. It was, however, a rare thing to hear men thus crying to another man to heal them. These men, though, were men of no ordinary intentions. They had heard of Jesus and out of their deep need they were seeking aid. And they sought one who would not fail—Jesus, the wonder-worker. So the order follows: In the first place, the men recognized their needs. Again, they recognized the ability of Jesus to meet that need. Further, they called on Him to perform the necessary work, at the same time exercising faith that they would be heard and healed.

And what a lesson we should get just here. At our best we are needy creatures—blinded to the fullest magnitude of the task. How we need to recognize as Free Will Baptists that we are merely scanning the surface—to see that there are deeper depths and higher heights! That there are paths of service as yet untrodden—alpine heights as yet unsurmounted, human suffering as yet unrelieved, lost souls as yet unreached, children yet homeless and hungry. GOD HELP US, THOU SON OF DAVID! PITY US!

Thus out of the realization of our needs we will be driven to our knees and our hearts will pour out as a flood to Jesus—And He will hear us and "OPEN OUR EYES." And more than that, He will THRUST US OUT INTO SERVICE. So women, if you do not want to serve, you'd better not pray. For before you get up off your knees the Master will give you a job.

Jesus did not heal the blind men until He had asked, "Do you believe that I can do this?" When they answered "Yes" 'He touched their eyes.' The actual touch was probably unnecessary, they could have been healed without it. But what an impression that touch must have made. And so when Christ touches us and opens our eyes, we will do as did these blind men when they were healed. "And they went out and spread His fame. . ."

May we Auxiliary women over the states pray that Christ may touch our eyes so that we will be able to see the fields that need harvesting. Many times we are able to help bring in the harvest through the printed page. Let's work this year for a bigger and a better Literature Department that we may be able to 'spred His fame.'

"A New Vision"

So much to do and I'm so small,
"O Lord, I cannot do it all.
I'm weak and helpless, halt and blind
My zeal is lost, and dark my mind.

"Twas thus I mused. The burden great
Had crushed me down with its vast weight.
And since I could not do it all,
I vowed I'd let the whole thing fall.

My fervor ceased, my interest waned,
My love for Christ and His Church seemed vain.

I drifted away from the Cause sublime,
'Til to all that was Holy and true I was blind.

One day with a call that my heart did rend,
The Spirit said "Who will go? Whom send?"
And I knew I was blind and wretched and lost,
And I said, "Lord cleanse me, regardless the cost."

So He touched my lips and opened my eyes,
And lo! to my great and wondering surprise,
Were paths of service I'd never seen,
And the rough ways were smooth and the deserts were green.

Now I serve with vigor before never known,
The load's never too great, the path never is lone.
For I have a Friend who walks by my side,
Redeemer, Companion, Load-lifter and Guide.

By Damon C. Dodd

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LEE'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY REPORT

Our Auxiliary met at the church on August 18 for the regular monthly meeting. The scripture lesson was read by the president, Mrs. Lura Tart, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Beulah Register. Readings were given on India by Mrs. West, Stone, and Mrs. Register. A beautiful quartet, entitled "Help Somebody Today," was rendered by a group of members. We then had prayer before turning over the meeting for the usual business period.

Each member resolved to read a portion of Scripture from God's word, and to pray daily at one o'clock. Others are asked to join in this prayer hour, and let us pray for victory and peace to come so that our boys can come home. Let us pray that God's will may be done, not ours, unless it is in accordance with His will.

We met at the church at one o'clock on the second Invasion Day for prayer, and also held our prayer meeting on Wednesday night. We urge all the members in and around Lee's Chapel to come out and worship with us each Wednesday night at the prayer meeting.

Mrs. James West, Secretary

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REPORT OF GOSHEN AUXILIARY

The Ladies Aid Society of Goshen F. W. B. Church located at North Belmont, North Carolina, met on Saturday, August 12, in its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Fannie Webb.

It was a fine time for all who attended the business session, and as the following report shows. The ladies certainly have not been idle in their work of the church. In fact, we wish to extend a hearty welcome to all the ladies of our community to visit our next meeting which will be announced by our pastor from the pulpit.

The following is the report for this meeting:

Visits to the sick	40
Trays sent	20
Flowers sent	4
Chapters read	76
Cards sent	2
Dues collected	$1.40
Members present	9

Miss Novella Propst, Pres.,
Belmont, N. C., Route 1

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OAK GROVE AUXILIARY REPORT

The Women's Auxiliary of Oak Grove Church, Sampson County, met at the church on August the ninth at 4:00 P. M., with Mrs. J. A. Lewis in charge of the program. She conducted the devotional services, and Mesdames Kermit West, N. R. Lewis and Miss Thelma Lee had part on the program. The subject for discussion was: "The Need of Missionaries in India."

There were only nine members of the society present for the meeting as people were very busy in housing the tobacco. Since the last meeting there were reported 100 chapters read in the Bible, and only two cards sent to the sick. Four visits were made to the sick, two trays taken, and 32 quarts of milk given to the sick.

Mrs. Annis McPhail, President,
Miss Thelma Lee, Secretary

ORPHANAGE NEWS

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the Orphan Home on the fifth Sunday in July. There were between 700 to 1,000 people present for the exercises, and over $600 were turned in, as I remember the figures.

We want every church in Alabama to raise $25 to $50, and to turn it in by the time the Alabama State Association convenes, which will be on Thursday night, Friday and Saturday, at Cordova, before the second Sunday in November, 1944. We want to be able to cancel the indebtedness, and to dedicate the property. The state of Alabama has had one of the greatest years in her history, and let us thank God for it.

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Chairman of Board of Trustees

God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us. Heb. 6: 17, 18.

Wanted!

A boy, girl, man, or woman in every community or town to sell cards for Service Boys, also cards for the Sick. Keep part of money when sold.

Write for free Samples of cards.

Address:

Mrs. Vida Munden Nixon,
Route 2,
Bailey, N. C.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

DAVID ANOINTED KING

(Lesson for September 10)

Lesson: 1 Samuel 16: 1-5, 11-18.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart" (I Sam. 16: 7).

The north and the south poles are not farther apart than the two points of view which are contrasted in the text before us. The east and the west can be brought together into physical contact sooner than we can reconcile the opposites stated in these words: "For man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." As in all things, the viewpoint of God is infinitely superior to that of man.

Many a woman has tasted deeply of the cup of grief because she was deceived by appearances. Misled by a courtly manner and a handsome physique, she allowed her fancy to silence her reason and permitted love to blossom and develop for a person whom she later discovered to be a scoundrel. She suffered a grief from which she never fully recovered, because she trusted outward appearances and could not read the heart.

Many a man has been disillusioned and embittered because he was enamored of a pretty face. Beyond the symmetry of form and the skill in the application of cosmetics he never tried to penetrate, and was content to devote his name, fortune and life upon outward grace. When the awakening came because of heartless selfishness and supreme self-satisfaction, such a man drinks deeply of the lees of sorrow and walks in bitterness and loneliness the balance of his days. All because it is **natural** to man to judge by outward appearances.

Such are never safe criteria. I recently met a gentleman who was one of the most affable and entertaining characters it has ever been my privilege to know. He literally charmed us all with his genial nature and won our admiration by his admirable presence. Ten days after I met him he was under indictment for grand larceny. The bank examiners uncovered an astonishing record of peculations that extended far more than ten years into the past, during which decade this attractive man had robbed his institution, betrayed the trust of thousands, and gambled away the assets of the depositors! I am sure, however, that in all that time he never deceived God! His outward appearance was not the measure by which Heaven had judged him.

I formed an acquaintance with a man who seemed earnest and sincere in his patriotic desire to make good citizens out of under-privileged lads, and who spent all his life in good works in their behalf. The highest ideals of citizenship were consistently preached by him, and the noblest precepts of daily conduct formed the theme of his teachings to countless growing lads. To-day he is in the penitentiary of the state of his residence, serving a ten-year sentence for one of the vilest crimes that man can commit against decency and law! He fooled us all and "got by" on his outward appearances: I am certain that God knew him for what he was all the time! **God** looks upon the heart of man.

—Selected.

II. Home Work

1. Please study what our **Advanced Quarterly** has to say on **Samuel Reproved for His Continued Mourning.**

2. Did God always demand that men tell the whole truth to one another? (Exo. 5: 1; I Sam. 16: 1, 2; Acts 23: 6).

3. How specific is the guidance God gives to His servants? (Is. 30: 21; Ps. 32: 8; 73: 24; Is. 58: 11).

4. What means of guidance does the Lord sometimes employ? (I Sam. 9: 15; 3 :15; Acts 10: 17; Mat. 1: 20; 2: 12, 13, 19).

5. On whom, and on what must we depend for guidance? (John 16: 13; 17: 6; 14: 23; Jas. 1: 22).

6. What was the basis of God's Choice of David? (I Sam. 13: 14; 16: 7; Acts 13: 22).

7. What is typified by the fact that a sacrifice preceded the anointing? (I Sam. 16: 5, 12, 13).

8. How many times was David anointed as king, and what does it typify? (I Sam. 16: 13; II Sam. 2: 4; 5: 3).

9. What were some of David's activities? (I Sam. 16: 11, 21, 23; 19: 8; II Sam. 2: 4; 23: 1).

10. Of whom is David the ancestor and also a type? (Rom. 1: 3; Jer. 33: 21; Eze. 34: 23, 24).

III. Lesson High Points

One great lesson to be drawn from God's choice of David is that His method of working is so **different** from ours. God's ways are **not man's** ways and His thoughts are **not** our thoughts (Is. 55: 8). The family of Jesse the Bethlehemite was not the quarter where a new king might be expected. Had the choice of king been left to Samuel, he certainly would have chosen **Eliab** (I Sam. 16: 6), rather than David, for this honor. "Man looketh on the **outward appearance,** but God looketh on the heart" (vs. 7). We know that David had some bad falls, he had his weaknesses, but he could **read** his own heart, he could **learn,** and his power to learn was his salvation. Saul was unable to learn from his falls, and thus was doomed. He **who from his** failures comes to see himself, his helplessness and need, his utter dependence on God, will make his failings the steppingstones to higher things. David, the man after God's own heart, sinned grievously (Ps. 51: 1-4), but he realized his sins, and knew that it was not in himself to walk aright (Jer. 10: 23). Till man realizes that, he will walk **crookedly.** When we see our deep need of inward cleansing and power, then we cry out with David: "Create in me a **clean heart,** O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Ps. 51: 10).

It has ever been God's way to find His agents in **unexpected places.** Here a great king is found in the field caring for his father's sheep. When Samuel told Jesse to send for his youngest son we can imagine his sons would think. Well, if none of us is fit for this high office, whatever it might be, then it is **futile** to send for that mere stripling who is fit only to mind a few sheep. (Compare Eliab's opinion of him in I Sam. 17: 28.) But the Bible shows again and again that the "foolishness of God is **wiser** than men" (I Cor. 1 :25). He found Joseph, the prime minister of Egypt, who was to save Israel from starvation, in an Egyptian dungeon (Gen. 39: 20). Man would have looked for him among the princes and courtiers of Pharaoh in the royal palace. Moses, the future leader, statesman, Lawgiver, was found by the daughter of Pharoah in the most unexpected place in a wicker basket hid among the reeds (Exo. 2: 1-10).

—Selected.

REVIVAL AT DEEP RUN CHURCH

The people of Deep Run Church feel that they are very fortunate in having the Reverend Daniel Hansley of Folkston, North Carolina, to hold the revival meeting this year. The meeting will begin on Monday night after the third Sunday in September.

We want to extend a cordial welcome to everyone to attend this meeting. The people of the churches of other denominations are invited to come and worship with us, for Brother Hansley is a fine preacher.

Note: Our prayer meeting will be changed, beginning Sunday night, August 27, from Saturday nights to Sunday nights at 8:30 P. M. The public is also invited to attend these meetings each Sunday night.

We desire the prayers of all the praying people that we may go forth and do a great work for the Lord in the future.

Mrs. Ruthie Hardison,
Deep Run, N. C.

SECOND UNION REPORT

The Second Union of the Central Conference of North Carolina convened with Hull Road Church, Greene County, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1944. Rev. M. A. Woodard conducted the devotions and prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Wooten. The moderator, Rev. D. W. Alexander, made a few remarks, after which the business of the union was entered into.

There were only ten ministers present, and sixteen churches represented, but we had a splendid meeting with several good lectures given by good speakers. Sister Annis Speight spoke on the subject of Stewardship," and her message was a real good one from many points of view. Another talk by Reverend Bruce Barrow on the subject of "Christian Education" was very timely.

There was an offering taken at this time for the Orphanage at Middlesex to the amount of $22.02. The amount raised by the union was $112.16; disbursements were $105.87; thus leaving a balance in the treasury of $6.29. We were dismissed at this time for lunch.

At 1:30 P. M. the people re-assembled in the church, and the devotional services were conducted by Reverend R. C. Wiggs, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. B. Nobles. Sister Cora Spivey gave us a splendid talk on the work of the Women's Auxiliary and its relation to the church. Following the talk, a motion was passed for the Union to contribute to the Church Finance Association, Incorporated. The Executive Committee of the Union is to formulate some workable plan for the Union to work by in the future. A motion was passed to the effect that Rev. R. B. Spencer is to get a picture of Rev. D. W. Alexander, our retiring moderator, and have it run in the Baptist paper together with a write-up concerning Brother Alexander's long tenure of office as moderator of the Second Union of the Central Conference.

Rev. R. C. Wiggs was made our new moderator of the union for the ensuing year. Most all the other officers of the union were re-elected for that same period. The next union is to go to Rose Hill Church in Pitt County near Winterville, North Carolina. It will be in October, 1944. We want every church represented in that union, and every minister of the union district to be present also. The church needs your presence and helpfulness in carrying on the work of the union, and you need the helpfulness which the union can give you in your work as a minister of the gospel.

The union closed with praise and prayer by Rev. R. C. Wiggs.

Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Moderator,
E. C. Hines, Clerk

JESUS UNDERSTANDS

When the Lord looked down on me,
And saw my misery;
He understood my sorrow, pain and grief.
He reached down His mighty hand,
And at His great command;
My heart was given new and sweet relief.

Jesus knows when I am sad,
He knows when I am glad;
I know He understands my every need.
Oh, He listens every day,
To hear me when I pray;
I call on Him my hungry saul to feed.

Yes, my Saviour understands,
And guides me with His hand;
He leads me through the shadows dark and dim.
Soon the gates will open wide,
And on the other side;
Are those who followed all the way with Him.

—Venie M. Carney

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. Rev. 21: 4, 5.

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PROGRAM

The Sunday School Convention of the Eastern Conference of South Carolina will convene with St. John's Free Will Baptist Church, at Scranton, South Carolina, on September 30, 1944. Brother J. G. Williams is General Superintendent, and Elder T. A. Williams is Host Pastor. Mrs. H. C. Simmons is Secretary and Treasurer of the convention.

Registration

Morning Session

10:30—Opening song by the choir
—Scripture lesson read by Supt. J. G. Williams
—Prayer
—Welcome address by Elder T. A. Williams
—Response by Elder M. F. Howell
—Song, "The Star Spangled Banner," and the pledge of allegiance
11:00—Introductory business session
—Appointment of temporary committees and judges
—Reading of minutes of last session by secretary
—Report of Field Worker
11:20—Program by the local church
12:00—Sermon by Rev. M. H. Mellette
1:00—Lunch and social recreation

Afternoon Session

2:00—Song by the choir
—Declamation contest, consisting of one boy, an done girl from each Sunday School, with recitation
2:30—Reports af various Sunday School Superintendents
—Budget Funds and pledges for Orphanage, etc.
3:00—A talk by whomever the Superintendent might call on
3:15—Final business period
—Reports of temporary committees and judges' decision
—Awarding of first and second prizes to winners
—Unfinished business
—Petitions for next convention
—Thanks extended to host church
—Song and benediction

Elder T. A. Williams,
Elder N. N. Davis,
Mrs. H. C. Simmons,
Program Committee

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Sunday School convention of the Eastern Conference of South Carolina held its regular semi-annual session with Little Bethel F. W. B. Church, Hemingway, S. C., on April 1, 1944. The Reverend M. F. Howell presided over the meeting. The congregation sang a song, and Superintendent read the scripture lesson from Isaiah, the twenty-sixth chapter. Rev. M. F. Howell led in a word of prayer. The welcome address was given by Rev. T. D. Lyerly, and the response was by Rev. A. L. Williams.

The convention then entered upon the business, and Brother Jesse Williams was elected as Superintendent, and re-elected as the Field Worker. Mrs. H. C. Simmons was re-elected as secretary and treasurer. The Finance Committee was appointed, and then the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Then the next matter was the reports of the various Sunday Schools represented. The money for the Orphanage was turned in (only four churches representing) and the amount was $49.80 collected. The convention sermon was preached by Rev. T. A. Williams. His text was "Lengthen out the cords, and strengthen thy stakes." His subject was "An Orphan Home in South Carolina." It was very effective and enjoyed very much by everyone present. At the close of the message the convention was adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with song and prayer by Mrs. A. B. Powell. Then a program was rendered by the local church members. Following this, Rev. N. N. Davis made a talk. The final business session then began with the reports of the Finance Committee, which was adopted. Sister A. B. Powell gave a brief talk on the work of the Women's Auxiliary society. A vote of thanks was extended to Little Bethel Church and community for the generous hospitality shown to this convention. Then the convention was adjourned to meet again on September 30, 1944, with St. John's F. W. B. Church, at Scranton, South Carolina.

Mrs. H. C. Simmons,
Secretary and Treasurer

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

PHELPS. The death angel came and took away my brother, Rufus H. Phelps, on July 21, 1944. He was 49 years old when he died. He accidentally got a piece of steel in his leg about two years ago, and he was never well again. All was done for him that loving hands could do, but all to no avail.

He was a member of Mt. Tabor Church, having joined when he was a young man. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, 4 children, 5 brothers, and one sister. He was laid to rest in the family cemetery under a mound of beautiful flowers.

—Written by his brother,
Jordan E. Phelps

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JONES. On August 9, 1944, the death angel visited the home of Mrs. C. F. Jones and took away her loving mother, Mrs. Carthenia Everton. She would have been ninety-four years old on March 14, 1945, had she lived until that time.

She was called "Mammy" by her many friends, and was loved by all who knew her. Until a few years ago she was always found visiting the sick and needy. But God knew that her work here on earth had come to a close, and He took her home in heaven to live with Him.

She is survived by five children, twenty-eight grandchildren, and fifty-eight great-grandchildren, and twenty-two great great-grandchildren. Her funeral was conducted at the Cedar Grove M. E. Church by her pastor, Rev. Preston E. Cayton, and assisted by Rev. A. J. McCelland, the Rev. W. A. Hales, and Rev. R. H. Walker, after which her body was laid to rest beneath a mound of beautiful flowers.

God walked in the midst of the garden,
And gently viewed the place;
He saw it would make heaven brighter
If He added your sweet face.

We love you more than ever
As we think of you in that beautiful home;
And we long to go there to greet you
When our work on earth is done.
—Written by a friend,
Mrs. C. L. Swindell,
Columbia, N. C.

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BARNES. In the early hours of the morning of February 24, 1944, the death angel visited the home of Mr. J. W. Barnes, and took away his devoted wife, Mrs. Smithy Holland Barnes, who was born in Wayne County March 3, 1873.

She was 71 years old and a devoted member of the F. W. B. Church. She united with the Union Grove Church, Wayne County, when a young girl, but later making her home in Johnston County, she moved her membership to Pine Level where she always attended as long as her health permitted and a faithful member until death. She was in declining health for several years and was confined to her room in June, 1943, and took her bed on Thanksgiving of that year.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Moses P. Crocker, and three grandsons.

Her funeral was conducted by the Elder J. H. Worley in the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church in the presence of a large crowd of friends and loved ones; and was laid to rest in the Holland Cemetery near her old homeplace, beneath a beautiful mound of flowers.

We miss you who was loaned to us for awhile,
We miss your presence and tender smile,
By God's grace alone you lived and died
And your good deeds and friends you multiplied.
—Written by a sister-in-law,
Mrs. Bessie Holland

Boys and Girls Corner

NEHEMIAH, THE KING'S CUPBEARER

Once a great heathen king sent his soldiers to attack Jerusalem, and after a terrible battle they captured the city, tore down its walls, and burned the temple. All the people who had not been killed in battle they captured and carried away to Babylon, where they had to be servants to the king. All this was punishment upon the children of Israel because they had disobeyed God so many, many times.

For seventy years they were captives. Then good King Cyrus came to the throne of this heathen country. He at once gave permission to the captives to go back to their homes in Jerusalem. Many of them did return, taking with them gold and silver to pay for rebuilding the temple.

Among those who remained in Babylon was a boy known as Nehemiah. Although he was a Jew, he became a distinguished man in this heathen city. He never forgot the God of his fathers, and always tried to do right.

Finally, the king made him his cupbearer, and took him to live at the palace. The cupbearer was an important man. He had to taste all food and drink brought to the king, to make sure it was not poisoned.

One day Nehemiah was walking along the street, when he met a friend who had just come from Jerusalem. My, Nehemiah was glad to see him! He asked all about his people who had gone back years before to rebuild the city.

The friend told him that Jerusalem was in ruins and his countrymen were in want. Nehemiah was so grieved at this bad news that he wept.

Then he prayed that God would allow him to help his people. He prayed, too, that God would make the king want to help.

When Nehemiah went into the king's room he was still sad. The king saw right away that something was wrong, and he said: "Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick?"

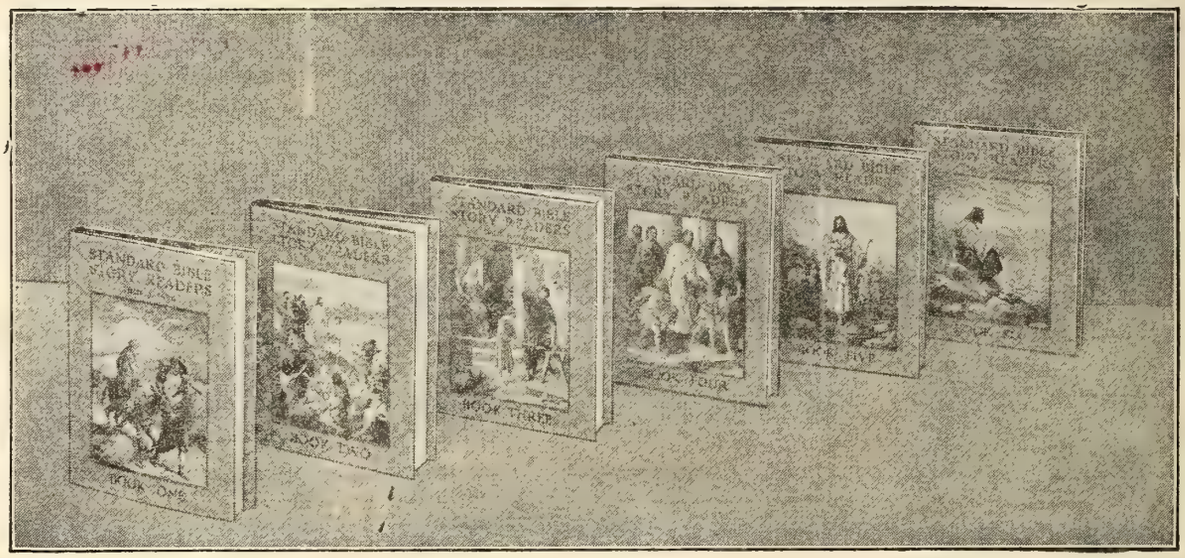
Nehemiah told the king that the beautiful city of Jerusalem was in ruins and that the people were in distress. He begged to be allowed to go back and help rebuild the walls.

The king not only let him go, but gave him letters with his seal on them, so that he could travel safely. He also sent word to the keeper of his forest, to give Nehemiah all the lumber he needed to use in building up the gates of Jerusalem.

When he reached the city of David, he called the people together and told them how God had answered his prayer over in Babylon, and how the king had helped him. This word cheered them all and they said: "Let us rise up and build." And so the cupbearer of the king directed the work and became governor of the city.

—Bible Story

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy, for morning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Isa. 61: 2, 3.



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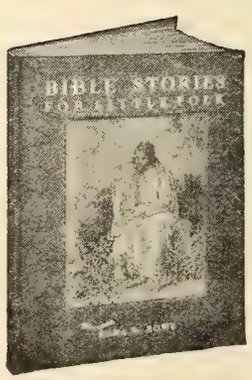
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Life's Lesson

I learn, as the years roll onward
And I leave the past behind,
That much I had counted sorrow
But proves that God is kind;
That many a flower I had longed for
Had hidden a thorn of pain,
And many a rugged by-path
Led to fields of ripened grain.

The clouds that cover the sunshine
They can not banish the sun;
And the earth shines out the brighter
When the weary rain is done.
We must stand in the deepest shadow
To see the clearest light;
And often through wrong's own darkness
Comes the weary strength of light.

The sweetest rest is at even,
After a wearisome day,
When the heavy burden of labor
Has borne from our hearts away;
And those who have never known sorrow
Can not know the infinite peace
That falls on the troubled spirit
When it sees at last release.

We must live through the dreary winter
If we would value the spring;
And the woods must be cold and silent
Before the robins sing.
The flowers must be buried in darkness
Before they can bud and bloom,
And the sweetest, warmest sunshine
Comes after the storm and gloom.

—Anonymous

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EDITORIAL

ENTERTAINMENT OR WORSHIP . . . WHICH?

The world is seeking entertainment today as never before in the history of mankind. Although there are other contributing agencies, the movies are mainly responsible for this appalling situation in this country. It has reached such a stage that it has become the habit of most people to want to be entertained, or amused, when they gather at the assembly places and in the church edifices. In fact, many have become so accustomed to fascinating entertainment of the shows, circuses, ball-games, prize-fights, and the like, that when they attend religious services they want the services to be alive with some unusual performance of worship. Otherwise, they lose interest in regular church attendance.

But, if some new evangelist, with a band of lively singers, comes into the community, and "pitches his gospel tent" for a season of spectacular religious performances, as "speaking in tongues," telling many miraculous things which happened to certain individuals elsewhere, healing the sick, shouting hysterically, singing "jazz-like songs," etc., many of this class of disinterested and negligent church people, both the old and the young, in the neighborhood will go out to the evangelist's tent-meeting, either out of idle curiosity to see and hear what is happening, or to be entertained and to have something unusual to relate the next day to a neighbor or friend. Some good, doubtless, was derived by some of them for having attended these services, in spite of all the unusual performances carried on in the meeting.

But, we ask, What is worship after all, and what difference is there between it and entertainment? Does it really require that people, both old and young, must be entertained, or amused, at religious services, as we understand entertainment today? Is it the basic principle in Christianity to entertain people when they go to church in order to get them to worship God with purity of heart and right motives? Does the Bible teach that the prophets, the teachers, the ministers and the evangelists, through the ages, sought to entertain the people in the presentation of the Word of God in order to draw sinful men to the right way of living? Should church people today criticise the religious services because they are not planned and conducted in such a manner as to entertain the congregation? Let us think about these things.

True worship is sacred, for it draws the human soul into close communion with God. The human heart is led to meditate, in true worshipful services, upon God's goodness, to have a deeper reverence for the spiritual, and to praise the Holy One with the deep impulss of the soul. It is placing soul-worship in the very atmosphere of the Divine. Heart-felt worship moves the worshipper to be quiet and still for the most part, and to drink deeply of the spiritual waters of the eternal God. Not entertainment, but sacred devotions arising from the seat of human sensibilities and consciousness, and feasting upon the spiritual joys and satisfactions of the heavenly Father. No amusement, but holy reverence, worshipful devotions to the ALL I AM. No outward show, but an inward feeling—the harmonizing spiritual impulses of the soul of the saint with God.

Such is the mood, the mental state or feeling, the sense-impulses of the human soul of true worshippers in True Christian services. Why, then, should church people seek to be entertained when they attend religious services? Is it not the fact that they are more concerned about th outward performance of the services than they are about their own relationship with God? We believe they are. We believe they have imbibed, or drunken too deeply of the ways of the world to be willing to concentrate their thoughts and feelings upon the spiritual within, while they are in attendance upon religious services. The fascinating things of the world have stamped upon their very beings the habit of anxious search for the transitory, the sensual pleasures, to satisfy their fleshly appetites.

However, we feel that this is not true with the true followers of Christ. They are looking for things that are deeper and more lasting for the human soul. Faithful children of God do not go to church to seek entertainment. That is not what they want. They are not expecting the spectacular to take place. No, not that, but they go to draw themselves close to Jesus, and to the Holy Spirit. They want to talk to God in prayer, enjoy from the depths of their hearts the singing of sacred hymns, and drink deeply of the gospel message as it falls freely from the minister's lips. Such to them is joy supreme. It satisfies, for they are drawn into sweet fellowship and holy communion with God. Their troubled hearts are calmed, many of their burdens are rolled away, and they are re-assured that God is very near and dear to them, and will go with them all the way to guide and protect them while they journey on to the end of life's way.

Entertainment or worship—which? What are you seeking today? Satan and the world furnish the greater part of entertainment and sport-life today. It is for only a season. Then it is gone, as the winds of time. From such comes no lasting joy, no earthly rest. But Christ and righteousness furnish the source for true worship. He is the Fountain from Whom the spiritual waters flow, and those who drink deeply thereof shall never thirst again. Here is complete satisfaction. The choice is to be made—entertainment or holy worship—life eternal, or the pleasures of sin for a season. Which shall be the individual's choice? Let the church keep her quiet sacredness, may the services be ever deeply spiritual, and let us trust God that all worshippers will seek to worship Him in spirit and in truth.

The Peace that Satisfies

Mrs. Vera Elliott
Trinity F. W. B. Church
Nashville, Tennessee

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (St. John 14: 27).

There never has been a time when people looked forward to hearing peace rung out in our nation like we are today. We long to hear it and we wonder why God doesn't see fit to give it. But the peace which we are listening for isn't anything to compare with the peace that God gives if we will only let Him. It is up to us individuals, whether we have this peace of God or not. If God has a definite work that He has planned for us, and we fight against Him, we cannot find this peace. Because we cannot understand the mystery of God's plans, is no reason we should turn Him down. We are to say, "Thy will be done." To have this peace, may mean for some of us to lose our so-called friends. We may be persecuted, and many other things may happen to us, but when we give ourselves completely to the call of the Master, we will feel that deep settled pace within our soul. We should be willing to say, let come what will, dear Lord, I will go all the way with you. Give me the place which you have planned for me. I will gladly go or stay at thy will.

My dear Father passed away on the eleventh of July, but when we knew that he had to go, it was peace to us to know in the 23rd Psalm that it says, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." When I had done all that I could, I knew that God was with him. We are not to let our hearts be troubled, for God will care for his own. But there are more troubled hearts today, I believe, than there have been in a long, long time. It is hard to get people to go to the house of God for comfort and consolation. If we Christians would only make people who do not know God to understand that there is joy in knowing Jesus as our personal Saviour, then, I believe, they would have more faith in the heavenly Father.

If we would seek to prove to the unbelievers that we have something to offer them that is different from what they have, then they would see things in a different light. Are we proud to be soldiers of the Cross of Christ? What does it mean when we say that we want to be soul winners? Will we not get down on our knees and pray for that last man or woman, boy or girl? But many of us are not willing to be seen with them for fear some people will criticise us. Did Jesus care about what the people said about Him? Did He? See how patient God was with David. Shall we be able to win people to Christ by turning our backs on them? Certainly not. If we feel that God is leading us to help someone who has made mistakes, should we not do our best to save that person? That person's soul is just as precious to God as is our soul. If God be for us who can be against us but the opposers of righteousness?

I have noticed very carefully some who seem to be living such devoted Christian lives that they have some degraded people in their families. When some others just make a mistake, then they are the ones who censure the hardest. Jesus told his people when He was on earth that He came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Christ was humble, for He loved the lowly in spirit even though they were vile and wicked. But if we Christians would be more like Him, we would then be able to do more for the cause of righteousness. God will bless our efforts if we will seek to help others who are standing in the ways of sin and condemnation. If we are like Jesus we will have peace in our hearts, and will go out and look for the lost and bring them to Jesus.

May I say that Trinity F. W. B. Church is doing a splendid work, and God is still with us in a wonderful way. We have good attendance in Sunday School. We have quite a few of willing workers, and our people do not try to get someone else to do what they are asked to do. We may have a few who try to shirk their duties and responsibilities, but as a whole I have never seen anything like it elsewhere.

Our pastor is away now in a revival meeting in Georgia, but our assistant pastor, Rev. O. A. Collins, has been bringing us some splendid messages, and he is really fine. We thank God for him. In attendance our League is very good for the summer months. We have new members coming in all the while. We have as many as thirty-five to forty present for the League each time we meet. In April we had a splendid revival meeting at our church, and we are looking forward to another good one in October. As members of the church, we are glad that we can say that we love our church. We are really proud of it.

We do still want all consecrated Christians to pray that God will give us power from on high that we may do greater things for our Lord and Master during the passing years.

BLESSING AT TABLE

An honest farmer was asked to dine with a gentleman, and there asked a blessing at the table as he was accustomed to do at home. His host said jeeringly, "That is old-fashioned; it is not customary nowadays for well-educated people to pray at the table." The farmer answered that with him it was customary, but that some of his household never prayed over their food. "Ah, then," said the gentleman, "they are sensible and enlightened. Who are they?" The farmer answered, "They are my pigs."—Christian Herald.

REV. L. H. WETHERINGTON TO BE PRESENT FOR THE STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Brother L. H. Wetherington, the president of the Board of Directors and Stockholders of the F. W. B. Press, Ayden, North Carolina, is making splendid improvements from his paralytic stroke, and will be present for the Annual Stockholders Meeting which will be held next Monday, September 11, 1944. Brother Wetherington is looking forward to this meeting with much interest and concern, and he wants each church, and church organization that holds stock in the Press to send a representative for the meeting. Individuals who hold stock are also urged to represent or to send a proxy to represent for them. The proxies are to bring with them written statements showing that they are properly authorized to represent stock in the Press.

The meeting will begin at ten o'clock eastern war time in the Ayden Free Will Baptist church. All representatives are requested to come on time and to be present when the meeting opens.

R. B. Spencer,
Secretary to the Board

FINE WORK AT ST. PAUL

We had the privilege of visiting St. Paul's Church in Sampson County where Brother D. W. Alexander, of Bethel, North Carolina, was holding a meeting. It was a pleasure to be present for some of these services. On Thursday night Brother Alexander read his scripture lesson from the second chapter of St. Mark's Gospel. His message was based upon part of the fifth verse, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." It was a fine message which Brother Alexander brought to the people that evening.

On Friday night his scripture lesson was a part of the twenty-seventh chapter of Matthew. He used a part of verse seventeen for his text, "Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barrabas, or Jesus which is called the Christ." Brother Alexander stressed the important phases in this subject. He said that it was a momentous question which we all should answer. It was a good service that night, and it was the last message which Brother Alexander brought.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant, the pastor of the church, preached on Saturday night, and his message was on the story of Joshua which was very good. Sunday morning the pastor read his scripture lesson from the third chapter of Galatians. His message was based upon verse 24. On Sunday afternoon the St. Paul Missionary society met, and there were around twenty-five members present. The topic discussed was on the subject, "Christian Education," which was enjoyed very much. Ice cream and cake were served at the close of the meeting.

This church has a fine Sunday School. The attendance is very good, and the singing is inspiring under the leadership of M. McLamb. May the Lord ever bless the work at St. Paul's Church.

Mrs. Mae Rouse,
Dudley, North Carolina

ANNOUNCEMENT

Our regular Annual Ministers' meeting will convene this year at Mt. Beulah F. W. B. Church of the Pee Dee Association one day only, September 17, 1944. It will begin at 10:30 A. M. eastern war time. This Church can be reached by automobile: Follow route No. 701 through Tabor City, North Carolina, two miles out of town, then turn to the left on the dirt road, and the church is about one-fourth mile. Those coming on the bus may travel the same route, leaving the bus at or near Wilson Station on same dirt road, and only a short distance. All the ministers are invited to attend this meeting. A hearty welcome awaits you by those in charge of the meeting.

Yours for Jesus,

R. C. Rhodes

MUST OUR SUNDAY GO?

We are told that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. It is true. There are conditions tolerated today because of the war—rules and regulations that govern our lives that would never be permitted by any liberty-loving people in time of peace. Unless we are very careful we shall find that these restrictions are perpetuated after the war and the yoke of bondage permanently fastened upon us. It is not necessary to name these things. But, if war tightens restrictions around us in one respect, it removes them in another, and the one is as bad as the other. There are many signs of the latter also that are disquieting, and one of the most significant is the attempt that is being made to remove the sanctions and restraints that our Christian Sunday has imposed upon the people.

In Toronto, a determined effort is being made to have all restraints removed under the specious plea that the "boys" in uniform must have a good time in the city during week-end leave. It is asserted that the city is dull and boring, and that all moving picture shows and sporting places should be wide open, and that soldiers and their friends should be permitted to attend without let or hindrance. If these suggestions are heeded, one may be perfectly sure they will not be dropped after the war is over, but the plea will then be made that, as the entertainment people were so good as to provide for our fighting men on Sunday during the war, they should be permitted to perpetuate their "good" work thereafter.

That the most determined effort is going to be made to repeal all Sunday legislation and introduce to this country what was known in England as the "continental" Sunday there is little doubt. That is what we have for years expected, and have seen it coming. The pathetic thing is that the organized Church, like Samson shorn of his locks, seems unable to make an effective protest against those who would destroy her.—The Evangelical Christian.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
Field Secretary North Carolina
State Association

Mrs. Edwards Coming

Mrs. Eunice Edwards is expected to attend the State Association which convenes with the church at Reedy Branch, September the 13th and 14th. Mrs. Edwards is the President of the National Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Free Will Baptist church. She expects to remain in our State for a few days and upon invitation will visit auxiliaries and churches in the interest of the National work. If you desire to have Mrs. Edwards to visit your church, just get your invitation to the State Association on Wednesday at which time an itinerary will be made up for her.

Our Expectation

We are expecting a goodly number of the National officers to attend the State Association. We are expecting one of the best sessions of the Association to be held this September. Reedy Branch church is located in the midst of the strongest church membership of Free Will Baptists in the State. Reedy Branch people are good entertainers, and this established fact has been so woven into the minds of the people at large that there is no question as to being cared for while in the community.

Some of the Surrounding Churches

Reedy Branch with 350 members is surrounded by Winterville church with 126 members; Rose Hill, 256 members; Black Jack, with 355 members; Bethany, 100 members; Piny Grove, 199 members; Greenville, 100 members, and Ayden with 150 members, according to statistics in the minutes of the Central Conference. This gives 1,638 members. According to our records there are 3,059 Free Will Baptist members affiliated with churches in Pitt County. We need not be afraid to visit the County of Pitt.

Churches and Delegates

Churches should see that the elected delegate from each respective body should attend if possible. The delegate from each district composing the State body should attend or get a well qualified proxy. Each conference, or association affiliated with the State body is entitled to one delegate per thousand or fraction thereof. So, let us not fail, at the last moment, to make full representation. Every minister who is in good standing with his local annual meeting is a member of the State Association. So, be sure to register at Reedy Branch, September the 13th (the first day) if possible. Delegates do not forget to bring a complete report of your church with a good DONATION to the State Treasury.

The Eastern Auxiliary

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Eastern District of North Carolina is scheduled to meet with Mosley's Creek church, Thursday, September the 21st, at the hour arranged by the Program Committee. It is hoped that a large delegation from the various local auxiliaries of the district will take the advantage of the central location of the church and make every effort possible to attend. Mosley's Creek is an excellent place to go to. Try it.

The National 50,000 Membership

The National Auxiliary Convention started a movement for 50,000 members. I believe that it is called "The $50,000 Club." $1.00 makes you a member of this Club. So why not send your DOLLAR to Mrs. Fannie Polston, Nashville, Tennessee and help the National program to go over in its laudible undertaking?

The Eastern Conference

The forty-ninth session of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina is scheduled to convene with the Warden's Grove Church, Lowland, N. C., on Wednesday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1944.

Lowland is in Pamlico County down below Bayboro at the end of the Bayboro-Lowland road. If you travel by the way of Bayboro you go by Cash Corner, Messic, and Hobucken. If you come in from Aurora you get to Lowland road at the Inland water way bridge, near Hobucken.

This information is given because I have received several inquiries as to "the way to Lowland."

The Eastern Conference Dues

According to our records there is a RESOLUTION which calls for $1.00 per male member and 50 cents per female member from each of the local churches in the EASTERN Conference of North Carolina. This amount is due to be paid by the individual to the treasury of his or her church and the amount sent with the church letter to the conference. Every well, healthy person might save a DOLLAR in one whole twelve months for this cause, providing there is sufficient love for the CHURCH and OUR CHRIST. BROTHER PASTORS, will you urge upon the congregations that you serve to make an honest effort to raise the amount. If, there are children, or aged, afflicted members who are not able to earn a living and have not the means to make such an offering as requested by the Conference, are there not those who love the CAUSE of CHRIST ENOUGH to mak up the dues of such persons and send with the other donation? "By their fruits," Jesus said, "ye shall know them."

The Bases of Service

The apostle Paul writes, (2 Cor. 5: 14), "For the love of Christ constraineth us." With this scripture as a basis for our service we can well conclude that a service that is not a direct result of the "LOVE FOR CHRIST, is an un-acceptable service with God. If I know the DOCTRINE of SALVATION through the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and I am sure that I do, according to both the Old and New Testaments, there is no way for us to reach God, nor please God in any act of service, or by word, or so-called "worship" unless JESUS CHRIST is the APPROACH to GOD. A prayer, even if it is offered, by the President of the United States, that is not made in the "NAME OF JE-

SUS CHRIST" has no promise from God. It is vain. It is abomination. It displeases God.

Without the Love of Christ

Service rendered with the LOVE FOR CHRIST will always be gladly rendered. Service rendered without the LOVE OF CHRIST will be burdensome. It is mere drudgery. It is usually done with great complaining. It is dis-satisfying. The heart is further weakened when we try to serve without LOVE FOR CHRIST. We do and wish that we "had not." We give and wish that we "had it back." No service can bring joy and blessing unless we LOVE CHRIST with all OUR HEART.

And worse, every dollar that we give, every service we render, every prayer we offer, every hymn we sing, every sermon we preach; in fact every religious act that is committed to men, pleases the devil, when it is done with any motive that leaves the LORD JESUS CHRIST ON THE OUTSIDE. If you want to please the devil, old SATAN, just be religious outside JESU SCHRIST. "For there is none other name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4: 12). The first of the verse says, "Neither is there salvation in any other." The Devil does not care how much religion that we may have, just so we do not have SALVATION. CHRIST IS OUR SALVATION.

Without CHRIST we fail. We fall by the way-side. Our efforts are vain. Discouragement knocks the joy out of life. Our faith is mechanical. And our eternal destiny is "THE LAKE OF FIRE" as set forth in Revelation 20: 15.

MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

By Seraph Llewellyn

I would not need the Book divine
To know God is. I know
It takes a Master hand to form
Exquisite flakes of snow.

Out of a dream a gentle hand
Must fashion tenderly
A humming bird, a butterfly,
Or little bumblebee.

What hand but God's could make my eye
To see, and window there
My happy spirit, musing on
His universe so fair?

How beauty-loving and how sure
Creating hands must be
To shape a wee forget-me-not
And mold a stately tree!

Only a true unfailing hand,
Perfect and absolute,
Could arch a bow in azure space
And gray mist so transmute.

None but a great God-hand could spin
A million worlds and hold
Each to its course, each to its hour
Down ageless skyways rolled.

And none but God's dear hand could smoothe
The brow of night with peace,
And star be-glitter man's dark soul
With hope of pain's surcease.

But I do need the precious Book
So to direct my way,
That I shall walk life as He wills
Toward His eternal day.

—Moody Monthly

HOME-COMING CELEBRATION AT PROSPECT CHURCH

The fifth Sunday in October, 1944, will be homecoming day celebration at Prospect Church in Harnett County, North Carolina. We are expecting it to be a great occasion. We are cordially inviting all former pastors, and members of the church to be present with us on this occasion.

We are also extending a hearty welcome to soloists, duets, or quartets, etc., who are prepared to give an arrangement of special musical program. We are looking forward to a great time on that day of worship and fellowship together. Come and let us have an enjoyable time together for the glory of the Lord.

Mrs. H. E. Mixon,
Church Reporter



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to be held with

MOSLEY'S CREEK CHURCH

Thursday, September 21, 1944

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Theme for the day: "STEADFAST IN STEWARDSHIP"

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Morning Session

9:30—Devotions, led by Mrs. J. C. Griffin
—President's message, Mrs. Walter Rhodes
—Greetings, Mrs. Herbert White, of the local church
—Response, Mrs. H. C. Barnes
—Registration, Reading minutes
10:15—Reports from the 1st, and 5th Vice-Presidents
—News from our Orphanage, Rev. J. A. Evans
10:45—Reports from the Third and Fourth Vice-Presidents
—Field Worker's report
—Reports from delegates attending other Conventions
11:00—Congregational singing
—News from the National Auxiliary Convention, Mrs. J. C. Griffin
—Special music
11:30—Convention message, "Steadfast in Stewardship," Mrs. L. E. Ballard
12:00—Recess

Afternoon Session

1:30—Praise and Prayer service
—Presentation of the National Auxiliary President, Mrs. Eunice Edwards
—Message from Mrs. Eunice Edwards
2:15—Report on the two recommendations adopted at the last Convention
—Reports of the Second and Sixth Vice-Presidents
—Reports from committees
—Treasurer's report
2:45—Playlet, "The Minister's Gay Young Wife," by the local church
—Miscellaneous business
4:00—Adjournment

MRS. WALTER RHODES, President,
ALICE E. LUPTON, Secretary

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N O T E

The program for the Eastern Auxiliary Convention, that will hold its fall session on Thursday, September 21st, 1944, with the Mosley's Creek Church, near Dover, appears in this week's issue of the Baptist paper. It is a good plan to preserve this paper, as there will be no other programs printed. It is hoped that each person who is interested in the promotion of the kingdom work of our Lord, will study the program very carefully and prayerfully, and that each officer will make a special effort to be present. A new President will be in charge at this time, and I am sure she will gratefully appreciate your presence and co-operation, together with your prayers. Mrs. Rhodes is a consecrated woman, and is deeply interested in every phase, or department of our work. She cannot make a success as our leader, unless we give to her our very best support, for no person who tries to lead others on to higher avenues of service, can only go as far as others will follow. Our church is more in need of loyal, consecrated followers today, than it is for leaders, for during the past few years, the Lord has been wonderfully good to us, in providing men and women who are able and capable of leading us onward and upward, toward greater achievements in the Master's service.

If nothing prevents, our National Auxiliary President, Mrs. Eunice Edwards, of Desloge, Mo., will visit us at this Convention. She will be given a place on the program, and I would like very much for all of our women to hear her. We are extending an invitation to the other districts, to be with us, and meet Mrs. Edwards, and help us to make her visit a real joy, and one in which we may receive a blessing. We pray daily that God will bless us, but I often wonder if we do not pray it selfishly, for many times we forget to ask Him to bless us, that we may be blessing to others. If we are to be "living epistles," then we must scatter some sunshine and cheer along the way, for we are passing this way but once, and the seed we sow now, will determine the worth of the harvest by and by.

S o m e t i m e s misunderstandings arise, which bring sorrow to the hearts of those who are conscientiously striving to attain a "closer walk with God," and who find it hard to understand just why they have to be mis-judged and criticized, but after all, if we "walk in the Spirit," we will be able to "discern spiritual things," and it should be encouraging to those who have to undergo such experiences, and to ask themselves in the words of the old Hymn,

"Must I be carried to the skies,
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize,
And sailed through bloody seas"?

May we be true to God, and His

kingdom, ever relying on His grace to meet our every need.

Come to the convention with a prayer in your heart for the President, and for every officer, and that His name may be honored and glorified through us. Report blanks will be sent out soon, and let every auxiliary respond, please.

Yours to serve,

Alice E. Lupton,
Secretary

HOME-COMING CELEBRATION AT SIDNEY

The annual home-coming celebration at Sidney Church, Beaufort County, North Carolina, will be held on the third Sunday in September, 1944, instead of the third Sunday in June, as has been the custom heretofore. Lunch will be spread on the church grounds at the noon hour. All members, friends, and former pastors are given a cordial welcome to come and be present for this occasion.

On the third Sunday evening in September our revival meeting will begin. It will continue for two weeks or ten days. The Reverend H. Edgar Harden, of the South Norfolk F. W. B. Church, Virginia, will be the evangelist. Please pray that God will give Sidney Church and community a soul-stirring revival in which many souls will be saved, and led to work in our church for the glory of God. The presence of the people living in the community and elsewhere is greatly desired for the welfare of the meeting. Come and be present for each service, and enjoy the good messages of the evangelist, Brother Harden .

Mrs. Edwin Roper

IS HELL NOW EXISTING?

Dear Baptist People:

I read an article in the Baptist paper recently which said that people were in hell now. The way I understand the scripture, there is no hell existing now at this time. It has been debated and studied, and give up by some, to be a parable about the rich man and Lazarus (Lu. 16: 19-31). Well, according to some other passages of scripture it was a parable. We notice in Jude that the angels that sinned were reserved in chains of darkness until the great day (Jude 1: 6). Also see II Peter 3: 7, 10.

We notice that our Lord spoke mostly in parables. We can look for that awful hell he spoke of the day he comes. Paul said, "he would come with flame and fire," taking vengeance on them that know not God. We also notice every eye will see him when he comes. Them that pierced him will see him (Rev. 1: 7). So it looks unreasonable that some would be reserved until the last day, and some would be placed in hell as soon as they die.

King David said the wicked would not escape, for they won't be forgotten. Their time will come sooner than they would like for it to come. The wicked will mourn when he comes. Dear People! They will have something to mourn over. He says that some will strive to enter that won't enter. Dear people, don't be deceived. I knew one old man that had been deacon of the church for about forty years, and he said on his death bed that he thought he had been living right but he had not. He wished he could live so he could tell the people his mistakes. Dear friends, it is a narrow way that leads to that straight gate. Remember, that gate is a straight gate and it will take a straight person to enter in. No crooked person will enter. The angels won't want you in there if you are a dirty crook. If you are as good as the angels, they will be glad to associate with you, but if you are going to those dance halls, movies, and pool tables and all such places, remember that **"all seeing eye"** is watching you.

You may hide some of your faults from man but don't try to enter that straight gate with some of those sins tagged to you. You cannot enter with one sin clinging to you. So, dear people, if you don't want to turn the world loose, you need not strive any longer for the gate won't be open unto you. Remember, without holiness, his word teaches us, we cannot see the Father. You have got to have holiness to enter that gate. I don't mean just the name "holiness," just the name holiness is no more good than a hoe handle without a hoe on it. There are plenty of ways you may know whether you are a child of God or not. Don't be deceived in yourself.

If you have a real spiritual love for the brethren is one way to know. I don't mean just a brother that is every day doing you some favor. I mean all of them. Put on the old "wedding garment" and don't get it stained up with sin. He says, "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where will the sinner and ungodly appear."

Your brother in Christ,

B. E. Coxwell,
Route 1, Box 176A,
Blountstown, Florida

WHAT "BE YE READY" MEANS

A man visiting a certain school gave out that he would give a prize to the pupil whose desk he found in the best order when he returned. "But when will you return?" some of them asked.

"That I cannot tell." was the answer.

A little girl, who had been noted for her disorderly habits, announced that she meant to win the prize.

"You!" her schoolmates jeered. "Why, your desk is always out of order."

"Oh, but I mean to clean it the first of every week."

"But suppose he should come at the end of the week?" someone asked.

"Then I will clean it every morning."

"But he may come at the end of the day."

For a moment the little girl was silent. "I know what I'll do," she said decidedly; "I'll just keep it clean."

So it must be with the Lord's servants who would be ready to receive a prize at His coming. It may be at midnight, at cockcrowing, or in the morning. The exhortation is not, "Get ye ready," but, "Be ye ready."
—Mattie M. Boteler.

Moody Monthly

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Friday, September 8, Selma.

Saturday, September 9, Pine Level.
Sunday, September 10, Holly Springs.

Monday, September 11, Pleasant Grove.

Tuesday, September 12, Rain's Cross Roads.

Wednesday, September 13, and Thursday, September 14, State Association.

Pitt County

Friday, September 15, Greenville.

Saturday, September 16, Piny Grove.

Sunday, September 17, (a. m.), King's Cross Roads.

Sunday, September 17 (p. m.), Marlboro.

Hertford County

Monday, September 18, Hickory Chapel.

Halifax County

Tuesday, September 19, Dawson Grove.

Tyrrell County

Wednesday, September 20, Sound Side.

Thursday, September 21, Malachi's Chapel.

Friday, September 22, Gum Neck.

Saturday, September 23, Mt. Tabor.

Pasquotank County

Sunday, September 24, Elizabeth City.

Beaufort County

Monday, September 25, Trinity.

Martin County

Tuesday, September 26, Corinth.

Pitt County

Wednesday, September 27, Black Jack.

Thursday, September 28, Rose Hill.

Friday, September 29, Ayden.

Greene County

Saturday, September 30, Little Creek.

ON THE ROAD

By L. Everett Ballard
Editor "The Young People's Friend"

We were to have begun the third week of our western itinerary at Marshall, but found that the people had decided it best to call off the meeting on account of restrictions because of the danger of infantile paralysis. However, we were assured that this church would not let their offerings for the year fall down on this account.

On Wednesday evening we were met at the Asheville Church by a small but very enthusiastic group, who responded very liberally in the offering for the home. We were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dockery near the church.

From Asheville we went to Black Mountain to attend the annual meeting of the French Broad Association. The two days we spent at this associational meeting was a constant feast of good things. We were greatly impressed with the progress made by this association during the past few years. Reports from all the churches, we believe, showed improvement over last year. Especially was this noticeable in the matter of pastoral support. Finances raised during the associational meeting mounted to at least twice as much as for any former year, we are told. They gave a nice amount for foreign missions, for the orphanage, and for superannuation. A number of most inspiring sermons and special messages were enjoyed during the sessions. Miss Laura Belle Barnard was present and gave an address on the mission work of the denomination, and Mrs. Ballard presented the orphanage work. We were entertained during the association in the home of the pastor of East Black Mountain Church, Rev. Ralph Mumpower, whose daughter, Josephine, is a student preparing for religious work in our denomination. She attended Columbia Bible School last year, and is considering going to our Bible College at Nashville, Tenn., for this next year.

In connection with the association Mrs. Ballard assisted the women in organizing a district W. A. Convention, which gets off with a very promising start. We are looking for great things from the French Broad Association in the future.

Over the week-end we visited the following churches in the interest of the Home: Avery's Creek on Saturday night, Horney Heights on Sunday morning, Cedar Hill on Sunday evening. Space forbids that we give much detail regarding these visits, but we will say that in every case we were well received, entertained in a wonderful way in the homes of members and the response to Mrs. Ballard's appeal for the home, and our appeal in behalf of our church publications, was good. Crowds everywhere are small, since all under seventeen years of age are now restrained from attending public gatherings in this section of the state, but the people who do come to the meetings seem to be making a sincere effort to do their best in all things. On Sunday afternoon we had the privilege of visiting the large gospel tent of the young evangelist, "Bobby" Harris, who responded to the call to Christian service from Horney Heights Church while the writer was pastor a few years ago. "Bobby" and his sister Betty are doing a great work for God. He has organized and built a nice church, fully equipped with Sunday School rooms, and, while we did not get to visit this church, we received a pledge of support for the home. Pray for these fine young people. They are both well prepared for their work, and we believe that they will go a long way for God. The Lord has given them a fine tent outfit, and they are using it in full co-operation with the churches where they go.

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TREASURER'S REPORT OF ALABAMA ORPHANAGE

The amount of money collected from March 5, 1943 to August 1, 1944, is as follows _____$6,211.75
Amount paid out _____ 3,203.45

Bal. in the treasury _____$3,008.30

This orphanage has made fine pro-

gress this year. The collections have averaged $400 per month since we have purchased this property. The buildings are being prepared now. We are making plans now to pay off all indebtedness on the property by November, 1944, and have it free at the State Association this fall. The association will convene at Cordova, Alabama.

Let everyone work, pay and pray in the services of the Lord.

V. C. May,

Secretary-Treasurer,
Vernon, Alabama

TAR HEEL RALLIES

The success of the new attendance program at the South Norfolk Church continues. The benefits of this program have proved manifold. It has been remarkable to observe that the church attendance has been more than doubled over that of the spring. While most other churches in the city claimed only one half of their spring attendance.

The report of the rallies for the month of August is as follows: The Rev. W. A. Dail, of Winterville, was the honored speaker for Pitt County on August 6th. Rose Hill Church represented with two delegates and Reedy Branch one. Reedy Branch also sent a $10 contribution to the church Building Fund, which with special offerings, was enriched to the total amount of $40.

The Rev. J. R. Bennett of Bridgeton occupied the pulpit as the principal speaker for Craven County on August 13. St. Mary's represented with one delegate. Macedonia Church sent a donation of $13.15, to the Building Fund, which with special offerings received, amounted to a total of $24.28.

Due to inability to obtain a supply preacher for his regular appointment, the Rev. Phillip Woodard of Stonewall, a native of Tyrrell County, was unable to be with us, so our pastor occupied the pulpit for the day. Gum Neck Church represented with seventeen delegates and Mrs. T. B. Everton, the speaker for the Gum Neck delegation upon roll call of the Free Will Baptist Churches of that county, presented the church with a list of names of the people from Gum Neck congregation that contributed a total of $46 to the church Building Fund, which with special offerings, amounted to the total of $63.61.

The same difficulty prevented the Rev. R. P. Harris from being with us as the minister of honor for his native Washington County. Our pastor again preached for us. Mt. Tabor Church represented with fifteen delegates. This church's delegates also brought a gift of $22.60 for our Building Fund, which with special offerings, amounted to the total of $32.60.

The program for the month of September includes:

1st Sunday—Greene County, the Rev. J. C. Moye of Snow Hill, invited to do the pulpit honors.

2nd Sunday—Pamlico County, the Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston, invited to be our guest minister.

3rd Sunday—Duplin County, the Rev. S. A. Smith of Beulaville, invited to be the principal speaker of the day.

4th Sunday—Carteret County, the Rev. W. E. Anderson of Morehead City, invited to be the honored county speaker.

The Lord has showered his rich blessings upon our Rally Services and we again request all praying people to pray that God will continue his blessings on us that we may soon be in a nice little church of our own, instead of a second floor hall.

—Church Reporter

REVIVAL AT SATILLA CHURCH

The annual fall revival at Satilla Church, near Hazelhurst, Georgia, came to a successful close on the fourth Sunday night in August. Rev. I. J. Blackwelder of Nashville, Tenn., and our pastor, Rev. J. R. Graham, officiated at this splendid revival.

Through the good work of these two great men of Christ, we were renewed and refreshed in the divine Goodness of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. During the revival, eight professions were made and baptismal rites were administered, and several of the members rededicated their lives to Christ. A wonderful and glorious time was had by all during this meeting.

We were fortunate in having Brother Blackwelder with us again. He was with us in our revival last year, and as a result of his good work then, our church, Sunday School and Prayer Meeting services have grown in Faith and strength for the glory of God.

We beg the prayers of all Christian people everywhere that our church, Sunday School, and Prayer Meeting will continue to expand toward the Throne of God.

Yours in His Service,

Satilla Free Will Baptist Church

R. F. Connell, Clerk.

A REQUEST FOR PRAYER

God's people are requested to offer special prayer for Mrs. Lora Shutes, Brother K. V. Shutes' wife, who is very ill at the present time. The red corpuscles of her blood are being destroyed by the white, and she is in a very poor state of health. She has been in Dothan Hospital, Alabama, but has returned home now. Pray that God may heal her body and restore her back to normal life again.

S. T. Shutes

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THE KINGDOM STRONGLY ESTABLISHED

(Lesson for September 17)

Lesson: 2 Samuel 2: 4-7; 5: 1-10.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"They that trust in the Lord shall be as Moun Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth for ever" (Ps. 1).

Stability can never come from human plans, sources, of devices, because of the transient duration of life and the transitory nature of man's schemes. The dreams we make which are to come to fruition in 1950 may never mature, as we may die in 1948! The able plans for an "ever-normal granary" may end in dismal failure because of three years of drought. The well-planned projects of Congress are in effect only until they are rescinded or superceded by the enactments of a later Congress, and in all this there is nothing that is conducive to stability. It has always been so in the very nature of the case.

Consider the happy and superior position of the man described in today's text! "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever." Those words should ring in the heart of all who know them, since they offer to men the only refuge and finality our longing spirits can ever possess.

Do you desire stability? You can find it in God and His Word.

Do you seek assurance of a continuing life? You can procure it from the Lord, and from Him alone.

Do you hope of permanence, long for certainty, and yearn for a changeless, abiding constantcy that will bring peace and rest to your soul?

All of this you can have, even in the present restless and kaleidoscopic age.

Put all your trust, your hope, and your aspiration in and on God! Make Jesus Christ not only your Saviour, but declare Him as the partner of your living, the Lord and Master of your days. Being then **cemented** to God by your allegiance to His Son, you are safe as long as God endures.

II. Home Work

1. Why did Jonathan not become king after Saul's death? (I Sam. 31: 2; II Sam. 1: 12).

2. Is it a sign of weakness when rulers seek guidance in prayer? (II Sam. 2: 1; Ps. 21: 7).

3. Upon whom are kings dependent for their strength? (Ps. 18: 50; 21: 1; 144: 10).

4. Upon whom may we as Christians rely for strength? (Ps. 27: 1; 29: 11; 46: 1; Phil. 4: 13).

5. Why were the men of Jabesh-gilead particularly friendly toward Saul? (I Sam. 31: 11-13; 11: 1-11).

6. How did David keep his covenant with Jonathan? (I Sam. 20: 13-15; I ISam. 9: 3-5, 13).

7. Under what names is Jerusalem first mentioned in the Bible? (Gen. 14: 18; Josh. 18: 28; Judg. 10: 10).

8. Of what is Jerusalem a type over against Sinai? (Gal. 4: 25, 26).

9. How deep did Israel's affection for Jerusalem become in later years? (Ps. 122: 1-9; 137: 5, 6).

10. To what places of importance is the name of Zion given? (II Sam. 5: 7; Joel 3: 17; II Ki. 19: 21; Ps. 126: 1; Heb. 12: 22).

11. In our **Advanced** Quarterly, please do not neglect the third topic, **David Makes Jerusalem His Capitol.**

12. In our **Senior** Quarterly, please note the comment on verses 6, 8, and 10 for special information.

13. If you were selecting ten favorite Psalms of David would Psalms 1 and 23 be in your list? Why?

III. Special Lesson Truths

The years that intervened between David's anointing and his accession to the throne contained many days that were mixed with a goodly measure of sorrow. Saul's jealousy that grew into an implacable hatred made young David's pathway a thorny one. His heart was torn again and again as his trust was betrayed by the cupidity of the fickle king. Finally, driven from the palace, he became an outlaw, and his life was sought by many terrible foes. Yet the days of waiting for God's time were not wasted. They were times of preparation. The river of God's love made deep channels in his heart as he proved the faithfulness of his Maker in his trials. Courage, versatility, endurance, humility, and a sympathy for the underdog were ingrained into his consciousness. Justice and mercy became the doorposts of his soul, until finally God was able to exalt him and make him the greatest king in Israel—the man after God's own heart.

Another thing which helped to endear David to the people and helped to unite them, was David's grief for Saul and Jonathan. The people saw that it was genuine. And this grief was remarkable; it was something new and unexpected. Kings who succeeded to the throne on the death of their rivals were not accustomed to mourn for them, and especially when the rival was their open and unreconcilable enemy. Everyone knew that Saul had persecuted David and sought his life. They would have justified David had he rejoiced in the passing of Saul. They could understand David's grief over the death of Jonathan; but to mourn over the death of an enemy, that was something new. The people could not but be attracted to a man who had such generous feelings. Even David's enemies could not but be touched by David's sorrow.

David's grief over the death of Saul reminds us of our Lord's weeping over the city of Jerusalem (Lu. 19: 41). Our Lord loved the city; He had labored in it; He was to die for its redemption; yet it remained hard, unbelieving, unrepentant.

Judgment would speedily descend upon it (Mat. 23: 34-39). David's grief would have been less, if Saul had been a true follower of God. Saul would have gone to his reward. But as it was, Saul went to a hopeless doom. He went to his own place prepared by his own choice.

—Selected

FIRST UNION MEETING REPORT

The union meeting of the First District of the North Carolina Western Association convened with Stancil's Chapel in Johnson County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1944. Reverend Willie Renfrow conducted the opening exercises and led the devotions.

After a few brief remarks by the moderator, the meeting was declared open for the regular business of the union. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Then the list of ministers was called, and Rev. E. G. Holland led in an open discussion of the subject: "The Growth of the Church." Following this discussion, the moderator, Rev. W. R. Williams, brought the eleven o'clock message, after which the union closed for the lunch hour. A bountiful dinner was spread on the church grounds, and everyone present enjoyed the good things to eat spread on the table.

The afternoon session was opened by Brother Milford Hales who conducted the devotional services. Then the list of churches was called, and represented by the delegates. Rev. J. W. Alford was appointed to serve on the Finance Committee. There was a motion made and carried for this union to take another $25 stock in the Church Finance Association, Incorporated, and to pay it quarterly, beginning today.

It was moved and carried that we pay to the F. W. B. Bible College, at Nashville, Tennessee, $60 as an endowment fund, and that we pay it quarterly also. The delegates representing the various churches were asked to report this to their home churches, and ask them to increase their donations to the union meeting to take care of these extra expenses.

The treasurer then made his report as follows:

On hand from last union	$ 10.88
Received today	78.00
Collection for Orphanage	20.71
Total on hand	$109.59

Disbursements

Paid to the Orphanage	$50.00
To Christian Education	15.00
Union meeting expenses	12.00
Church Finance Association	6.25
To Superannuation	5.00
Black Jack Grove Church	5.00
Total paid out	$93.25
Balance carried over	$16.34

By vote the next union will meet with St. Mary's Church in Wilson County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1944. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. It was then moved and carried that the union close by singing and Brother J. S. Overman offered the benediction.

Rev. W. R. Williams,
Moderator,
W. F. Pittman,
Secretary-Treasurer

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR BIBLE?

1. What is the longest book in the New Testament?
2. Who was struck dead for touching the Ark of God?
3. Who was the father of Noah?
4. Name four American cities named for Bible cities.
5. What did Zebedee and Alpheus have in common?
6. When did 2,000 swine rush into the sea?
7. What two girls embarrassed Peter?
8. Nabal's wife married twice. Who was her second husband?
9. Who was the father of all organ and harp players?
10. Name one of the ships on which Paul sailed.

DEATH NOTICE

Mrs. Prayer Meeting died recently at the First Neglected church, on Worldly avenue. Born many years ago in the midst of great revivals, she was a strong, healthy child, fed largely on testimony and scriptural holiness, soon growing into world-wide prominence, and was one of the most influential members of the famous church family.

For the past several years, Sister Prayer Meeting has been in failing health, gradually wasting away until rendered helpless by stiffness of knees, coldness of heart, inactivity, and weakness of purpose and will-power. At the last, she was but a shadow of her former happy self. Her last whispered words were inquiries concerning the strange absence of her loved ones, now absent from her presence, busy in the marts of trade and places of worldly amusement.

Experts, including Dr. Works, Dr. Reform, and Dr. Joiner, disagreed as to the cause of her fatal illness, administering large doses of organization, socials, contests, and drives, but to no avail. A postmortem showed that a deficiency of spiritual food, coupled with lack of fasting, faith, heartfelt religion, shameless desertion, and non-support were contributing causes. Only a few were present at her death, sobbing over memories of her past beauty and power. Carefully selected pallbearers were urged to tenderly bear her remains away, but failed to appear. There were no flowers. Her favorite hymns, "Amazing Grace" and "Rock of Ages," were not sung. Miss Ima Modern rendered "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," but none had any idea where this fancied isle might be. The body rests in the beautiful cemetery of Bygone Glories, awaiting the summons from above.

In honor of her going, the church doors will be closed on Wednesday nights save on the third Wednesday of each month, when the Ladies' Pink Lemonade Society serve refreshments to the members of the men's handball team.—The Watchman-Examiner.

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MARTIN COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Martin F. W. B. Sunday School Convention passed the following resolution that the poem written by Brother C. R. Houston, Colquitt, Georgia, become our Sunday School resolution.

"Sunday Schools"

Sunday is the Sabbath, a day of rest,
Sunday School workers, let's do our best;
For we're God's fruit here upon this earth,
If we're Sunday School workers, we have the New Birth.

Sunday School workers have temptations and burdens to bear,
But remember, dear brother, Jesus is near;
And all our trials and complaints He'll help us to bear,
If we will be faithful and do our share.

When Sunday School seems to be growing faint and weak
I will say to myself, "I may be the one who has caused this weak link;
So, I resolve to do the very best I can
To exalt my Christ in this unfriendly land.

Therefore, let this convention on the solid rock stand,
And resolve to promote Christianity in every land;
And pray that Jesus will hold our hand
As we exalt His name through our Sunday School band.

Sent in by
New Salem Sunday School,
Loveene Houston, Secretary

ATTENTION ALL F. W. B. CHURCHES

The North Carolina F. W. B. Sunday School convention is still without a place to meet next year. At our last convention we had two places mentioned, but since that time we have not heard from them.

Please pray over this matter, and if your church can take care of the convention please correspond with me, or any member of our committee, so that we may vote on the church best located for the next convention.

Yours very truly,

Charles Simpson,
Vice-President,
North Carolina F. W. B.
S. S. Convention

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NEW LEAGUE ORGANIZED

The young people of Whaley's Chapel met on Sunday night, August 6, 1944, for the purpose of organizing a League. Mrs. Lee Whaley gave the young people some helpful suggestions, and also a splendid talk on the subject, "The Purpose of the League."

We proceeded to organize with eighteen members on roll. We meet each Sunday night, one hour after prayer services.

Miss Marie Ball, President,
Miss Margaret Taylor, Secretary

He will keep the feet of his saints. 1 Sam. 2: 9.

Order my footsteps by thy word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not. Psa. 17: 5.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

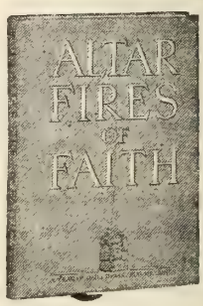
"I was sitting in the gloamin' and a man passed the window. He was a lamplighter. He pushed his pole into the lamp and lighted it. Then he went to another and another. Now I couldn't see him. But I know where he was by the lights as they broke out down the street, until he had left a beautiful avenue of light."

"Now I couldn't see him." No, but his light could be seen. And that was the important thing. It was the lamplighter's business to light the lamps, not to make himself seen. What matters it, if people take little notice of you? The important thing is to make them take notice of your light. You do not need to shine that men may see. "Let your light so shine that men may see your good works"—not you.

"But I knew where he was by the lights as they broke out down the street." Can people tell where you are by the light you kindle? Can they tell what you stand for?—Evangelical Christian.

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Your brother in Christ,

R. Jimmerson,
Henderson, Texas,
Route 2

I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away. Hos. 14: 4.

How lost was my condition,
Till Jesus made me whole;
There is but one Physician
Can cure a sin-sick soul.

O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. Hos. 14: 1.

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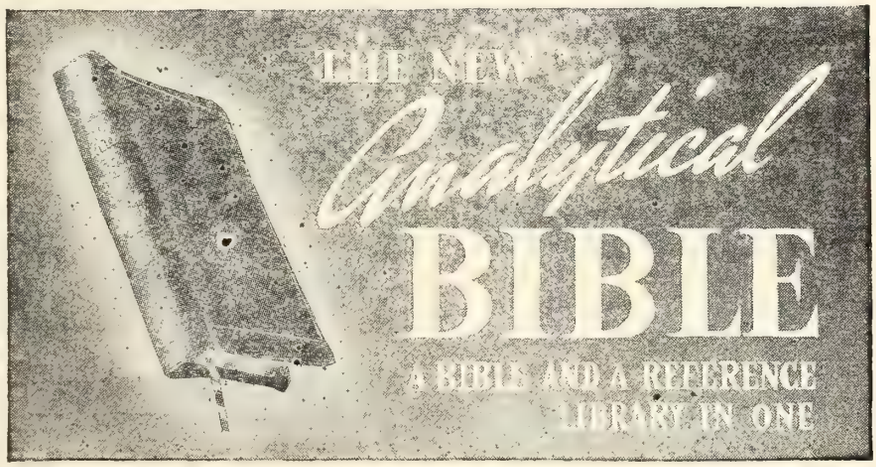
From trials none can be exempt,
'Tis God's all-wise decree;
Satan the weakest saint will tempt,
Nor is the strongest free.

Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 Cor. 10: 12.

When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Col. 3: 4.

Lord, make us truly wise,
To choose thy people's lot,
And earthly joys despise,
Which soon will be forgot:
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DICK BELIEVES GOD

Leota L. Knopp

Dick is a dear little boy that lives way down south in the state of Alabama. Dick is eight years old, and he has a sister that is three years old. Dick and his little sister have an aunty that is a missionary. She is giving her life to the Lord and His work. Dick's aunty prays a great deal for him and for his little sister Ellen.

Dick, too, has learned to pray. Dick learned to pray when he was much younger than he is now. He has real faith in God, because he knows when he prays, God listens. God loves little children. The Bible tells us He does. He always listens to their prayer. Dick has learned what he asks God for, he gets. He has real faith in God.

He has a bicycle. He wanted to ride it to school, for he has about two miles to walk. Now, down in the state of Alabama, it is hot, and a walk of two miles in the hot sun means something for an eight-year-old boy. Dick enjoys school and he would not miss school for anything. But one day, he decided he would like to ride to school on his bicycle. He asked permission of his father and mother. They knew he had to go along the highway and they thought it would be too dangerous for Dick to ride. He might get killed. This was something Dick had not thought about, but he had one solution to the problem. He prayed, and he prayed something like this:

"Dear Heavenly Father, please allow Father and Mother to give me permission to ride my bicycle to school, and then **do help me to be extra careful!** Amen."

No, Dick was not disappointed, for Father and Mother gave their permission for Dick to take his bicycle to school. We believe a boy who can pray such a prayer, and in faith, surely touches Heaven and the ear of God. do you not think so? We might also say that Dick prays at every meal. He would not think of eating his breakfast, dinner, or supper without first thanking God for the food on the table.

We are glad that Dick has faith in God and in prayer, and it is our sincere desire that he always keeps this faith in God. We wish that every boy and girl, and man and woman, had faith in God and in prayer. It is such a comfort to know that God does care and does understand our hearts and our most simple plea for help in the time of need. God does not answer **selfish** prayers, but He does know when our hearts are sincere, and He always answers. Sometimes God answers yes, and again He answers no, but God always answers.

We know that there is not one good thing that God withholds from those who walk right and live right. If we live selfish and sinful lives, then we must not expect God to answer our prayer, for He does not hear the prayer of sinners. But, if we have our hearts washed in the Blood of Jesus Christ, then we will endeavor to live pleasing to God. We can call on His Name, and we know He heart us.

Someone has said that prayer is a good habit to get into. Prayer should be more than a habit, it should become part of us. If you will turn to I Thessalonians 5: 17, you will read this: "Pray without ceasing." Then again in Matthew 21: 22 we read these precious words, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive." We believe Dick has learned the truth of this promise, for he believes what he asks for he shall receive.

May the Lord ever bless this little lad's faith in God. How precious are the children in God's sight, and how precious their faith!

"Thy faith hath made thee whole" (Matt. 9: 22).

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The rich man looked into the street and said, "I see men, and women, and little children."

The friend led him to a mirror and said, "Look into the mirror and tell me what you see."

The rich man replied, "Now I see myself."

"Then," said the friend, "Behold in the window there is glass, and in the mirror there is glass. But the glass of the mirror is covered with silver and no sooner is the silver added than you cease to see others, and see only yourself."

—Clipped

SAFETY OF SOUL

Have you ever noticed how the world seeks for the things which God gives his children? One of them is safety. In these days of distress the world longs for safety and security. We hear much of social security, of nations maintaining great armaments for the sake of making their position among other nations more secure. But there is one great defect in all these endeavors; they depend too much upon outside circumstances.

The security that God gives is different. It is an inner thing and is thus independent of outward happenings. God never promises his children complete freedom from tribulation while they are in the world, but he does promise them absolute safety of soul. Yes, even though the enemy may kill the bodies of the believers, "they shall be safe."—Presbyterian.

"ALL THE TIME"

A little girl, at the close of her evening prayers, said, "Now, goodbye God. Good-by Jesus. I'm going to Boston to-morrow." Lots of people, even many boys and girls, act the way the little girl prayed. We need Jesus **all the time**—not just at special times.—Unknown.

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They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed
Through the shadows of death to the sunlight above;
A thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love.
The work which they left and the books which they read
Speak mutely, though still with an eloquence rare,
And the songs that they sang, the words that they said,
Yet linger and sigh on the desolate air.
And oft when alone, and oft in the throng,
Or when evil allures us, or sin draweth nigh,
A whisper comes gently, "Nay, do not the wrong,"
And we feel that our weakness is pitied on high.

—Margaret E. Sangster

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THE NEW BAPTIST HONOR ROLL will begin this month in the Baptist paper, as has been the custom for several years. We want to express thanks to each one who has during the past year sent in subscriptions to the Baptist paper. Quite a large number of ministers, Sunday School workers, Leaguers, and Women Auxiliary workers were on the Honor Roll for the past year. They deserve much praise and credit for their untiring efforts to enable us to reach almost 3,300 subscribers before the year closed.

In addition to those who were able to get their names on the Honor Roll, there were ninety others who sent in from two to four subscriptions to the Baptist paper. Although they did not quite reach the mark of "five" to be able to be placed on the roll during the year, yet they deserve much credit for their work, and we wish to thank them for their helpfulness and interest in the paper. They have done much good to those who otherwise would not have subscribed to the paper, had they not secured their subscriptions.

Now, may we get an early start in September for the new year, so that each one who works for the paper will be able to get on the Honor Roll by December the twenty-fifth. By that time we want the subscription list to go to 3,800 subscribers. It can be done if everyone will boost the Baptist paper and encourage each family in each local church to subscribe for the paper. Let them know that from now until next September, 1945, they will receive fifty copies of the paper for only the cost of three cents per week, and that they will receive splendid messages, church reports, programs of the doings of the denominational work, and what is being done in the foreign mission fields, and in the field of Christian education.

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HAS THE EDITOR THE RIGHT to pass on to the Baptist readers some of the good words sent to him concerning how some appreciate the Baptist paper? Well, it may not be thought, by some, as a good "Editorial Principle" to do so, but it is tempting for him to do so this time.

One faithful Baptist reader took the time to write us this statement: "The Free Will Baptist paper is one of the best (if not the best) ever to enter a home; but I feel more Bible study would be entered into if some ministers felt led to print a BIBLE QUIZ in it from week to week. That is, questions asked in one issue, and correct answers, along with more questions in the next issue." The writer's name withheld by request.

Another Baptist reader has made this statement: "I like your paper, though I am not a Free Will Baptist. The Bible story given each week in the BOYS AND GIRLS CORNER helps me in teaching my Sunday School class."

An aged minister says, "Your paper is getting better all the while. I only wish I were able to read more of it each week, but my eyesight is growing dim."

Another writes, "Your church paper is all right, except it does not have, I think, enough good sermons written by Free Will Baptist ministers. They need not be long, but they should be to the point."

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SOME THINGS this editor has been hearing, both from some of the laity and a number of the ministers, are quite noticeable, to say the least. One is many of the churches are accustomed to go on transacting church business, at the Regular Quarterly Church conferences, in a careless way. For example, the deacons and the ruling elders have no reports to make of their duties and responsibilities as church officers. The assumption is that they are failing to perform their whole duty as incumbent upon them. Another is that some church treasurers do not keep an accurate record, from quarter to quarter, of the church's financial status. It would seem, however, that God's business should be transacted in an up-to-date manner, and for the satisfaction of the church people.

Another criticism coming from some of the ministers is this: Some few members at a Midweek Prayer meeting, or at Sunday School (and in the absence of the pastor) will communicate with another minister to hold the revival meeting, or to be the new pastor, when neither the church as a whole nor the pastor knows anything about the transaction. To say the least, this is a good way to bring disruption and confusion in the church. A better way would be for both the pastor and the whole church to have a hand in helping to select the revivalist or to elect the incoming pastor for the new pastoral year. No real good can come from "half-handed church procedures." God wants his business done square from the shoulder. He would have all vital church business brought before the church in a business-like way, we think.

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WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA is going strong for the Orphanage and missions, or so the reports coming to us seem to indicate. From two field workers we have received word that the Free Will Baptist churches in the Western part of the State of North Carolina are becoming greatly aroused to the great need of rendering greater support to the Middlesex Orphanage, and Foreign Missions. One field worker stated to us that great interest was shown in all of the churches when messages were brought, showing the great need of a greater support of these worthy causes of the denominational work.

The eagerness with which those fine church people gave their money to these two outstanding phases of the church work greatly surprised the workers. Moreover, they were made happy to see such a splendid spirit manifested in each church which gave substantial offerings for these causes. It is certainly expressive of a willingness to give back to the Lord some of the material blessings which God had showered upon them. Their minds and hearts seem to be dwelling upon the wonderful things of God, and the joy of giving to his great work. May others catch this same spirit.

Facing the Judgment

C. R. Houston,
Colquitt, Ga.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5: 10).

Let us be mindful of every deed and act we do here in the flesh, for dear friends, we are going to account for every one of them, whether they were good or bad. We so very often hear some say that when we ask about their soul, and if they have ever united with any church, they say there is time enough yet. When the next revival meeting comes, it will be time enough for that; I will then unite with the church.

But listen, my dear friend, you will have to account for the deeds which you have performed in this life. The things which you have sown as a sinner you will have to account for unless you turn to Christ, and secure His forgiveness. If God should call you away from this old world today, would you be able to stand justified before Him, or would you be condemned? Will you be able to receive the great reward, or will you have to hear the Judge pronounce your doom?

Although all church members are not Christians, yet I would to God that all were true followers of Christ Jesus, even born of the Spirit of God, and washed in the blood of the Lamb. The reason why there are so very many non-church members living ungodly lives is the fact that they see so many church people living unholy lives. They see too many of the church members who step out on the promises of the blessed Saviour, and who within a few months are back in the same old ruts again and doing the same old things. We see some church members indulging in all manner of ungodliness. Those who are non-church members will say, if you approach them that they are as good as some of the church members who are doing some ungodly things. They claim to be as good as some in the church. Moreover, they say clean up the church, the inside before trying to get others in the church. But that does not make them any better by staying out of the church because they see someone else in it doing ungodly things.

Our lives should be clean and separate from the vile things of the world, so that the sinners can see in us the teachings of Christ, and that we are truly His witnesses. Our conversation should be clean and pure before all men. Our social activities should be of the very best, as well as our business relations with others. If we are not living the Christian life, we are certainly not deceiving God, for He sees all our acts, whether they be good or bad. We may be able to deceive some people, but we cannot deceive all of them. Man's self-righteousness is as grass. It may come forth for a season, but will soon fade away, and come to nothing. As the hot sun comes and destroys the grass in due time, so the power of the Devil comes along and destroys the self-righteousness which one once had. The tender grass cannot stand the hot sun, and in like manner the one with but little faith will soon fade under the pressure of the Devil's enticements. Man's works come and they go, but the Word of God endureth forever.

Let our lives be hid in Christ Jesus, friends, and let us submit ourselves to God whole-heartedly, and ask Him for divine guidance. Ask Him for grace to overcome the evils which do so easily beset us every day. Ask Him to impart His word unto us with a penetrating effect that it will take root in our lives, and bring forth much fruit meet for repentance. Then, as we come before the judgment bar of God we shall be able to look upon Him and His glory with a clear mind. Then we shall be able to hear Him say, "Well done, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Think, saint or sinner, God is not slack as men count slackness concerning his word. One day we are to come face to face with all our deeds before Him. God's word has power over sin, hell and the grave. He will judge us according to the way we have lived here in this world.

FEAR OF MAN IS DESTROYED BY TRUST IN GOD

"The fear of man bringeth a snare; but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe" (Prov. 29: 25).

The fear of man is a very common evil in the world today. It leads men into great sins at times, snaring them, and holding them like birds taken by a fowler. We notice on one occasion Aaron gave way to popular clamor and made the people a calf. Also Saul was more concerned about being honored among the people than he was in pleasing the Lord. The fear of man caused Pilate to go against his own conscience in the trial of our Lord. At the same trial Peter denied the Lord because of a silly maid. Often times the fear of man will cause us to go contrary to our better judgment. Yet the Bible teaches us not to fear man who is only able to destroy the body, but to fear God who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell.

Some are afraid their companions would ridicule, and make light of them if they were to turn to Jesus. Others are afraid their friends would be annoyed, and would persecute them if they turned to God. But the only true friend any one has is the humble Christian. For these reasons many people are still numbered with the fearful and unbelieving.

Fear of man caused our Father Abraham to deny his wife. It lowers the dignity of good men. Jonah will not go to Nineveh because he may be thought a false prophet if God forgives the city. The Galatian preachers went aside to false doctrine in order to be considered wise. Some

preachers today are failing to declare the whole council of God because of some of their church members. Others are afraid to consecrate their lives to God because they are afraid some one will have something to say about it. We should realize the fact that we are going to meet the judgment, and that we are going to give an account of our life here in this world.

Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe. Not slavish fear of man, but childlike faith in the Lord will be the protection of the believer. God has promised never to leave us nor forsake us but would go with us all the way, and when we rely upon this promise it will cause us to fear God instead of man. As long as God is with us, we have the majority, and why should we fear. After all, what is theirs to fear? What can man do unto us? God being with us, our safety is perfect, and eternal, even though the whole human race should beseige us. "Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe" from the damning and conquering power of sin. Sin has no power over us, for we are more than conquerors through Him that saved us. He did not say we would not be tempted, but that with the temptation He would make a way of escape. I'm glad that in a time of sorrow we have someone who will console and comfort. One who cares, One who knows more about us that we know about ourselves.

God help us today to break away from the snare in which fear has entangled us, and enter the palace of safety through the door of trust. The soul that cannot entirely trust God, whether man be pleased or displeased, can never hope to be true to Him, for while you are eyeing man you are losing God. Fear of man has caused many a soul to be devoured and trampled down into hell. Nothing more effectually kills the fear of man as abundance of the fear of God. The fear of man will paralyze the Christian's power.

Rev. R. W. Allman,
Route 3,
Kannapolis, N. C.

GOD'S ANSWER TO PRAYER

Our church, which was small in membership, has been praying continuously for the past year for God to give us more workers in the vineyard and to touch the hearts of our friends and neighbors. We have met each Wednesday night at the church for prayer service, sometimes with a good number and sometimes with only four or five. But God promises in His Word that where two or three meet in His Name, He will be with them. We continued to pray for more workers and a revival of "Old-time religion" in our community. The week before Easter, we began a Friday night cottage prayer service. We continued in these services to ask God for more workers in His vineyard.

When we were seeking an evangelist for our revival, we asked God to us the right one. We contacted Bro. J. B. Bloss of Columbia, Tennessee. At first, he did not think he would be able to be with us, but the Lord answers prayer and in His infinite wisdom saw fit to arrange for Bro. and Mrs. Bloss to be with us. As soon as we learned they would be with us the first Sunday in August, we contacted every member of the church either in person or by mail and urged his or her attendance and co-operation. We visited every home we could and invited all—not just Free Will Baptists—but ALL who could to attend these services. In each of our prayer services, we asked God to send us a great revival and to prepare each and every one of us to be in position to do our part and not to depend entirely on Bro. and Sister Bloss as we wanted a lasting revival and not one that would only survive under their leadership.

From the first service, we could feel the Spirit of God. There was great interest and good attendance from the first service and it grew until the house would not seat the people. There were people from practically all denominations attending and working faithfully to one end, the saving of souls. It seemed that the very doors of Heaven were opened and such blessings poured out that our hearts were not able to receive all God had in store for us. There were souls saved and reclaimed in almost every service, many who shouted the praises of God to the world. There were 37 saved and reclaimed and 31 additions to the church.

When we attended the Wednesday night prayer service and looked around over the house and saw the faces of our friends and neighbors for whom we had prayed so faithfully and saw how God had so wonderfully answered our prayers and had added so many good laborers in His vineyard, we were indeed grateful and very humbly thanked the great God of Heaven who hears in secret and rewards openly those who faithfully serve Him.

I wish to again express our appreciation to Bro. and Mrs. Bloss for their faithful work in our church. May God's richest blessings rest upon you and Jimmie. We appreciate the faithful work of Bro. and Mrs. Black, our pastor. We especially enjoyed Mrs. Black's visit in our community. May I mention one of our own members, Bro. Bill Ryland, who so faithfully worked during our revival and led souls to the altar of prayer where they found peace with God. We appreciate him and his family. They are a great blessing to us.

I wish to thank Bro. and Sister Damon Dodd and Sister Lizzie McAdams who worked with us last year for their work. We appreciated their work and expect to go forward in our Auxiliary work. May God's richest blessings rest upon you and your work.

We ask an interest in your prayers that we may always be in the center of God's will and ever be ready to follow where He leads. We cordially invite any of you who may visit Leeds, Alabama, to visit and worship with us.

Sincerely in Jesus,

Mrs. Thelma Davis,
President Belview F. W. B.
Auxiliary, Leeds, Alabama

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"MAKE WAY FOR LIBERTY"

By Roy Ewing Vale

Out of the heroic centuries of half a millenium ago, there comes the great story of the Swiss patriot, Arnold von Winkelreid. The Swiss patriots, a company for the most part of the pesantry, armed in a fashion various and nondescript, were facing the mighty array of their Austrian oppressors. The Austrians, with shining, leveled spears, stood as "a living wall, a human wood." There was no way by which the Swiss could break through.

But we are told that Arnold von Winkelried suddenly charged the Austrian line, extended wide his arms, gathered ten great spears within his grasp, and as their points thrust through his heart he made a breach in the Austrian line through which the Swiss advanced to win a victory. A poet who has told that story well, begins in this fashion:

" 'Make way for liberty,' he cried;
Made way for liberty and died."

Nineteen hundred years ago, on Calvary, the Son of God opened wide his arms and gathered to his own heroic breast the spears of Death and Hell which threatened all the future of mankind. He made a breach within the lines of sin and death, and through that breach his followers, in an ever-increasing array, have poured through the centuries to win victories in his name.

"Like a mighty army moves the
Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the
saints have trod."

This is a picture of his meaning when he said, as is recorded in John 8: 36: If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Let every hearer of these words, in his thought and imagination, walk across the map of the world. You will find no freedom, you will find no knowledge of how to spell the word freedom, except in those areas where the influence of our Lord Jesus Christ is the paramount spiritual factor. Political liberty, freedom of the press, freedom of speech, freedom for scientific investigation; all these, and every other freedom that we cherish, can be found only in those regions of the earth where the Son of God has made the way. I entreat my fellow citizen who may be listening to these words, to ponder this simple but profound reality; you can be sure of this, that where the Lord Christ is, there is freedom, but also that if his influence is destroyed in any area freedom will take the wings of the night and depart. Plain common sense should constrain every lover of freedom in America to consider these things and to support the institutions of the gospel, the church and all her branches, against the pagan tide that cares nothing in our land today for God and Christ, and that seeks only its own selfish way.

There is a tragic record of a soldier in England, blinded and shattered in the First World War, who day after day sat in the corner of his room and whose only words were these, uttered whenever he heard an unusual sound:

"Is there anybody there? Is there anybody there?"

If the modern neglect of the church and the Son of God on the part of Americans, especially on the part of those educated and cultured Americans who should be leaders, continues much further, this beloved land of ours will be crying out: "Is there anybody there?"

Let us, therefore, give our complete loyalty to Him who is able to make us free indeed.

What does His freedom mean? Well, it means freedom from certain things, and it means freedom for certain things.

It means freedom from fear, freedom from want. It means freedom from tragedies when children will be crying out: "Mother, I'm hungry." It means freedom from the brutal heel of the dictator.

But this freedom means not only deliverance; it means opportunity. It means freedom for the love of others; freedom for co-operation between all people and all races in building a more livable and humane society. It means freedom for service that constructs. It means freedom for advance in every endeavor valuable to the common man. It means freedom for every human to build a life like that of the home of Joseph and Mary and the child Jesus, with its deathless love.

In Anchorage, Alaska, we have a Presbyterian union church, in which the Rev. Rolland Armstrong and his lovely wife are the leaders. Thirty-five percent of the Sunday morning congregation are men in uniform. The soldiers are welcomed daily in the Armstrong home. In that home are two little girls. Many of the soldiers play with the children. They tell Mrs. Armstrong about their own babies at home, and often it happens that they ask whether they may not go up and see the children put to bed. And often it happens also that when the babies kneel for their evening prayer the young men in uniform kneel beside them to pray for loved ones far away.

That true picture of the soldier kneeling beside a little child in prayer, far away from his own home, is the picture which presents everything that the future and faith and hope and courage can hold dear. It is the picture of the liberty werewith Christ makes men free.—The Presbyterian Tribune.

REVIVAL POSTPONED

The Spring Branch Church revival meeting, which was previously announced for the last week in August, and then postponed, is now set for the first week in October.

We expect to have the Yearly Church Conference to meet on the first Saturday in October, and the usual first Sunday morning service, and then to enter into the revival meeting.

We are again extending a hearty invitation to everyone to come to Spring Branch Church for our revival during the first week of October, 1944.

Lorene Beaman,
Walstonburg, N. C.

MINISTERS NEEDED IN MISSISSIPPI

Dear Brethren:

We are in need of ministers' help in Jones and Wayne Counties, Mississippi. There is much work that is needed to be done by Free Will Baptists in these counties in our State. I should like to see some good preachers in this section of the State.

I am seventy years old and I cannot go on preaching very much longer, but I am doing all that I can for the cause of righteousness. I have been preaching for around thirty-five years and my time is growing short now. I praise the good Lord for what He has helped me to do for lost souls. I hope and pray that some preachers will come and help us in my part of the State.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Joel W. Walters,

Laurel, Miss., Route 4

THY WILL BE DONE

On bended knee, Oh Lord, I pray
For grace to keep me wholly Thine;
For strength to keep me through the day
Thy will be done, Oh Lord, not mine.

Oh Lord, the way is hard for me
When I am weak and tired and weary;
Open my eyes that I may see
Through the clouds so dark and dreary.

Give me faith, Oh Lord, to trust Thee
When I approach the setting sun;
And when death is lingering near me
I still shall say, "Thy will be done."

—Venie M. Carney

It has been suggested that the church membership as well as the Sunday School should have a cradle roll—six foot cradles. How would it do, also, to provide a fund to purchase soothing syrup to keep the spiritual babies quiet?

PROGRAM

The program of the 10th Annual Session of the Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptists will convene with Pleasant Grove Church, near Thaxton, Miss., on September 21-22, 1944.

Thursday Morning Session

10:00 Devotions, Rev. Elton Coleman
10:15 Organization, Moderator in Charge
11:15 Recess
11:30 Introductory Sermon, Rev. M. L. Hollis
12:15 Lunch

Thursday Afternoon Session

1:15 Devotions, Rev. Luther Gibson
1:30 Business Session, Delegation
(a) Appointment of Committees
(b) Ministerial Reports
2:15 Recess
2:25 Free Will Baptist College, Rev. George Ludwig
2:45 Committee Reports
(a) Temperance
(b) Ladies Aid
(c) League
(d) Resolution
4:00 Assignment of Homes, Local Committee
Benediction, Rev. E. A. Lewis

Thursday Evening Session

7:00 Song and Praise Service, Rev. G. C. Lee in Charge
7:30 Sermon, Rev. J. S. Frederick
8:15 Ordinances, Rev. J. M. Haas

Friday Morning Session

9:00 Devotions, Bro. E. K. Brown
9:15 Business Session, Delegation
Committee Reports:
(a) Sunday School
(b) Christian Education
(c) Literature
(d) Finance
(e) Obituary
11:00 Recess
11:15 Sermon, Rev. L. Q. Larwood
12:00 Lunch

Friday Afternoon

1:00 Devotions, Rev. W. H. Fondren
1:15 Closing Business Session, Delegation
(a) Treasurer's Report
(b) Election of Officers and Host for Year
2:00 "Precious Memories" and "'Till We Meet Again" in honor of those who have been called home, led by W. G. Prude
Benediction, Rev. Grover Price

Program Committee

THE AVERAGE MAN

When it comes to a question of trusting
Yourself to the risks of the road,
When the thing is the sharing of burdens,
The lifting the heft of the load,
In the hour of peril or trial,
In the hour you meet as you can,
You may safely depend on the wisdom
And skill of the average man.

'Tis the average man, and no other,
Who does his plain duty each day,
The small thing his wage is for doing,
On the commonplace bit of the way.
'Tis the average man, may God bless him,
Who pilots us still in the van,
Over land, over sea, as we travel
Just the plain, hardy, average man.

So, on through the days of existence,
All mingling in shadows and shine,
We may count on the every-day hero,
Whom haply the gods may divine.
But who wears the swart grime of his calling,
And labors and earns as he can,
And stands at the last with the noblest,
The commonplace, average man.

—Margaret E. Sangster

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts for the month of August, 1944

National Women's Auxiliary Convention	$ 68.95
Pleasant Mound Church, Texas	10.00
Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Wagoner, Mt. Vernon, Illinois	5.00
Ruth Sweetin, Ina, Illinois	5.00
Turner's Chapel, Georgia	5.00
Mrs. E. F. Traut, Iola, Texas	10.00
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, South Carolina	2.00
Pikeville Church, Pikeville, Kentucky	5.75
Old Mt. Zion Association of Arkansas	59.01
First F. W. B. Church of Houston, Texas	3.00
Union Meeting of South Carolina	40.00
The Ina Church, Ina, Illinois	20.00
Rev. O. Stalcup, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	7.50
Higgins Church, North Carolina	.57
Bald Mountain Church, North Carolina	7.87
Big Creek Church, North Carolina	9.60
Pensacola Church, North Carolina	21.00
Low Gap Church, North Carolina	10.00
Green Mountain Church, North Carolina	11.00
Young's Chapel, North Carolina	6.65
Bowditch Church, North Carolina	5.20
North Bend Church, North Carolina	12.00
Avery's Creek Church, North Carolina	12.58
Cedar Creek Church, North Carolina	30.01
Women's Auxiliary of Union Association of Tennessee	37.00
Toe River Association of Tennessee	45.00
Young People's League of the Ina Church, Ina, Illinois	15.00
French Broad Association, North Carolina	52.32
Missouri State Association	426.28
Total	$943.29

Winford Davis, Treasurer

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

In the Fellowship

Years ago, I went from a church where we had enjoyed a great feast in a glorious worship, to the home of a very aged saint of God, who lived only a short distance, near enough to hear the singing, to find that dear soul rejoicing in the very presence of the Lord. Upon my arrival, she said, "I was with you in the worship and joined in the singing, though I was so weak that I could hardly hear myself, but I enjoyed the fellowship." The true child of God gets joy out of the fellowship of God's true children. John writes that, "ye may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (I John 1: 3).

Just Trusting

"It is said that the spiritual giant Hudson Taylor became so weak physically during the closing months of his life that he said to a very dear friend:

'I am so weak that I cannot write; I cannot read my Bible; I cannot pray. I can only lie still in God's arms like a little child and trust.' "—Gospel Herald.

I remember well in my sickness in 1938 when I was so weak that I just had to lie still and "TRUST." It is a glorious experience to lie still and trust in God.

"In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust" (Psalm 71: 1).

Harvey H. Springer Says

"Remember friends: God cannot trust those who cannot trust God." "I am not a biologist. Yet I know the man who, in the beginning, created." "I am not a botanist. Yet I have made acquaintance with the Lily of the Valley."

"I have studied very little astronomy. However, I have seen the Bright and the Morning Star."

"I walked the rocky hills and studied geology, but it was twenty-two years before I found the Rock of Ages."

"I have tread the garden spots of the world, and one day found the Rose of Sharon."—Western Voice.

The discoveries as made by Mr. Springer, are worth seeking. We cannot know life, until we find the Source of Life. Jesus Christ is "LIFE." He is CREATOR. Reader, have you discovered ETERNAL LIFE? Can you walk in the midst of the flowers and plants, and look up into the heavens and see the LORD JESUS CHRIST? Why not look for Him?

If Christ Should Speak

"Ye call me Master and obey me not;
Ye call me Light and seek me not;
Ye call me Way and walk me not;
Ye call me Life and desire me not;

Ye call me Wise and follow me not;
Ye call me Fair and love me not;
Ye call me Rich and ask me not;
Ye call me Gracious and trust me not;
Ye call me Eternal and seek me not;
Ye call me Mighty and honor me not;
Ye call me Just and fear me not;
Ye call me Noble and serve me not;
If I CONDEMN you blame me not."

—Western Voice

Revival Meetings

In North Carolina the fall of the year is the time that a great number of our churches conduct the annual revival, or evangelistic meetings. Often several churches want the same evangelist and one meeting is lined up right after another. They must run on schedule time in order for the evangelist to get out on time for the next "Miller's turn." I do not believe that procedure is good. However, I have been guilty of accepting meeting after meeting, only to realize at the close of meetings that the meeting should have gone on for a longer period.

Pastor's and Their Revivals

It is generally accepted that the Pastor of a congregation should be at, and in, the meeting at the church that he serves during the revival meeting, even though there is an evangelist doing the preaching. I, for one, do not enjoy a meeting with the pastor absent, as I do with him present. I have been left with meetings, by the pastor, when I felt very much at a loss. Too, the pastor knows his people, and there is no one who can take the place of the pastor in teaming up with evangelist. Again, two can carry on the work better than one. So, if possible, every pastor should stand by and work with the "guest minister" in the annual series of meetings.

PRAYER

God, make my life an open book
So clean and fair
That I may stand with head unbowed,
To hear its contents read aloud,
And bid who will to come and look
Upon the pages there.

Iris Jean Crawford

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*
40 Hancock Street, *New Bern, N. C.*

A CALL TO MISSIONS

Christian missions is the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ to the unconverted everywhere. This is according to the command of Christ, for in Mark's Gospel 16: 15, we read, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

The word "proclamation" carries the idea of publicity, and also of authority. The missionary message is an official declaration of supreme authority, therefore it should be sounded forth in trumpet notes.

The call to missions comes to the women of the Free Will Baptist denomination. To you who are Third Vice-Presidents, may I say that it is your responsibility to keep the mission cause before your auxiliary. The unconverted are those who have not turned to Christ, and hence signify that they are in a lost condition. The terms "Home and Foreign" commonly applied to missions are not scriptural. They are merely human terms of convenience. Unconverted men are lost—whether in home or foreign lands. Christ has commanded us to "Go" and "preach the gospel to every creature." Such is His final imperative command, and it is binding upon His followers everywhere and for all time.

As for a special work for the ensuing year in the mission department of the Auxiliary organization, the call to missions comes to us through the channel of the Stewardship Department. As we launch forth in His great work through the "50,000-Labor Band" we will be sponsoring each phase of our denominational program, which includes missions. "As laborers together with God," the love of Christ constrains us to be steadfast in the work of the Lord.

May we as Third Vice-Presidents be true to the trust and responsibility which the Lord has given us in the department of missions. "Therefore, my beloved, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15: 58).

Marie Hyatt,
Third Vice-President,
W. N. A. C.,
Centerview, Missouri

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DANIEL'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY REPORT

The Women's Auxiliary of Daniel's Chapel, Wilson County, met on Thursday night, August 31, at the home of Mrs. Bob Barfield, with 15 members and 5 visitors present.

The meeting opened with a song and Mrs. Cecil Pittman offered prayer. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Elmer Pittman, and Mrs. Hubert Jomp took charge of the lesson discussion. The subject discussed was "India Wanting for the Word." The startling facts, customs and superstitions and practices in India were brought out in a talk by the program chairman. India's great need for the gospel was emphasized. Mesdames Carnell Lucas, Selby Tomlinson and Jesse Jomp gave the talks outlined in our Year Book of Programs. Mrs. Bob Barfield read an interesting missionary story, and Mrs. Jesse Jomp read a gospel tract, "How to Be Saved."

We then transacted the business of the meeting. The next meeting will convene one week earlier, due to the revival which will begin on the fourth Sunday night in September. The public is cordially invited to attend these revival services.

August Report

Sick visits made	26
Bible chapters read	115
Flowers sent to the sick	4

Trays sent to the sick ----------2
Dues collected ----------$3.45
Money collected for the
Orphanage ----------$2.37

Disbursements

For a floor mop ----------$ 2.00
Cleaning the church ---------- 1.00
Song books ---------- 5.00
Flowers ---------- 3.25

Total ----------$11.25

The meeting closed with a song, "Help Somebody Today." Mrs. Jesse Jomp dismissed the meeting in a word of prayer. Refreshments were served by a joint hostess, Mrs. Bob Barfield and Mrs. Jimmie Bartlett.

Mrs. Jesse Jomp, President,

Mrs. Hubert Jomp, Secretary

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AUXILIARY REPORT OAK GROVE

The Ladies Auxiliary of Oak Grove Church met at the church on Wednesday afternoon, September 6, with Mrs. Paul Holland in charge of the program. She read the scripture lesson and Mrs. Carl Warren led in prayer. The first talk on the subject, "Home Missions," was by Mrs. Y. W. Eldridge. Talk number two on the subject, "Inherited Encumbrances," was by Mrs. Carl Warren. Talk number three was on the subject, "Lest We Forget," and was by Mrs. Leo Bass. Following the talks prayer was offered by Mrs. Annie McPhail.

During the business session it was voted to give one dollar per month to the "Abundant Life Hour" radio program. There were read 77 chapters in the Bible, 2 cards sent to the sick, 17 quarts of milk and 5 visits made to the sick.

Mrs. Annie McPhail, President,

Miss Thelma Lee, Secretary

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NOTICE

I have received no reports from the Eastern Auxiliaries relative to the work done for Superannuation, or Retired Ministers' Fund. Kindly let me have these reports right away, as our Convention is soon to convene.

I am sending this notice to each Sixth Vice-President of the Eastern District, so please file your reports as early as possible. Thanking you, I am,

Yours in service,

Mrs. Ed Smith,

6th V-Pres., of Eastern Auxiliary

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NOTICE

If there has been a new Auxiliary organized in the Eastern District, since March, of this year, please make your report of same to the secretary as early as possible. If any church is in need of help in getting organized, I shall be glad to know about it, and render any service possible.

If we have any church who is failing to maintain an Auxiliary, it is time to realize that we have a lot of "fighting to do" in order to be victorious over the evil one.

Alice E. Lupton,

Secretary, E. District of the Women's Auxiliary

ORPHANAGE NEWS
Middlesex, N. C.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Pitt County

Friday, September 15, Greenville.

Saturday, September 16, Piny Grove.

Sunday, September 17, (a. m.), King's Cross Roads.

Sunday, September 17 (p. m.), Marlboro.

Hertford County

Monday, September 18, Hickory Chapel.

Halifax County

Tuesday, September 19, Dawson Grove.

Tyrrell County

Wednesday, September 20, Sound Side.

Thursday, September 21, Malachi's Chapel.

Friday, September 22, Gum Neck.
Saturday, September 23, Mt. Tabor.

Pasquotank County

Sunday, September 24, Elizabeth City.

Beaufort County

Monday, September 25, Trinity.

Martin County

Tuesday, September 26, Corinth.

Pitt County

Wednesday, September 27, Black Jack.

Thursday, September 28, Rose Hill.
Friday, September 29, Ayden.

Greene County

Saturday, September 30, Little Creek.

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FREE WILL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE MIDDLESEX, N. C.

Receipts for August, 1944

Western Conference

First Union Meeting ----------$	50.00
Fourth Union Meeting ----------	22.77
Branch Chapel ----------	10.40
Elwood Lane Church ----------	5.00
Marsh Swamp Church ----------	10.00
Holly Springs L. A. S. ----------	1.00
Holly Springs L. A. S. ----------	1.00
Stancil's Chapel S. S. ----------	5.00
Chester Pelt, religious services --	10.00
R. G. Woodard, pastoral supply --	16.01
R. G. Woodard, pastoral supply --	20.00

Central Conference

Greenville Church ----------	26.12
Marlboro Church ----------	19.48
Gray Branch Church ----------	3.31
Free Union (Greene County) ----	25.00
Rose Hill Church ----------	4.00
Winterville S. S. ----------	5.00
St. Delight S. S. ----------	12.00
Spring Branch S. S. ----------	2.00
Ayden S. S. ----------	1.00
Daniel's Chapel — Clothing ------	10.00
St. Delight L. A. S.—Clothing --	25.00
Elizabeth City — Stove --------	4.50

Eastern Conference

St. John's Chapel ----------	8.95
White Oak Grove Church -------	15.46
Rooty Branch Church ----------	1.00
Friendship (Jones County) ------	35.00

Davis Church	7.50
Kinston Church	20.00
Arapahoe Church	25.00
Beulaville Church	21.00
Rock of Zion	65.00
Pilgrims Rest Church	3.00
Oriental L. A. S.	30.50
Union Chapel S. S.	20.71
Morehead City S. S.	9.17
Mt. Zion S. S.	3.26
Warden's Grove S. S.	7.85
Core Creek S. S.	28.18
Sound View S. S.	5.00
5th Eastern Union	80.00
Free Union (Greene County)	10.00
Carteret County Union	38.00
3rd Union	50.00

Cape Fear Conference

Goldsboro S. S.	7.53
J. H. French	18.00
Smithfield Church	7.00
Bethel (Supply pastor)	12.00

French Broad Conference

Horney Heights Church	5.00
Old Fort Church	9.19
Cedar Hill Church	2.00
Ray's Chapel Church	15.00

Pee Dee Conference

Oak Grove No. 1 S. S.	15.00
White Oak Church	7.00

Miscellaneous Sources

Cash Sales—farm, dairy and garden	66.09
Raymond T. Sasser	10.00
Mrs. Annie Whitehurst	15.00
Harmon C. St. John	15.00
U. S. Unemployment Comp. (for Bright Children)	5.88
Rev. and Mrs. L. S. Joyner and family (Chapel)	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Alton Holland	10.00
Total	$1,017.59

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

French Broad Conference

Walnut	37.50

Rock Fish Conference

Entwistle	67.58
Rock Fish Association	10.00

Piedmont Section

Piedmont S. S. Convention	12.60
Piedmont Association	56.20
Mable Ave. — S. S.	48.00
Goshen Grove	52.83
Washington Street Church	15.00
Caroleen	20.00
Mt. Zion Church	50.05

Toe River Association

Toe River Association	33.00

Western Conference

Elwood Lane	48.64

Cape Fear Conference

R. McCloud	10.00
Prospect S. S.	10.00
Prospect Church	40.01

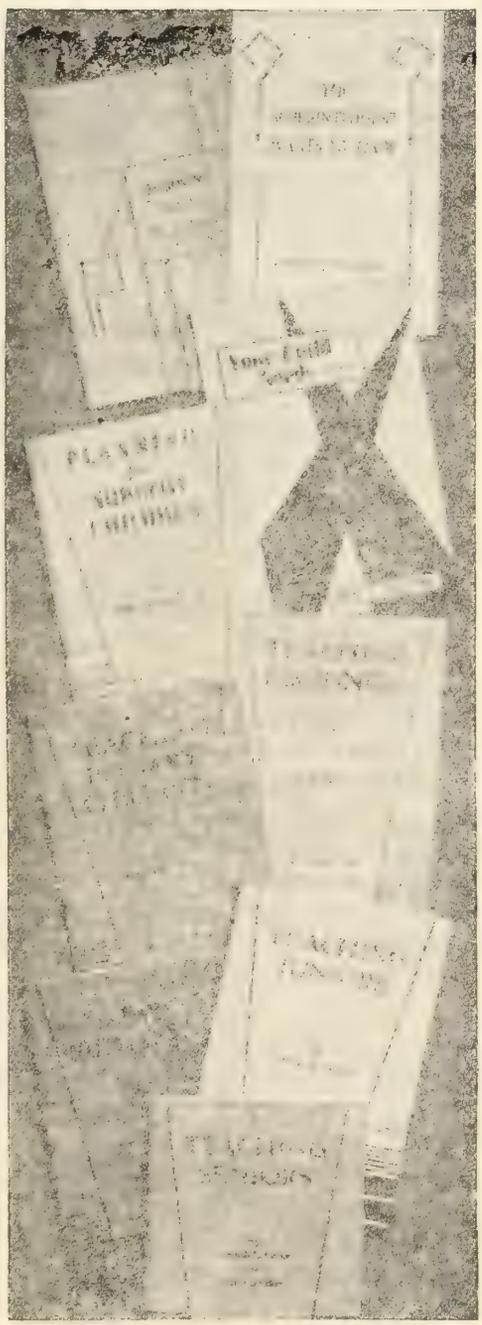
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RELIGION IN THE LIFE OF A NATION

(Lesson for September 24)

Lesson: 2 Samuel 7: 17-29

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"But the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory" (Is. 60: 19).

Only evil men love darkness—the rest of the world is eager for light. There are exceptions to this generality of course, as there are to all broad statements, since photographers have to work in the dark to earn their daily bread, and men fleeing from a foe stay out of a revealing glare. But the photographer cannot finish his process without light by which to make his prints, and even a fugitive needs enough gleam to discern the path to safety.

Three things man desires in a dependable and satisfactory source of light: the heat elements must be low or entirely absent, the light must be safe, and it must be constant. Science has long sought for light without heat, as "hot" light raises the temperature of the surroundings and may seriously injure the eyes. Light that is too intense can cause combustion, spoil material, fade colors, and even cause sickness in the human body. Fluctuating light which flickers, flares, waves and grows dim is obnoxious to the worker who has to depend upon its aid. Hence, **"good"** light must conform to these three standards.

Some day our search for the perfect Source of light will successfully terminate, when we transfer our lives to a different environment, where God is our Light! The words of our text are to be taken literally—there will be a time and place when and where we never see the sun, the moon, or any of the stars. No candle shall ever be kindled and no artificial light shall ever gleam in that coming City of our eternal habitation, for Almighty God is the Light thereof. Isaiah was prophesying of a place and a time when physical conditions shall be far different from those now prevailing on the planet earth, and no man can **completely** grasp the extent and meaning of that prophecy in our present state of ignorance and experience.

Jesus is the Light of the world, and since we began to follow Him we have not walked in darkness, but have enjoyed a certain measure of the Light of Life. The amount of that living Light has been limited only by our faith and willingness to use a Light which is inexhaustible, but we have at least learned the reality of Heavenly Light.

II. Home Work

1. Under what circumstances was the great Messianic Covenant given to David? (II Sam. 7: 1-4).

2. Why did God not allow David to build Him a House? (II Sam. 7: 5-7; I Chron. 17: 11, 12; 22: 8).

3. To whom do the promises of this great Covenant evidently apply first? (II Sam. 7: 12, 13; I Chron. 22: 6-10).

4. On whom does its ultimate fulfillment rest? (II Sam. 7: 13, 16; Ps. 89: 29, 35-37).

5. How do we know that this refers to Christ? (Lu. 1: 31-33; Acts 2: 29, 30).

6. What are the four principal things promised in this Covenant? (II Sam. 7: 13, 14).

7. How did God plan to deal with any of David's descendants before Christ who would commit sin? (II Sam. 7: 14, 15).

8. As whose Son was Jesus recognized- (Mat. 9: 27; 21: 9; II Tim. 2: 8).

9. When will the House of David be rebuilt? (Acts 15: 14-16).

10. Where is David last mentioned? (Rev. 22: 16).

11. Can you find a verse in Revelation that expresses the truth found in our Golden Text?

12. Please study every word in our **Advanced** Quarterly for a wonderful blessing.

13. In our **Senior** Quarterly give special attention to the notes on verse 18.

III. Lesson High Points

This lesson centers around **the prayer of David,** and we notice (1) that he went **direct** to God. Nathan, who appears for the first time, was a pure-hearted and fearless man, but when David prayed he did not call in Nathan. In the great emergencies of life, prayer is **personal** and **private.** It belongs only to God, and the soul. The true man of prayer spends much time alone with God in the secret chamber. It is in our secret, devotional life that our sincerity is proved. Then (2) David prayed in the accustomed place, "then went King David **in,** and sat before the Lord" (II Sam. 7: 18). Prayer anywhere may soon become **prayer nowhere.** The devout soul will lift up its heart to God in **all** places, but it also has some secret place, where it is **accustomed** to meet with God. William Law, a prayerful and devout soul of the century, says, "Accustom yourself (as far as you can) to pray always in the same place, if you reserve that place for devotion, it would foster such a spirit as would greatly assist in your devotions." (3) The main lesson of David's prayer is that **promise should ever be the basis** and measure of prayer. The mold into which our petitions should run is, "Do as Thou hast said" (vs. 25). There is no presumption in taking God at His Word. Yea, God is well pleased when we **believe** His Word and **rest** in it. The men and women whom God has greatly honored have been those who **believed** God and trusted implicitly in His **Word.** We **dishonor** God when we are skeptical of His promises.

The King's Thanksgiving

One of the basest of sins is the sin of thanklessness! Who can plead "guiltless" to this debasing, joy-killing sin? Thanklessness makes joy-

lessness. God, in His goodness, daily loadeth us with benefits. Too often, we reeive them with a thankless matter-of-factness. Like the nine lepers, we fail to return to thank our Benefactor, God. A thankful heart is a happy heart. For anything, give thanks; for everything, give thanks; for nothing at all, give thanks. "This is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." (Read I Thes. 5: 18; Deu. 8: 9; Ps. 100: 4; Col. 3: 15.)

—Selected

REVIVAL AT MT. CARMEL

We certainly did have a fine revival meeting at Mt. Carmel Church, Perry, Florida. It was held during the two last weeks in August by Rev. Clark of Thomasville, Georgia, and Rev. Turner from Live Oak, Florida. It was a soul-stiring revival, for many were revived in the Spirit of the Lord. We also had a week of cottage prayer meetings, four every night in the community asking the Lord to bless us and to save lost souls through the revival meeting.

The Lord did answer the prayers, for He did wonderfully bless us and gave us a fine meeting which helped a very great many people both in the church and community. We wish to thank Him for the wonderful blessings which He gave to us during the revival season.

Mrs. Walsh Davis,
Perry, Florida.

I WALK WITH HIM

I'm wearing a Star of Silver today
And also a Star of Blue
For two dear sons who have gone away
To fight for the right and you.
It was only a very short time ago
I tucked them into their beds.
And hear them lisp their baby prayers
As I smoothed each small tired head.

Now one is ten thousand miles away,
In water and mud and slime,
And my heart grows cold with a nameless fear
And I think of him all the time
Then Jesus whispers, "Peace my child
Your sons are safe in my care,
These encircling arms no bullets can pierce
And I'll care for them over there."

So I bow my head and close my eyes
As He puts his hand in mine,
And I walk with him, no more afraid,
For the peace he gives is divine
Oh, mothers with some so far away
When your heart grows cold with fear
Won't you bow your heads, slip your hand in His
And walk with Him without fear.

—Selected.

—In N. C. Christian Advocate

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. Ezek. 36: 26.

PROGRAM OF THE GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION

Convening with Oak Grove Church, Miller County, five miles north of Colquitt, Georgia, on State Highway No. 1, November 13-15, 1944.

Monday Evening

7:30—Devotions by pastor of local church
8:00—Sermon by Rev. H. L. Knighton
8:45—Report of Committee on Arrangements

Tuesday Morning

10:00—Devotions led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie
10:15—Welcome address by Mrs. Alma McDonald
10:25—Response to Welcome Address, Rev. J. D. Little
10:30—Appointment of Committees by Moderator
10:45—Moderator's Message
11:30—Sermon by Rev. E. C. Morris
12:00—Noon—Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions led by Rev. J. D. Payne
1:45—Message by Rev. Robert Crawford, National Executive Secretary
2:15—Report of Credentials Committee
2:40—Report of Planning Committee by Rev. E. C. Morris
3:10—Report of Board of Religious Education by Rev. S. T. Shutes
3:40—Report of Mission Board by W. L. Cleveland
4:10—Report of Superannuation Board by A. D. Ivey
6:00—Supper

7:30—Devotional by Rev. C. J. Harvey
7:45—Sermon by Rev. Ralph Lightsey

Wednesday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Rev. T. B. Mellette
9:15—Final report of all Boards and Committees
9:45—Address by Judge John E. Drake
10:15—Miscellaneous business
11:30—Sermon by Rev. Robert Crawford
12:00—Noon—Adjournment and Lunch

Boys and Girls Corner

THE CRUSHED FLOWER

Thelma Getz

"Come, Valley, it's time to take Father some fresh water to drink while he is plowing over in the big field," Mother called to her nine-year-old daughter who was swinging under the big maple tree in the yard.

It was a warm afternoon on the first of May. Valley hesitated at first when she thought of having to walk across two hills through the sun and carry a jug of water besides.

Mother noticed that she was reluctant to start and tried to make the task more pleasant for her by saying, "Come on, Dear, you may take your time coming home and play along the way if you want to. Maybe you can find a few bloodroots or violets in that rocky patch by the woods when you come back. If you do, bring enough along to fill your little vase, and then we'll put them on the kitchen windowsill above the sink where we can see them while we get supper."

When the water jug was filled, Valley put on her blue sunbonnet and started off toward the field. As she walked along the dusty path, she remembered a cool, mossy place under a big oak tree in the woods were she was going to stop to look for flowers; that would be a pretty place to build a playhouse. Then her steps quickened and before long her father was drinking the fresh water while he rested on the plow handles.

Turning homeward again, Valley climbed over the rail fence that separated the wood lot from the pasture field and entered a sort of fairy land. Here and there streams of the afternoon sun poured through the thick foliage of the trees. By a little stream that flowed through the woods she sat down on a rock and took off her bonnet to wipe the moisture from her forehead. She looked about her; everything was still except for a towhee that was piping as he hopped through the underbrush. Also in the distance she could hear the screeching of the plow wheel and her father's voice as he urged the horses on.

After resting a few minutes, she moved farther on in the woods and came to a clearing that was very rocky and just the place for flowers —bloodroots especially. Valley always loved these flowers more than any of the other early wild ones because they had such pure delicate white petals. As she gathered them, she pictured a dainty blue vase filled with bloodroots on her mother's kitchen windowsill.

By the time she had gathered the right amount she had forgotten all about making a playhouse, so anxious was she to take them home and arrange them in her own blue vase. Then hurrying to the house and filling her vase, she held them up for her mother to admire. As she did so, one stem that was not in straight fell over the side of the vase and Valley, stepping before she noticed it, crushed the beautiful white flower under her foot, causing it to turn dark and ugly. She stooped and picked it up, holding it in one hand and the vase in the other.

Her mother saw, and right away the thoughts of the comparison of the two kinds of flowers—the dark bruised one and the lovely white ones—entered her mind.

Sitting down on the kitchen stool, she drew her little daughter to her and said, "Valley, these flowers just remind me of people. Many boys and girls—and grown people, too—live pure, clean lives and they are beautiful to God as He looks at them. He is happy when He sees people living good, useful lives; but then sometimes while He is watching His people here on the earth, many of them do evil things, and then their hearts are stained by sin and become ugly, as this flower did when you stepped on it. I hope you will always remember how ugly people become—just like this flower—when they disobey God."

"When Satan steps into our hearts, he always makes an ugly stain, doesn't he, Mother?" added Valley.—Words of Cheer.

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IN MEMORIAM

This has been written in loving memory of our dear Mother, Mrs. Sallie Harris, Greenville, North Carolina, who departed this life on September 6, 1943.

We will always remember that dark and lonely evening in September, how Jesus sent his death angel into our home and took our loving Mother to her heavenly home above. She was 65 years old when she died. Mother was sick for several years before she took her bed. She was in bed about a year before she died. She was very patient during her illness, and always had a kind word and a smile for everyone.

We know that her going is her eternal gain and our loss, but we should rejoice with the angels to know that she is sweetly sleeping in the arms of the dear Saviour. We are praying that we may meet our dear Mother in the heavenly home above where all is peace and love.

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But we hope to meet again;
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With our blessed Saviour to reign.

Oh, dear Mother, we do miss you,
But we know that you cannot come;
Since it was the blessed Saviour
Who took you to your blessed home.

Oh, you were so lovely, Mother,
When you were sick in bed;
Always ready to lend a hand
When we were sick in bed.

—Written by a loving son and
a daughter-in-law,

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harris

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TALBOT. This is written in loving memory of our dear friend and sister in Christ, Leona Talbot. She was an active member and a very willing worker in all Auxiliaries of the church. She was a member of Loyal Chapel at Columbia, Tennessee, for several years. She was Third and Fourth Vice-President of our Women's Auxiliary for one year.

She was confined to her bed for about six weeks before God called her, and said, "It is enough, come up higher." She leaves to mourn their loss her Mother a Sister, a Brother in the services, and a host of friends. She was 22 years old when she died.

Leona has gone from this world to find
rest
She left us so lonesome and blue;
But if we keep trusting the One she
loved best,
We'll meet her up there with the true.

—Written by a friend,

Rosalie Grubbs

God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Cor. 10: 13.

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. 2 Cor. 4: 17.

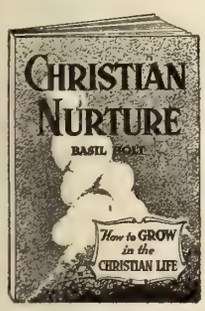
Trials make the promise sweet,
Trials give new life to prayer;
Bring me to the Saviour's feet,
Lay me low and keep me there.

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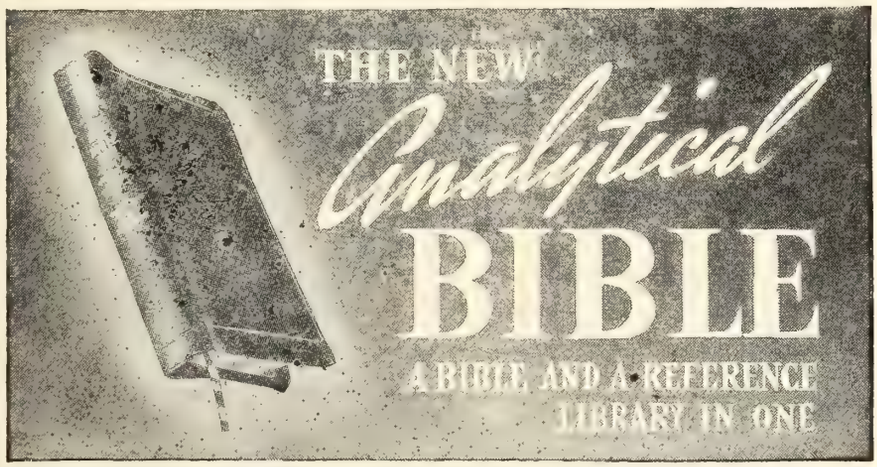


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This report covers the period from October 1, 1943, to September 1, 1944 (11 months).

Receipts

October 1, 1943—Balance on hand	$ 152.82

Regular Receipts

October	$912.25	
November	369.06	
December	131.92	
1944		
January	57.12	
February	73.98	
March	.00	
April	70.80	
May	176.28	
June	1.00	
July	34.00	
August	62.50	
Total "Regular" Receipts		$1,888.91
Funds "Earmarked" for North Carolina Only		180.00
"Special" Christmas Funds		10.15
Total for the Year		$2,231.88

Expenditures

Paid to Retired Ministers		$1,157.50
Paid to National Board		437.78
Operating Expense:		
Office Expense (Bond, Postage, Supplies, etc.)	$ 80.36	
Travel by Chairman-Treasurer (3c per mile for 795 miles)	23.85	
Travel by Board Members (3c per mile for 1120 miles	33.60	
Total Operating Expense		$ 137.81
Total Paid Out		$1,733.09
Balance now on hand		$ 498.79

Report to National Board

Total "Regular" Receipts	$1,888.91
Operating Expense	137.81
Balance	$1,751.10
25 Per Cent of above Balance	$ 437.78
Amount paid to National Board	437.78

Signed:

M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer,
Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Secretary

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. F. W. B. State Association for August, 1944.

Receipts

August 1, 1944, Balance on hand	$545.43
Receipts for August	62.50
Total to account for	$607.93

Disbursements

Aug. 31, Expense for Aug.	$ 2.00
Aug. Checks to Retired Ministers	92.50
Aug. 31, Check to National Board	14.64
Total paid out in August	$109.14
Balance on hand Sept. 1, 1944	$498.79

Receipts Itemized

Aug. 2, Third Western Union Meeting	$10.00
Aug. 2, Second Central Union Meeting	8.50
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Life is a woven fabric;
The pattern and web are wrought
By the dark threads and the golden
That into the loom are shot.

You cannot judge God's purpose
By the thrust of a single thread,
What to you may be dark, mysterious,
May be gloriously bright instead.

For He holds in mind a pattern
As fair as His love is strong,
Which grows each day in the weaving;
Not a single thread goes wrong.

No warp in His hands shall tangle,
No slumber His eyelids close;
We only can thwart His purpose
When our stubborn wills impose.

Our tangled and broken efforts
To walk in His kind commands
Will give life an added luster,
Restored by His loving hands.

So trust in the Weaver's wisdom,
In His love and unfailing care,
And the fabric of life, completed,
Some day will be wondrous fair.

—A. W. Dewar

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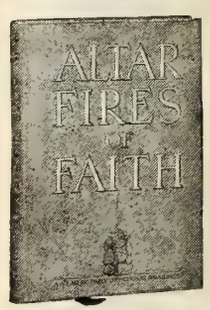
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EDITORIAL

The North Carolina State Association, which convened last week at Reedy Branch Church, was a splendid success. The gospel messages were good, the interest throughout the session was fin, and the business was transacted in a fine way. The attendance both days was good and everyone seemed to have enjoyed the occasion very much. A large number of ministers was present and most of them were very active in seeing the association carried forward in a good way. Taking it all in all, it was probably the best session in the history of the organization.

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Following the State Association, the other large district organizations of the State of North Carolina, as the Eastern and Central Conferences, the Cape Fear and the Western Associations, in the eastern part of the State, will be convening in rotation, beginning with the month of October and closing during the month of November. These church bodies are very important to the denominational work of the State, and carry on excellent work each year in their annual sessions.

Since splendid progress is being made in the denominational work by the church people as a whole, it is expected that all of these bodies will launch this fall in their respective sessions greater programs of work for the ensuing year. They will, it is hoped, set greater goals for achievements to be reached by the local churches composing their bodies during the conference year.

The truth is, the church people as a whole throughout the entire State, as well as throughout the entire denomination, are waking up to the need of doing greater things for the cause of Christ and righteousness. They are realizing more and more the splendid possibilities, and also the responsibilities, which are theirs to utilize for the glory of God. More and more are they becoming conscious of the fact that God is holding them responsible for the bringing about a greater church, and the rendering of a greater service in the field of Christianity.

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Now is the time for everyone to talk subscriptions, and to secure subscriptions for the Baptist paper. We are launching a campaign drive this fall for seven hundred more new subscriptions to the paper. We want to round out the SUBSCRIPTION ROLL to 4,000 by the first day of January, 1945. We are now printing 3,300 copies each week, and want to see the number increase each week until the total shall reach the four thousand mark by January the first.

We want to say that we do appreciate every effort that each one has put forth during the past year in helping us to keep the subscription roll on a high level. July was the only month in which we lost, or fell back any, and that was only FOUR below normal. We are asking that the ministers, the auxiliary workers, the Sunday School and League leaders, and also other church workers to boost the Baptist paper, and to do all they can for the paper this fall. Will you please help us to attain the goal of four thousand by the first of the new year?

It is quite evident that there are thousands of Free Will Baptist homes in which the Baptist paper is not yet going. It is in these homes that we want our church paper to begin to enter for the benefit of the members of these homes, and for the glory of God. Whenever you get someone to subscribe for the Baptist paper to go into a new home, you are doing a fine thing for that home and for the church people in that church community. The good the Baptist paper will do in such new church homes will be shown during the passing days, and the children in those homes will form the habit of reading the splendid Bible stories each week which are published in the Baptist paper.

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The Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, is now beginning its third year of work. The Reverend L. R. Ennis, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, is now president of the institution, and has moved to Nashville to assume the duties of leading the Institution in the work. We are hoping for him and his splendid faculty a most effective year in the work of the Institution. The Reverend J. P. Barrow, of the Hull Road Church in Greene County, North Carolina, has been made the head of the Bible courses, and will, with the splendid qualifications which he possesses as a Bible teacher, carry the work forward in a fine way. We are looking forward to see splendid success in the work of the Institution by all the members of the faculty during the coming year.

As time passes it will be very necessary for the church people as a whole to raise larger funds for the school. There will be a growing increase of the faculty members, a growing student body, and a growing need, therefore, for new buildings to be erected to take care of the growing needs of the Institution. We fully believe that, as these needs arise, the church people throughout the United States will gladly increase their contributions through their local church organizations to the extent that the school shall be assured of adequate funds to meet all of its needs year after year.

It will be only a matter of time, that is, just a few years when the trained young men and women will be able to return to their churches and communities, prepared for Christian services. Then the churches will be able to realize the good that has been accomplished by their wholehearted support of the educational program of the denomination. The money spent in this way shall bring, we believe, excellent returns to the church as a whole during the passing decades. We believe it will be one of the outstanding ways in which the denomination shall be able to grow strong and useful during the passing of time.

Laws Concerning Riches

Mrs. Ivey Rhodes,
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Goldsboro, N. C.

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matt. 6: 19-21).

We find here God's laws concerning riches. He cautions us through these verses of scripture to lay not up treasures on the earth, but for us to lay up our treasures in heaven, and in His kingdom. Very often we hear or read of thieves stealing someone's property, but God says that there are no thieves in heaven to steal our treasures. There are not even any moths to corrupt our treasures when we place them in God's care. Then why do we lay our treasures up here on earth where there is danger of decay or theft? When we have a lot of this earth's goods, and treasure them more than we do God's laws, surely we are laying up our treasures here and not in heaven.

There are prosperous days for nearly everyone, for there seems to be money on every hand for everyon, but when we are treasuring our success here, it is not God's laws, so why should we disobey our heavenly Father. Are our treasures here leading us to heaven, or are we attending to the sinful things of this world? Are we spending our time and means for the frivolous things of this world? What about the souls of those who are spending their time in laying up treasures here on earth and are indulging in the sinful things of this life?

Now, where are our treasures, and what are we seeking? Are they for worldly gain, or are they heavenly treasures which we are laying up for that great day. God says for us to take no thought for tomorrow, for our heavenly Father knoweth what we have need of more than we do. God will supply our needs when we have our treasures laid up in heaven. We are to ask Him for the blessings of life, and He will give them according to our very need. He tells us to ask and it shall be given unto us. We are to seek and then we shall find the true blessings of life.

Friends, What are we seeking? Are we seeking to gain more of this world's goods, or are we seeking to walk that straight and narrow way that God wants us to follow? God says for us to enter into the straight way which leadeth to heaven, and for us to turn from the evil way which will lead us down to eternal perdition. Which gate have we entered, and which road are we traveling? Have we already entered into that straight gate? Are we walking in that narrow way? Remember, we have our choice, as did the Prodical Son, who left his father's house and spent all his money on riotous living. Remember, he stood at the cross road of life one day to choose for himself. One road led him to peace and contentment, and the other to destruction. He chose the one that led to destruction. Which road have you chosen in this life? If we find that we have chosen the wrong road of life, let us do as the Prodigal Son, go back unto the Father. He will gladly receive us if we turn back to His promises. He has promised to save us if we will trust Him, and do His bidding.

God's ways never fail. We may say that we can do this thing and that, and get by all right, but some day God will cut us down. Remember, we have this great war raging today, and it is all on account of sin in the world. Many diseases have come our way because of the sins which we have committed. Let us ask the Lord to take a hand in removing the dreadful disease, paralysis, from our land. It is so very bad for the children over the country. God is able to stop it, and if we will pray earnestly, He may bring it to an end. There is one church here in Goldsboro which has had special prayer for the children, but are all of us praying unto God to stop this terrible disease. We need to pray for those little children who are afflicted.

Each person should each day pause long enough for a word of prayer to God for this epidemic to cease, or be stopped. Remember, God says, "Ask and ye shall be given." Let us ask God for the things we stand in need of every day. He is able to supply our every need according to His riches in glory.

THE STOLEN BIBLE

For Thou hast magnified THY WORD above all THY NAME (Ps. 138: 2).

Three years have now passed since, while traveling, I fell in with a French professor who had some employment in Spain. After having insulted me before our traveling companions by telling them that I was connected with a secret society which, under cover of the mantle of Christian philanthropy, was engaged in smuggling into Spain what its agents designated the Word of God, but which he, as a man of learning, had detected to be simply a parody of the true Bible, he advised them, one and all, to turn a deaf ear to the offers of the seller of such a bad book. The discussion was continued during the whole journey, and judge my surprise, when on getting out of the omnibus, the professor said to me:

"Though we may entertain different views, I must ask you to sell me one of your little Bibles, for our conversation has made me desirous to read it." But the most interesting part of my story has still to be told.

Some few days back I proceeded to an inn in a small town where I intended to sell Bibles. I had already been seated some time in the room where I was taking my meal when a gentleman, who had been intently

watching me, and in such a manner as somewhat to annoy me, rose from his seat and came to the table where I was sitting, and without any preface exclaimed: "Were you not in such a year at Barcelona, and were you not then occupied in selling the Bible?" "Yes," was my reply, and on examining his face norrowly I recognized the professor, who, at that time was living in Spain. "Come into my room," he said, "for I have something astonishing to tell you about the Bible you sold me on getting out of the omnibus." I did not need to be asked a second time, and I eagerly followed him. On being seated in his room he related to me the following:

"Some time after our meeting in the omnibus I went back to Spain to resume my duties as professor of the French language and likewise to resume my life of dissipation in company with one whom I called my friend, though he was really one of the worst characters that the world ever saw; but he had more money than I, and he bore the brunt of our orgies. Very soon, owing to my bad conduct, I lost all my pupils, and whilst waiting for their return I set to smoking from morning to night, and in order to show my contempt for the Bible which you had sold me, and which I had taken good care not to open, I began tearing out leaf after leaf for no other purpose than to light my pipe or cigars. One day, when I was wanting one of these leaves, I looked in vain for the remnant of the Book, of which perhaps one-third was still left, but not finding it I thought no more about it. By little and little I marked with surprise that my boon companion was becoming cool towards me. I no longer found him in the places of pleasure and amusement where we had been in the habit of spending a considerable portion of our time, and I became more sensible of his absence from his being no longer at hand to pay what I had expended. Very soon my position became intolerable. Over head and ears in debt, and no longer able to obtain credit anywhere, I became aware of the dire fact that the moment was approaching when, if I wanted to live, I must beg in the streets. Before, however, getting to this point, I determined to apply for assistance to my old companion. I went and knocked at his door, which was opened to my intense delight as well as to my eternal welfare, as you will presently learn. As I saw that my former friend was not frowning at me I took courage; and after having explained to him my said position, I exclaimed: 'Help me, or else I shall die of hunger, for I know no one else in Madrid, and though it is but too true that I am a very sorry character, and as bad as you or any one else can think me, I cannot turn thief.'

"On this my companion interrupted me, and smilingly said: 'I am the more bound to help you because it was I who robbed you.'

" 'Robbed, robbed!' I exclaimed. 'What could you possibly have taken from a fellow who had not a farthing to help himself with?"

" 'Ah! you had a treasure, and the treasure of all treasures, and here it is.' Saying which he took out from a drawer a book, which, from its binding, I at once recognized as the Bible which I bought from you.

" 'Ah, for such a theft," said I, laughing, 'you will never be sent to the galleys, and, moreover, the Book was well-night torn in pieces.'

" **'That is true enough, but the portion which escaped destruction has been sufficient to lead me to that repentance which is not repented of; it has sufficed to change my heart.'**

" 'Indeed, indeed. But are you speaking seriously?'

" 'Most seriously, and never more so, and it is quite manifest to me that God in His love has worked a real miracle on my behalf. One day, on entering your room and not finding you there, I was looking about when my eyes fell on your book, which was lying on the table. I opened it, intending to read whilst awaiting your return, but seeing that it was so very much torn, I concluded that it must be a book of very little value. I, however, began to look into it, and my eyes fell upon this passage: **"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"** (Matt. 11: 28). Without troubling myself very much as to what might be the meaning of this verse, it made a deep impression on me. It is quite true that for some time previously I had become dissatisfied with myself and every one else, and this dissatisfaction haunted me wherever I was or whatever I was doing. I felt, in spite of myself, that the life I was leading could not make me happy, and that, cost what it might, I must make some change. However, my bad habits again got the upperhand of me; but in the end I could not but feel that the passage had struck home. I wished to know more about the Book, and fearing lest you should refuse to lend it to me, I took possession of it. On my return home I devoured—yes, that is the right word—all the pages which had been left untorn, and the more I read the more was I led to acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Saviour of my soul."

"Strange enough, what my friend just told me suddenly brought into my mind all the particulars of our conversation on the journey to Barcelona, and what you told me about **the change which was sure to be produced in the mind and in the heart of every one who diligently** read the Bible, with prayer to God in the name of Jesus Christ, that by its means he might become enlightened, convinced, and changed. With this impression I listened with all the more attention and seriousness to my old companion, and before long the Lord granted us the favor of being able to regard each other as companions, alike saved by sovereign grace and marching onward in His ways toward a blissful eternity."

Reader, have you yet obtained this pardon and peace? If not, come at once to Jesus, "Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness" (I Peter 2: 24).

—Scattered Seed.

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Some Hight-Lights of the Association

The Spirit of the Lord was present from the first to the last. All discussions, even though there were difference of opinions, they were on the highest type of Christian reasoning.

Reports from all departments were very encouraging. Every department made excellent gains in financial support, ranging from as low as 10 per cent to as high as 300 per cent. Superannuation reached the 300 per cent mark in support.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, the Chairman-Treasurer, was loud in his praise of the support from the field, in the making of his report.

The Mission report showed that interest was growing annually. Rev. R. C. Wiggs, the Mission treasurer, was very much elated over the success, and like Brother Johnson, called for future support.

The Orphanage reached a new high mark in support, under the management of Rev. James A. Evans, together with the board of Trustees, however, the success is attributed by these men to the co-operation of the friends of the institution — the churches and individuals who gave their support.

Rev. R. B. Crawford, Exective Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was present and gave an encouraging report of the work in the National Association.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, president of the National Women's Auxiliary Convention was present and recognized. Mrs. Edwards' report, though short, was not only received with gladness by the women, but in general, I think that the ministry was well pleased.

The Associational sermon was delivered by Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Moderator of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina.

The people of Reedy Branch and the adjoining communities made good the custom of being masters in the entertainment of their guest. Barbecued pig, chicken, and ham in various styles, together with other meats, and cakes, pies, pickles, etc., were served picnic style.

Rev. J. R. Bennett, the vice-president, succeeded Rev. D. W. Alexander, as the President for the ensuing year. Rev. M. L. Johnson of Lucama, the Chairman-Treasurer of Superannuation, was elected as vice-president. Most all other officers were re-elected to their respective offices.

The Association extended an official invitation to the officers of the National Association to convene the 1945 session of that body in the State of North Carolina and a committee was appointed on the selection of place.

An invitation was given to Rev. R. B. Crawford to conduct an Educational Bible Institute in North Carolina during 1945, and a committee was appointed on "Time and place."

Many other good things were done and said, but we have not time nor space, so we invite you to be on the "look-out for the minutes" and acquaint yourself with the facts that all Free Will Baptists should know.

Superannuation Month

Remember that the **Five-Point-Program** for North Carolina sets forth **October** as **Superannuation** month. During this month it is hoped that every church and every auxiliary together with individuals will make a good offering to the Superannuation treasurer. Rev. M. L. Johnson, Lucama, N. C. will be glad to send you a receipt for your offering. So, make an offering unto **God** to be used in **Superannuation** during **October.**

REVIVAL AT UNION CHAPEL

We, the people of Union Chapel, Beaufort County, thank God for the unusual spiritual feast that we have just enjoyed. Our revival began on Monday night, September fourth, and continued through the week. Our pastor, Rev. Clinton Lupton of Bayboro, North Carolina, did the preaching, and Rev. R. P. Harris of Enfield was in charge of the song service. Each evening there were capacity crowds, and a prevailing atmosphere of the Holy Spirit was experienced by many. There were twenty-seven who confessed Christ as their personal Saviour, and three others came to the church by letter.

The congregational singing was enjoyed by everyone. Also the special numbers by Brother Harris were greatly enjoyed by everyone present. Brother Lupton, as in his usual manner, brought soul stirring messages each evening in the power of the Spirit. People surrendered unto God even at the very first service, and continued to do so to the close of the meeting. As a result of the interest in the revival, the church is launching a campaign to renovate the building.

The meeting had more effect on the church and community for the cause of righteousness, and the promotion of God's kingdom than anything that has happened there in a long time. The Lord gave the people a mind to work and they certainly rendered great help in making the revival a success.

By a Member of the Church

A MESSAGE TO THOSE IN THE SERVICE

Dear Boys in the Service :

I am now through with my revival meetings, and will say that I had very good results. Here is a scripture reference which I wish to give, Acts 27: 21-44, and a text, chapter 27, verse 25, as follows: "For I believe God." Will you then read the twenty-eighth chapter for the full account. Be sure to read the entire chapter. Then, will you not be able to say with Paul, "For I believe God"?

Do not forget that numerous characters have clung to His great challenge. Remember that Daniel withstood the wicked rulers and even suffered to be thrown into the den of lions. The Hebrew children would not bow down to man, so the fiery furnace was their next place, but God sent another to walk around with

them, and they went through the fire without having been burned. Thus, their belief in God, and being loyal to his precepts was the secret of their success over sin and Satan. So the enemy was punished, and Daniel was exalted.

You shall be placed in hard places, but remember the text, "For I believe God."

Rev. S. T. Shutes

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO MINISTERS

I should like to communicate with some ministers who have not obligated themselves for another year. I am interested in those who can qualify for a full-time pastorate in a thriving church.

The opportunity for the right kind of pastor will prove to be a splendid one, both to himself and to the church people. Please communicate with me right away. I thank you very much.

Your brother in Christ,

J. D. Currie,
Durham, North Carolina,
Route 5, Box 335

NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED

The young people of Smith's New Home Church met Wednesday night, April 19, at the church, and Mrs. Adolph Howard was present and gave some helpful suggestions on how to organize. We began by worshipping the Lord with singing and prayer, after which we elected officers and organized with twenty-two members. We have been carrying on the work splendidly, and now have thirty-six on roll.

To our regret one of our members had to leave us and go into the service, but we are carrying on in a good way with the thirty-five members now active in the organization. We are asking all of you praying people to pray for us that we may go forward in the great work for the glory of the Lord.

Robert Noble, President,

Geraldine Howard, Secretary

MEN WANTED

(Dedicated to world peace by

Thomas H. Howard)

Wanted—men who are twenty-one,
Men who are able to shoulder a gun;
In the best of health and the prime of life
To leave their homes and their kids and wife.
Peaceful men who are now content,
To settle the war lord's argument;
And go to foreign lands, perhaps,
That they never knew except for maps.

Wanted—men whose mothers cried,
For brothers the last war tore from their side;
Wanted—men whose mothers still mourn,
For their dads who were killed before they were born.
Wanted—men who can learn to hate
And especially those who believe it's fate,
When a comrade falls beside them dead,
Full of the latest machine gun lead.

Men who can stick a bayonet through
Somebody's boy that they never knew;
Wanted—men who would like to fly,
And drop down death from out the sky,
On women and children young and old,
So a handful of men can have more gold;
Men from the East and West and North,
And men from the South to journey forth.

To leave the farms and crops behind,
So war lords' pockets can be relined,
With tainted gold from a bloody ditch
So they and theirs can again be rich,
With the body and blood from the world of youth,
Who never will know the naked truth;
Medicine free and your doctor bills,
A crutch and a cane and lifelong ills.

Wanted—men content to wear,
A nation's tribute to those who dare;
A cross of gold with bars, perhaps,
To show they were in the last big scrap.
The jobs are open to all who care,
On land or sea or in the air;
Thirty a month and your clothes and chuck;
Apply — war lords — and the best of luck.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REVIVAL MEETING

We wish to announce through the columns of the Baptist paper that Rev. D. A. Windham will begin a revival meeting at Rose of Sharon Church on October 8, 1944. We are asking the church people to pray for the success of the meeting.

Since October the seventh will be the time for our Yearly Church Conference, we are asking that all former members and pastors to be present for this meeting. The Reverend C. D. Hamilton has pastored this church for the last two years, and will be with us for the coming year. He will also assist in the revival meeting.

M. S. Cowan

WAITING

O Jesus, Thou art standing
Outside the fast closed door,
In lowly patience waiting
To pass the threshold o'er.
O Jesus, Thou art knocking,
And lo! that hand is scarred,
And thorns Thy brow encircled,
And tears Thy face have marred.

O Jesus, Thou art pleading
In accents sweet and low,
"I died for you, my children,
And will you treat me so?"
O Lord, with shame and sorrow
We open now the door;
Dear Savior, enter, enter,
And leave us never more!

—Song Book

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FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE REPORT

By J. R. Davidson

Before you read this communication, the third year's history of the college will be in the making. Surely the eyes of the denomination will be focused this year on this project as another of an eventful nature. Would we not do well to designate some special hour each day as Prayer Hour for the school? Present prospects bid fair for an enrollment at the opening this week of some thirty-five students who hail from at least ten different states. Some of the outstanding talents in the nation have been registered already, and we are looking forward to a liberal response on the part of our people in every way. Surely the purse strings will be loosed in every section where our people reside, hence we shall realize quite an increase in financial income each month. Our monthly disbursements will be a great deal more than at any time since the opening of the college. However, we do not call upon you to give of necessity, but cheerfully and according as the Spirit leading your hearts, remembering the fact that God blesses a cheerful giver.

Any one needing materials with which to align your church, auxiliary organizations, or individuals in the support of your college write me at the college address, or address me at Post Office Box 147, Ashland City, Tennessee. The following is a financial statement for the first two months of the present National Associational Year.

Receipts

State of North Carolina—	
By Gift	$ 486.42
By Endowment	157.50
State of Missouri—	
By Gift	61.29
By Endowment	152.50
State of Tennessee—	
By Gift	51.28
By Endowment	306.00
By J. R. Davidson (Salary)	150.00
State of Texas—	
By Gift	31.90
By Endowment	96.00
State of Oklahoma—	
By Gift	40.06
By Endowment	69.50
State of Georgia—	
By Gift	17.50
By Endowment	91.00
State of South Carolina—	
By Gift	100.00
State of Illinois—	
By Gift	14.00
By Endowment	42.00
State of Kentucky—	
By Endowment	27.50
State of Virginia—	
By Gift	5.00
By Endowment	18.50
State of West Virginia—	
By Endowment	12.50
State of Michigan—	
By Endowment	53.00
State of Florida—	
By Endowment	19.50
State of Alabama—	
By Endowment	54.00
State of Mississippi—	
By Endowment	64.00
State of Arkansas—	
By Endowment	1.50
State of Kansas—	
By Endowment	1.00
National Women's Auxiliary Convention—	
By Gift	100.00
Room and Board	76.00
Anonymous Gifts	3.44
Registration Fees	6.00
Refund on Traveling Expenses, by J. R. Davidson	20.00
Total Receipts	$2,328.83

Disbursements

Salaries and Service	$ 753.15
Promotional Service Nat'l. Association	560.00
Traveling Expenses	127.50
Rev. L. R. Ennis, Miscellaneous Expenses	64.48
Milk Bill	5.43
Withholding Taxes	83.55
Telephone, Telegraph, etc.	20.03
Coal for Winter Supply	16.00
Electric Bill	11.24
Water Bill for one Quarter	9.24
Gas for cooking and water heating	9.62
Printing Receipt Cards	6.75
Petty Cash	13.00
Purchase of Lighting Equipment and Electric Bell	102.57
Total Disbursements	$1,782.56

No doubt many will take note of the fact that our monthly income above expenses fell to $329.38½. Two things contributed to this fact. July and August are usually lean months in finances, and our allocations from the Unified Program Fund did not come in and the draw on the Treasury was quite a bit up for Promotional Service through the Executive Office.

Being away from the office in Revival work I am unable to give the present cash balance in the Treasury.

WANTED!

To engage a singer (Female) for some revival meetings. One who can also play either piano or the organ. One who is a true Christian. One who loves the Lord and finds joy in serving Him in this kind of work.

If interested in first letter of application, please give full description of yourself. You can then arrange for an interview and audition later.

Apply, if interested, as soon as possible. Address all correspondence to "SINGER," cfo Hemingway, S. C., Box 44.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, Editor

New Bern, N. C.

NOTICE

I have received no reports from the Eastern Auxiliaries relative to the work done for Superannuation, or Retired Ministers' Fund. Kindly let me have these reports right away, as our Convention is soon to convene.

I am sending this notice to each Sixth Vice-President of the Eastern District, so please file your reports as early as possible. Thanking you, I am,

Yours in service,

Mrs. Ed Smith,

6th V-Pres., of Eastern Auxiliary

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AUXILIARY REPORT

Our year's work for Pleasant Grove Church began August 14, 1943, and ended August 12, 1944.

Money Raised

Dues	$12.30
Received from the sale of quilts	20.00
Miscellaneous	11.65
Offering	3.10
Year Books and Manuals	4.10
Total	$51.15

Disbursements

Year Books and Manuals	$ 4.10
Orphan's Home	26.00
Foreign Missions	6.00
Bible School	8.00
Fruit for Christmas	1.50
For the Needy	1.40
Mailing Expenses	.56
Secretary and Treasurer Books	1.58
Total	$49.14

Rhonda O'Donnell, President

Florence O'Donnell, Secretary

PROGRAM

Program of the Pee Dee Auxiliary Convention to be held with Beaver Dam Church in Columbus County on Saturday, October 7, 1944.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotion, Mrs. Dock Hester
—Greetings, Mrs. Lottie Simmons
—Response, Mrs. J. E. Proctor
10:30—President's Message to Convention, Mrs. H. C. Adcox
10:40—Reading of Minutes and Roll Call of Auxiliaries
—Report from Delegates attending other Conventions
11:00—Report from First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents
11:15—Special music by local church
11:25—Convention Message by Rev. J. C. Griffin
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Praise and Prayer Service led by Mrs. Bertha Suggs
1:30—Remarks by visiting delegates and ministers
2:00—Reports from Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Vice-Presidents
—Report from Committees
—Treasurer's Report
—Miscellaneous Business
3:30—Adjournment

Mrs. H. C. Adcox, President,
Carrie Suggs, Secretary

REVEREND FRED A. RIVENBARK RESIGNS

Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark resigns his pastorate at Sherron Acres and accepts the pastorate of the St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church at Elizabeth City, N. C.

Rev. Rivenbark's resignation reads in part:

"About the first of January, 1937, this church extended to me a call. After some consideration I accepted the pastorate on the third Sunday of the same month. I preached here only half time for 18 months, and God blessed us all in making it possible for you to extend to me a full time call in the fall of 1938, which was accepted.

In the year of 1938 this church was able to launch a building program, and by the first of 1940, it was completed and paid for. In less, now, than 17 months it has been our privilege to buy and pay for a fine parsonage. These things are temporal, but there were 23 members. Three months after I accepted this work, God laid the burden of this work upon my heart. There have been souls saved continually and additions added to the church, for this I feel more grateful to Him who died for us all.

There have been organized two good circles of our ladies work, and six F. W. B. L. The Sunday School has grown greatly, and we feel thankful for the mid-week prayer service, and the Cottage prayer service, and the once a month county home service. The attendance at this church is excellent, I have been told by many. There have been more than 200 members added to this church since my ministry began. The height of my ministry has been to serve all the people. I have sought to console the bereaved, encouraged the discouraged, strengthened the weak, reach the lost with the glorious gospel of our Saviour. I have married the young, visited the sick, prayed and helped to restore those who had become indifferent, and buried the dead.

This church has won for herself a place among the leading churches of our county, State, and Nation. I have sought to lead, council, and inspire its members. Although there is much to be done here, I anticipate a glorious future for this church, namely, a larger educational building, which will accommodate 1,000 pupils, and an auditorium that will accommodate 800 worshippers. These should be a reality in a few years. I have been called upon to make a hard decision, nevertheless, I have reached a decision, believing that I have made through prayer the right decision; therefore, I tender my resignation, becoming effective October 31, 1944."

Yours in the bonds of Christian love,

Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark,
Durham, North Carolina

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

ON THE ROAD

By L. Everett Ballard
Editor, The Young People's Friend

The final week of the tour made by Mrs. Ballard and the writer in the interest of the Orphanage throughout the mountain section of North Carolina, began with a service in the home church of my father, Union Valley, Weaverville. Here the interest was good, although attendance was badly affected by the polio restrictions.

From Union Valley we went to Charity Chapel at Barnardsville, and from Charity Chapel to the Pensacola Church, back in the Jack's Creek Association. The posters had not been put out here, and very little advertising had been done. Also there was a community revival going on nearby, and as a result of all this, and the strenuous restrictions upon young people and children attending the meetings, the response here was not so good.

On Thursday, August 31st, we attended the first day's session of the Jack's Creek Association at Bald Mountain, where we were well received, and given the best offering of the tour. The people of the Jack's Creek Association appear to be greatly interested in the Orphanage. We regretted that we could only visit with them for a brief period.

We ended the series of services on Thursday evening at the Swannanoa Church. Here again we were greatly handicapped by restrictions, but good interest was shown by those who attended the meeting. This church has for years ranked high in support of our Orphanage, and we were assured of their continued support.

We returned to the Home on Friday, September 1st, having been on the tour 23 days.

CONCERT CLASS ITINERARY

Tyrrell County

Friday, September 22, Gum Neck.

Saturday, September 23, Mt. Tabor.

Pasquotank County

Sunday, September 24, Elizabeth City.

Beaufort County

Monday, September 25, Trinity.

Martin County

Tuesday, September 26, Corinth.

Pitt County

Wednesday, September 27, Black Jack.

Thursday, September 28, Rose Hill.

Friday, September 29, Ayden.

Greene County

Saturday, September 30, Little Creek.

HOW WE SHOULD GREET PEOPLE

"Greet one another with a holy kiss" (Galatians 13: 12).

Friends, how do you greet your friends? You do it with a very hearty and warming greeting that gives them a thrill. But how do you greet your enemies? Do you give the heart-warming greeting you give your friends? No, there is none of us who gives every person a greeting, especially our enemies. God said, "Love your enemies and do good to them that despitefully use you." Do you do that? When I meet someone on the street, or any place for that matter, it makes me feel good to greet them.

I remember reading in a paper that a person who smiles sincerely ten times a day is called a "Pollyanna." I wonder how many of us are "Pollyannas." The least we can give our friends—and enemies—is a sincere smile that comes from the heart. If you met Jesus Christ some place, how would you greet him? With a smile or pass him by? Jesus would like to know.

"Greet one another with a holy kiss," does not mean we have to kiss people when we see them. It means greet them in a way that would be as welcome as a **"holy kiss."**

When people who know me read this they may think that I don't know anything about what I have written, but I do. I read my Bible daily and study and try to understand it. Although I am only 18 years old, I feel that what I have written here was something God wanted me to do. I feel He wanted me to prove myself before people on this earth. I want those who have me as a friend and those who have me as an enemy to know that I always pray for them; although I know them not by name.

Lucille Taylor,
Route No. 3,
Walstonburg, N. C.

PROGRAM

Program of the Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of the Western Association of North Carolina, to be held with Pleasant Plain Church, Johnston County, October 11, 12, 1944.

Wednesday Morning

10:00—Devotions, Rev. A. R. Flowers
10:15—Welcome Address, Rev. C. F. Bowens
—Response, Rev. E. G. Holland
10:20—Roll Call of Ministers, Secretary
10:30—Moderator's Address, Rev. J. B. Ferrell
10:40—Appointment of Committees
10:50—Business Session
11:30—Sermon, Rev. W. A. Hales
12:00—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

1:00—Devotions, Rev. Wiley Ferrell
1:15—Business Session
3:00—Adjournment

Wednesday Evening

8:00—Devotions, Rev. Caleb Goodman
8:30—Sermon, Rev. Paul Jenkins

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotions, Rev. W. K. Jordan

9:45—Report of various Committees appointed
10:15—Business Session
11:00—Report of Orphanage Superintendent
11:30—Sermon, Rev. R. C. Wiggs
12:00—Lunch

Thursday Afternoon

1:00—Devotions, Rev. Willie Renfrow
1:15—Report of Nominating Committee
1:20—Locating 1945 Session of Association
1:30—Business Session
3:30—Adjournment

Rev. R. N. Hinnant,
Committee

PROGRAM

The Free Will Baptist Martin Association will convene with Mt. Gilead Church, Decatur County, Georgia, October 20 and 21, 1944.

Friday Morning

10:00—Song and Praise Service
10:10—Welcome Address by Mrs. Willie Vickers
—Response by W. R. Barber
—Moderator's Message — Judge John E. Drake
—Appoint Credential Committee
11:00—Sermon by Rev. L. D. Scott
—Noon Hour

Friday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional by W. H. Horn
1:45—Business period. Report of Credentials Committee
—Reading Letters. Seating delegates.
—Call for Petitionary Letters
—Call for Correspondents from other Associations
—Report of Mission Board
—Report of Treasurer
—Report of Superannuation Board
—Report of State Association
—Report of Committee on Arrangements

Friday Evening

7:30—Song and Praise Service
8:00—Sermon by Rev. A. J. Tomlinson

Saturday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Mrs. C. C. Bell
—Renew Call for Correspondents
—Report of all Members of Martin Association
—Appoint Correspondents to other Associations
—Report of Committees
11:00—Sermon by Rev. H. L. Catrett
—Noon Hour

Saturday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional by Harry Bell
—Unfinished reports
—Miscellaneous Business
—Adjournment

Program Committee:
W. L. Cleveland, Chairman

NOTICE

Dear Lord wills, I will be with Saratoga Church on the 3rd Sunday in September, the 17th, for the meeting the following week, and hope to see many of my dear old friends while there. The good Lord has blessed me these many years and it will be joy in my soul to see them. About 35 years in my Master's work and oh what joy to trust Him for all things. Oh that showers of blessings may come and that it will be a season of great rejoicing with God's People. Pray much for us.

Come, let's rejoice together.

Your Brother in Hope,
Rev. E. B. Joyner

PINY GROVE REVIVAL
(Beaufort County)

I would like to let the people know about our revival meeting at Piny Grove, Beaufort County. Rev. H. Edgar Harden, of Norfolk, Va., began our meeting on August 28.

For the first few nights he used some "small ammunition," but seeing he could not dislodge the enemy, Satan, he resorted to the use of some of his heaviest weapons. For a time it looked like Satan would win the battle, but a solid week of "heavy cannon firing" turned the tide, so what looked at one time to be a victory for Satan became a victory for the Lord, thus reminding us of the promise spoken by the Lord, "My Word shall not return unto me void."

On September 6th we met by the side of Pamlico River and Rev. Harden buried six young ladies and two young men in baptism. That night we met back at the church and received the converts in full fellowship. That night an old gentleman, a former F. W. B., re-dedicated his life to the Lord's service and was received in the church with the other eight.

In addition to the nine new members, some of the older members were greatly strengthened after eating of the Spiritual food brought by Rev. Harden.

J. E. Ingalls, Reporter

KINSTON CHURCH BUILDS SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS

The members of the Kinston F. W. B. Church decided to build Sunday School rooms in the April business conference, to provide for the ever-increasing needs of the church.

The building was delayed slightly on account of the scarcity of material, and the OPA regulations. It was finished, however, on Saturday, September 9, and will be dedicated Sunday, September 24, at 10:30 a. m., in a special Rally Day service. The Sunday School lesson will be taught by Rev. Raymond T. Sasser, of Goldsboro. There will be special music and recitations. Former pastors and members and other friends are invited to join us.

We now have a Sunday School of eight classes, and Sunday School rooms for seven. Our church is in a good location now and has ample space for our needs under normal conditions for four or five years.

The church was bought in February, 1942, and during 1943, the main building was repaired. In 1944 the four additional Sunday School rooms have been built, and the project for 1945 is a parsonage.

It has been a pleasant experience to the congregation and pastor as we have seen the hand of God moving in helping us to beautify and make more usable the building in which we worship Him.

Mrs. W. S. Oliver,
Rev. N. B. Barrow, Pastor

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

(Lesson for October 1)

Lesson: John 9: 1-7, 13, 34-41.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8: 12).

Oh, come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee;
Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me.
Once I was blind, but now I can see,
The Light of the World is Jesus!

No one can explain fully the mystery of God's work of grace, His great love to the unlovely, His unmerited favor to the undeserving. But all who have met Him and received sight from Him are conscious of the result and change in their hearts and lives. They truly can say, "Once I was blind, now I see. Once I walked in darkness and night, now I walk in the light. Once I feared God, now I love Him. Once I loved sin, now I hate it." II Cor. 5: 17 is their testimony. The hungry man eats and is strengthened. The thirsty man drinks and is refreshed. The sinner meets Christ and receives his sight and joyfully says, "I know Him." This message of life and light is for all. Come from your blindness, your sin, into the light of the glorious Christ. Accept Him now, believe Him to-day, so that you, too, may say, "One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see."

Your soul is night, your heart is steel,
You cannot see, you cannot feel;
For light, for life, you must appeal
In simple faith to Jesus.

Say to Him now,
"Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come, Jesus I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee."

If you will not love Him, then eternal condemnation will be yours.

All this reminds us that the Lord Jesus said something about being the Light of the world. His followers will not be blind people. One of the great evangelists used to sing, "Once I was blind, but now I can see, The Light of the world is Jesus."

II. Home Work

1. What is the present condition of all men born into the world? (Is. 60: 2; John 1: 5; Acts 26: 18).

2. Who was included in God's purpose to bring the Light of Life to the world? (Mat. 4: 15, 16; Lu. 2: 32).

3. What is the relation between Light and Life? (John 1: 4; 8: 12).

4. What is the great purpose of the Light? (John 1: 7; Lu. 8: 16; 11: 33; Eph. 5: 13).

5. What are those called who have received the Light of God in their souls? (I Thes. 5: 5; Mat. 5: 14).

6. What is the present duty of every Christian living in this age? (Eph. 5: 8; Mat. 5: 14).

7. Why does God permit, sometimes, physical suffering, and even death, among men? (John 9: 3; 11: 4, 40).

8. In what sense is the present age "day" and in what sense is it "night"? (John 9: 4; Rom. 13: 12).

9. What one great fact stood out in this man's personal experience? (John 9: 25).

10. What important question about Jesus must always be answered in the same way? (John 9: 35, 38).

11. What four Old Testament characters were blind during old age? Genesis 27: 1; 48: 10; 1 Samuel 4: 15; I Kings 14: 4).

12. When was blindness inflicted miraculously as a punishment? (Genesis 19: 11; 2 Kings 6: 18-23).

13. You will find the best lesson helps in our quarterlies. Pray for the editors and publishers.

III. Heart of the Lesson

The Lord Jesus really helped this man: He opened his physical eyes, (the eyes of his mind), and his spiritual eyes. The good news about opening the physical eyes would have been worth telling, even if the man born blind had not said, "Lord, I believe." Without any help at all, he made the statement about the Lord Jesus that He must be a Prophet; that He must be from God. It was ridiculous to him that anyone who could open blind eyes could be a wicked person. There is no doubt that he was quite ready to be numbered among the disciples of the Lord Jesus. But the greatest miracle of all was that he could see that the Lord Jesus was the Son of God. All that was necessary was for the Lord Jesus to tell him that He really was the Son of God. There was no hesitation even in his willingness to believe it. He could see it; he could believe on the Lord Jesus, and he did.

Some of us have had physical sight always, but none of us had spiritual sight until we believed. Whether it took us a long time or not, when we finally did say, "Lord, I believe," a great miracle was wrought in us. All around us there are people who are blind to the things of God; for that matter they do not even see themselves as they really are. It is astonishing what the children of God can see. One wife and mother testified recently that she did not realize that she had a sharp tongue until the Spirit of God filled her with gentleness. If her husband had told her about her unloving words, she would have resented it. Now when she catches herself using ugly words, she is ready to say, "Once I was blind to my ugliness, but now I see myself as I am." We do not need to be surprised that many people see nothing in prayer, worship, sermons; they are

still blind. Even the children of God sometimes sing, "Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of Truth Thou hast for me." When once we have discovered that we can see the love of God, His providence, His protection, His guidance, and His will, we do well to appreciate our advantage.

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REPORT OF THE ROCK FISH UNION

Our Union meeting convened with the Oakdale Free Will Baptist Church, near the County Home in Richmond County, on July 29, 1944. The Reverend C. B. Hopkins had charge of the devotional services. At this sitting of the Union, Rev. W. H. Ivey was elected moderator of the meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and then the unfinished business was called for and settled to the satisfaction of everyone. The ordination papers of Rev. N. H. English were turned in, as he had joined the Missionary Baptist Church. A Ministerial Committee was appointed as follows: The Reverends Steve English, C. W. Bennett, and M. S. Parks.

At this time an Executive Committee was appointed as follows: Pat Hodges, Erwin Polson, W. T. Gibson, James English and Clyde Ford, together with the moderator to serve with this board. At the eleven o'clock hour, Rev. Steve English brought a fine message, after which we adjourned for dinner on the grounds.

After dinner we reassembled for business, with Rev. L. C. Coates in charge of the devotional services. Following the devotions, the various committees were appointed. The church letters were called for with six churches represented by the delegates, letters and funds. Three churches did not represent. The report of the Devotional Committee was as follows: Rev. Steve English to preach Friday night; Rev. W. B. Carter, Saturday morning; Rev. N. H. Mills, Saturday night; Rev. W. H. Ivey, Sunday morning.

An offering was taken for the Orphanage to the amount of $65.50, with the union finishing it out to make one hundred dollars. The next quarterly meeting will convene with St. John's Free Will Baptist Church, near Patrick, South Carolina. We wish to thank the people of Oakdale Church for their kind hospitality during our meeting with them.

Rev. W. H. Ivey, Moderator,
Rev. C. B. Hopkins, Clerk

REPORT OF THIRD UNION MEETING

The Union meeting of the Third District of Free Will Baptists of Eastern North Carolina convened with Cabin Church in Duplin County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in July, 1944.

The devotional services were conducted by the moderator. All visiting brethren were recognized and given a cordial welcome with us. Those present were Rev. J. R. Davidson and Rev. J. P. Barrow. The meeting was declared open for the business of the union. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Eight ministers were present at this union. After some miscellaneous business Brother J. R. Davidson brought the eleven o'clock message using for his subject, "Our Debt to Grace." We then adjourned one hour for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened by the moderator. The list of churches was called and all, except two, were represented by delegates. One new church, Bethany, was added to the list, also Verona was accepted as a mission point. Reports of the various committees were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

On hand	$ 5.35
Received at this Union	142.87
Total	$148.22

Disbursements

Orphanage Board	$ 50.00
Church Extension	37.00
Emergency Board	25.00
Education Board	15.00
Superannuation	10.00
Expense of Union	5.50
Total paid out	$142.50
Balance carried over	$ 5.72

Petitions were taken up and the next union will meet with Mt. Zion on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1944.

After the business of the union was completed, Brother J. R. Davidson brought a very interesting message about the Bible School.

A vote of thanks was extended the church and community for the hospitality shown during the sitting of this union. The union was closed with praise and prayer.

Rev. S. A. Smith, Moderator
Mrs. D. F. Chambers, Clerk

MODERN TEACHING TO BLAME

Judge Marcus W. Rhoads, of the Indianapolis Juvenile Court, has charged our modern psychology (teaching) with the chief responsibility for the lawlessness of the present generation of youth. He advocates a return to the Mosaic method of stricter discipline and punishment in the rearing of children under which early America had no such problems of juvenile delinquents comparable to those of the present age.

Now, just how far Judge Rhoads may be from a correct conclusion in this matter, there is one thing that is an established fact, namely, the masses of our high school boys and our high school girls who graduate from high school have very little mental discipline. Our college professors tell us that our boys and our girls who enter college show conclusively that they have had very poor mental discipline. They have chosen the easy way, never having thought that diligent study **only** can develop the human intellect.

The habit of chosing the easy way has been the fatal handicap of myriads of men. "Laziness is a lever that raises nothing."

A. R. Flowers

Boys and Girls Corner

"JUST AN ANT"

"Better hurry, if you're going with me this morning. Grandma says working folks have to eat their breakfast—so you'd better get busy."

Ivan took a huge bite of toast. "I'll hurry, Jack. Don't go without me."

Jack laughed. "All right, but the sun's been up a long time, and I've got to get that corn loaded this morning."

Ivan adored his big brother Jack, and now that he was in the country with him for a whole week he intended to make the most of it. Jack knew all the things Ivan wanted to know, and Jack did not mind having his little brother around. Before their mother had died, she had said, "Jack, Ivan looks up to you in everything. Don't fail him. Be the kind of big brother to him that Jesus wants you to be." Jack had never forgotten her words, and daily he prayed for help.

As the two of them tramped across the yard Jack stepped quickly aside from the path.

"Whee, I almost stepped on it."

Ivan looked down. "Why, it's just an ant. I've stepped on lots of them."

"So have I," grinned Jack. "But I've been studying about them lately, and I have a lot more respect for them than I used to have."

"Tell me about them," begged Ivan.

"I can't remember all I read," replied Jack, "bnt I'll tell you the most interesting things. Ants wear their bones outside, and they are very different from ours. They're sore of like hardened glue, which makes the bones tough and springy. Ants can fall out of trees and never break a bone."

"I wish I could do that," said Ivan, rubbing his arm which had been broken by a fall.

"Me, too," grinned Jack.

"Do ants always live in holes in the ground?" Ivan asked as he helped Jack pile the corn into the bushel basket.

"Most of the ones that we see do," replied Jack. "But there are some ant hills in Africa three times as tall as a man and as broad as a room. In the large ant hills there are doors placed at the lower part of the hill to let the air come in. Because these ants have many enemies the ants must keep a guard at their door. Among some kind of ants the gates at the door are closed when evening comes."

"How?" asked Ivan, crawling up on the wagon while Jack unloaded another basket of corn.

"By putting beams across the door and piling bits of chips and straw upon them. In the morning these are carried away until evening, when the gate is closed again. Some ants have been seen closing their doors when a storm was coming. God has made them so they will know when rain is coming. They often make a door of themselves by piling their bodies on top of the other in front of the doorway. This completely stops it up."

"I wonder if there are any ants who farm?" Ivan laughed as he looked out over his grandfather's farm.

"There sure are," replied Jack. "They build large nests surrounded by cleared ground. They have cities as wide across as a living room. They dig deep into the earth, making their rooms, passageways, storehouses, and other rooms. The farmer ants who live on the prairies plaster their homes with tiny stones. This makes a tiled roof. Some of them pave the floors of the home in this way. The stones are placed edge to edge and make a perfect protection from the rain. Some of them build wide roads leading to and from their nests. Those who have studied these ants tell us that they have one way traffic rules just as we have in many places. On some of the roads the ants come, and on some of them they go, and there is never any mixing up.

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"I guess I won't say, 'just an ant," any more," grinned Ivan.

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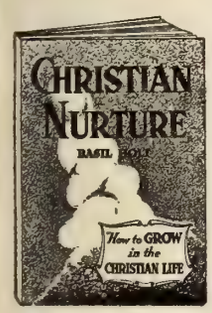
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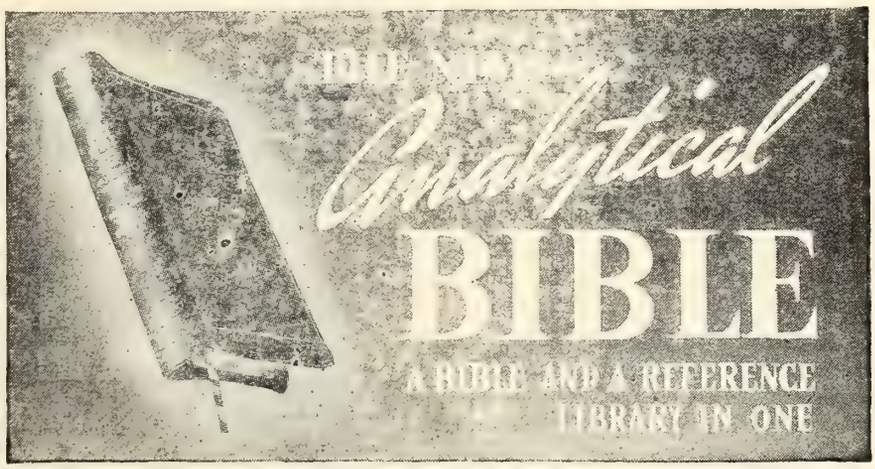


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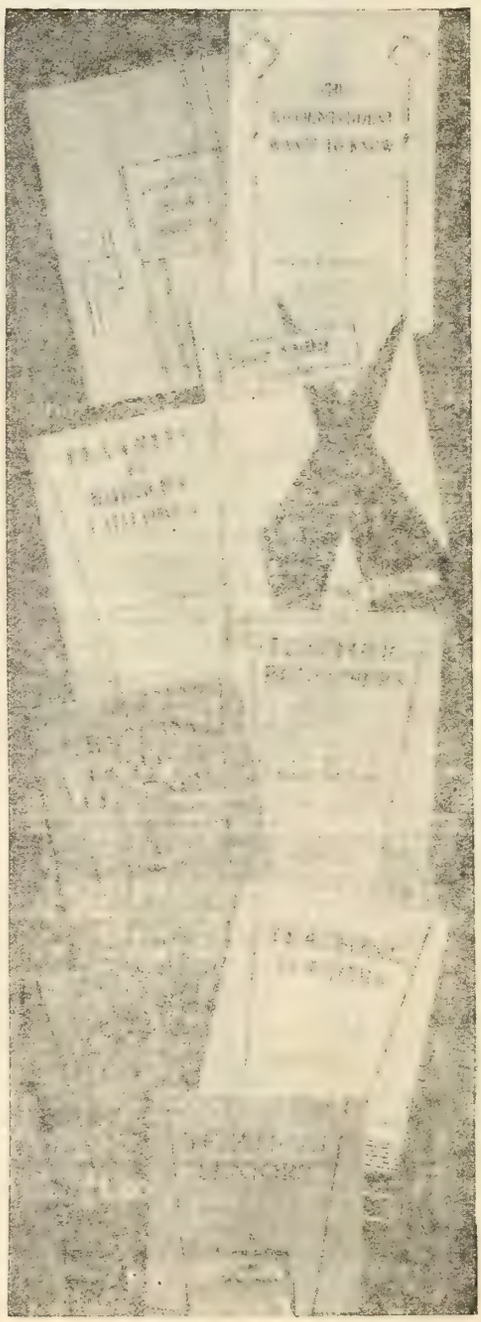
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"How do you have yourself today?"
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In Italy, "How do you stand?"
Will greet you every hour;
In Turkey when one takes your hand,
"Be under God's great power!"

"How do you carry you?" is heard
When Frenchmen so inquire;
While Egypt's friendly greeting word
Is "How do you perspire?"
"Thin may thy shadows never grow,"
The Persian wish is true;
His Arab cousin, bowing low,
Says, "Praise God! How are you?"
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Two Chinese meet, for thrice
They shake their own two hands, and then
Ask, "Have you eaten rice?"

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I do not ask Thee, Lord,
That all my life may be
An easy, smooth and pleasant path—
'Twould not be good for me.
But, oh, I ask to-day
That strength and grace be given
To keep me fighting all the way
That leads to God and heaven!

I do not ask Thee, Lord,
That tears may never flow,
Or that the world may always smile
Upon me as I go.
From Thee fell drops of blood,
A thorn-crown pressed Thy Brow,
Thy suffering brought Thee victory then,
And Thou canst help me now.

And what if strength should fail.
And heart more deeply bleed?
Or what if dark and lonely days
Draw forth the cry of need?
That cry will bring Thee down,
My needy soul to fill,
And Thou wilt teach my yearning heart
To know and do Thy will.

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WHERE IS SIN?

God planted a beautiful Garden in Eden. In it He caused to grow all the good things for the joy and support of man. He created Adam and Eve, and put them in the Garden to keep it and to enjoy the good things to eat for the support of their lives.

In the midst of the Garden God planted a tree which grew the "forbidden fruit." He told Adam and Eve that they could not partake of this fruit of this tree, for if they did they would surely die. They enjoyed living in the Garden for quite a while, and did not disobey God's command. But when the old Serpent came along, and persuaded Eve to eat of the "forbidden fruit" that she might be wise, she decided to do as he requested. Through her disobedience and the disobedience of Adam, for he did eat of the "forbidden fruit" also, they brought sin and condemnation upon themselves. They were cast out of the Garden by the heavenly Father, and had to endure the curse which was put upon them. Disobedience was the cause of their fall from perfection and happiness.

Sin was not in the heart of God, nor in the fruit of the tree. Sin was not in any of the fruits of the Garden, for it was a perfect Garden until the old Serpent came into it and deceived Eve and Adam. Then sin was in the hearts of both of them, because they accepted Satan's challenge, and disobeyed God.

Of all the beautiful lakes in the world, there is a certain lake in a wonderful country which has a significant meaning. As the centuries passed, trees grew about this lake, and a beautiful forest of lovely trees gave it a most splendid scenery. The lake had beautiful blue waters, filled with fish, a sloping sandy shore ever deepening toward the center. It was lined to the water's edge with lovely shade trees, all attractive to the eyes of man.

Time passed, some church people, looking a site for quiet rest, recreation, meditation, worship and study of the true and the living God, came along and were attracted by its beauty. On a particular spot on the shore of that lake they said, "This is it; here we can build for our people for the coming decades a RETREAT which shall mean much to our people." Interest grew, buildings were erected, and camps were held there by the shore of this beautiful lake during the passing years.

Under Christian leadership, Bible study, church gatherings, supervised recreation, all went on for the glory of God as the years passed. It became a sacred place for God's people, for they thought of it as His lovely place. Having been established for good purposes and put to good use, these religious people held it most sacred.

But, perchance, one time some disinterested persons chanced by, and finding the keeper absent, went in and made misuse of some of the equipment before the keeper returned. The crime committed, they left before being detected and apprehended.

Sin was in their hearts, as in the case of Adam and Eve, not in the wonderful place upon which they were trespassing. What had been planted there as a RETREAT by God's people had not sinned, nor was it responsible for it. Sin found its roots in the hearts of those trespassers.

In a certain town a certain family owned a fine car. This car was used by the family over and over to go to church, and for other worthwhile purposes. It was a blessing to them. But one night a party of four stole the car, drove it away, used it for sinful purposes, and were apprehended by the law. Everything in the mechanism of the car (or any other for that matter) were not responsible for the sin committed by the culprits in the car. Sin had its origin in their evil hearts.

In a cellar of a large building in a great city a group of men worked away for weeks, months, even years to design an instrument to deceive people, and to be used as a means for these men to get rich. When the business was finished, and the men went out over the country to try out their project, they left no traces of their evil works. They succeeded for a while with their crooked business before they were apprehended by the law and punished.

But who did sin? The cellar of the building, the materials out of which they made their deceiving devices, or the building whose cellar they used for months and years? NO. The sin was in their hearts. The evil was there, and Satan prompted them to do what they did before they were brought to justice.

Cain did sin, because evil was in his heart, and not in the offering. Judas Iscariot did sin, because evil was in his heart, and not because he was one of the twelve disciples of Christ.

Ananias and Sapphira sold their property and brought part of it, pretending that it was all, to the Apostle Peter for the Jerusalem Church, but they were smitten to death at the feet of Peter, because they lied to God. Neither half nor all of their property, whether in houses and lots, stocks and bonds, or cash money, were responsible for the sin. Their sin was in their hearts, not in the possessions which God had been so gracious to give to them.

One dark night about ten o'clock a certain person crept up to a man's house, looked through the window, fixed his eyes upon the one whom he meant to rob, and fired instantly three shots into his breast. He then entered into the house, robbed the man's pockets, then blew open his small safe and carried off five thousand dollars.

Who was responsible for this sin? The gun, the man in the house or the five thousand dollars in the man's safe? Like Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, the sin was in this robber's heart. The cravings of his heart led him to commit the crime, and the Devil prompted him to do the act. Where is sin? Not in God's property, not in God's will, but in the heart of man, when planted there by Satan himself, and acted out by his own volition.

How I Want to See Jesus!

By Elder Colonel Pendleton,
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My dear Christian friends, I wish to write on a subject that has ever been dear to my heart. I was reared by godly parents who loved the Lord, and taught us children about His love for His children. I learned that I was a sinner, and must repent, and seek the blessed Lord for salvation. We were told to seek the Lord, for it is written, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

I find that our heart must be in this seeking if we are to find the Lord Jesus Christ. So, I very early in life sought and found the Lord in the pardon of my sins, and have been following Him since that glad day, though to my shame, like Peter, "afar off," but I can say with brother Saul, "By His grace I am what I am."

My whole desire is to do His sweet will that I may see the one who died that I might have this great salvation. Yes, I can truly say that above everything in this world, I want to see Jesus Christ my Lord. First of all, I want to see Jesus because I love Him. We read in the Scriptures, "Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." We love Him because He first loved us; because He gave Himself for us; because He championed the cause of the poor and needy, the down trodden and sinners as we. We love Him for profound reverence, for goodness and truth. I do not want to see Jesus—"A man of sorrows "I want to see Him as He Is. I do not want to see Him oppressed and afflicted; I do not want to see Him as a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world; I do not want to see Him with the cruel crown of thorns; and I do not want to see Him in His dreadful agony hanging on the cruel tree.

I want to see Him as the disciples saw Him. . . "And His face did shine as the sun, and His raiment was white as the light." We find that Mark records His appearance thus: "And His raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them." I want to see Jesus as John saw Him, ". . . . His countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength." I want to see Jesus as brother Paul saw Him: "At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." I want to see Jesus as Stephen saw Him: "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the SON OF MAN standing on the right hand of God." I do not want to see His hair torn by the thorns: and stained with His precious blood. I want to see Jesus as John saw Him in, Rev. 1: 14: "His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of fire; and His feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and His voice as the sound of many waters." I want to see Jesus as Isaiah saw Him: "I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory." I do not want to see Jesus as He lay in the tomb. I want to see Him who said in Rev. 1: 17-18: ". . Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." I want to see Jesus coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. I want to hear Him say, "Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice" (Psa. 50: 5).

Now, dear Christians, as we long to see Jesus as He is, we see abundant signs all around us that herald the nearness of the fulfilment of this blessed hope. The greatest promise ever made to mankind is that we shall be like Jesus. Let us read that precious promise as written in 1 John 3: 2-3 which reads, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

We know that our blessed Lord Jesus came to this old sin cursed world once and took upon Himself the likeness of sinful flesh, and was tried and tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin. We read in Hebrews 9: 28, "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." In John 14 Jesus tried to give the apostles (and us too) a description of what was in store for all Christians. He made cention of His Father's house thus: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." And I fully believe that He was talking to the apostles about these very things again, when He was caught up to the right hand of God where He is preparing "many mansions." When He has them finished He will come after us, for we read in Acts 1: 9-11: "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall

so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

Yes, beloved, I believe that the coming of our blessed Lord Jesus will be personal according to both the old and New Testament writers. Let us hear what Isaiah has to say in Isa. 25: 8-9, which reads, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation." We see Job believed in and spake of the coming of Jesus. For in Job 19, we read, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."

I expect to see Him as He is, for John in Rev. 1: 7, said, "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. EVEN SO, A-M-E-N." Now, let us listen to the words of Jesus concerning His second coming in Matt. 25, we read, "When the SON of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory." And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. Please let us bear in mind that only those who love and prepare for His coming will be glad and rejoice. All this class can say with Brother Paul: "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

To all the sleeping and living saints whom Jesus has purchased with His own precious blood, it will be the climax of the long and bitter trial of sorrow and suffering. This blessed time will be heralded with the sound of the trumpet that will reach the fartherest bounds and lowest depths, even to the very bottom of the sea. A mighty voice will call, "Come forth.'" The second coming of Jesus is the climax and completion of that great plan of salvation and redemption that was in the mind of Jehovah before the world was. How appropriate that the Revelation should close with the words, "SURELY I COME QUICKLY." May our hearts be pure and in perfect accord that we can truly say, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Thus closes the sacred writings with the best of all promises, the visible, personal return of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ. Then will all saints bid farewell to all earthly ills, and this mortal life. They have wandered in exile in this old evil world, separated from each other and have been stoned, sawn asunder, were tempted, slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented. But now, what a wonderful change. They are promised a place in the kingdom with the faithful of all ages, Abraham, Isaac, Daniel, and others who Paul lists in Hebrews 11, which will be a great multitude that comes out of great tribulation. This gathering has only the ones who have "washed their robes in the blood of the lamb," and are "pure in heart."

We, like David, cannot be satisfied till we awake in His likeness, and see Him as He is, and ever be with the Lord. Let us all say: "I must be prepared to be there." And from every saved person will rise the joyous anthem: "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the lamb forever and ever."

NOTICE

Change dates in announcement of revival at Rose of Sharon so as to read beginning October 1st, and continue through October 8th.

Yours truly,

M. S. Cowan

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

It pays a person to become a Christian and to be governed by the Word of the Lord. We find in Exodus 23: 1 these words, "Thou shalt not raise a false report; put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness." We must not hold evil against our brother. We who are trying to live a Christian life must treat our fellow man as Christ would have us to treat him. God's word tells us to cast out all our enemies before us. We find in Matthew 6: 24 what Christ said about man serving two masters: "No man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other, Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

In another place Christ says, "By their fruits ye shall know them." We must not put evil in the way of others, but as Christians we are to say good things and not hard things against the preachers. We are not to sow discord among others, and debate our troubles in the church. We must be content that all strife may be ended. We are not to be transgressors. Let me say that there is to be love, and not discord in the church of the true and living God. We are to be humble, and to manifest love one for another.

Christians are to be true followers of Christ, for He laid down His life for the sins of the world. He gave His all that we might live eternally in that great day. We are to look for that hope which triumphs over pain and to feel well assured that God will bless us. We must be assured that we have not lived in vain in this life. We can wait in peace for the hour of final rest. Christians are to be strong, and to give thought to the right things of life. He who gives not is not living for Christ, for the more we give the more we live.

J. A. Ringgold

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REPORT OF LEAGUE UNION

The Albemarle League Union met with Belhaven Church on July 29, 1944. The convention was opened with song and prayer. The League song, "Onward Christian Leaguers," was used. The prayer was offered by Rev. L. E. Ballard. Mrs. Archie Willoughby, the president, announced the theme: "Living together in our Father's World." The devotions were conducted by Sarah Ann Reynolds, who read for her Scripture lesson Luke 4: 1-14. The prayer was offered by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. The convention was then favored with a duet entitled "This Is My Father's World," by Misses Louise and Ruth Daughtie. Silent prayer was offered for the boys in service of our country, and closed by Rev. W. A. Hales.

We were very glad to have with us one of our former presidents, Alton Paul, who made a short talk. He is in the service of our country. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of churches was called, and the following represented:

St. Paul Adult League	$ .50
Ever Ready, Senior	.50
Clarence Bowen, Inter.	.50
Duffy Toler, Juniors	.25
Cradle Roll	.25
Hickory Chapel—	
Intermediate	1.00
Juniors	.50
Malachi's Chapel—	
Adult	2.00
Intermediate	1.00
Junior	.50
Sound Side—	
W. A. Hales, Adult	.50
Rose Bowen, Inter.	.50
Total	$6.50

Thelma Dilday spoke on "Youth's Part in Tomorrow's World." Mrs. L. E. Ballard made a talk on "Learning of His Work in His World." Ruth Daughtie spoke on "Laborers together in Our Father's World."

The treasurer, Mrs. William Webster, gave her report and there was $64.72 in the treasury. Mrs. Ballard made a few remarks on what to do with the money, and it was moved and carried too that we give Miss Alethia Etheridge $20 to be applied to her school expenses at the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. It was also moved and carried that we give $10 to be applied on our Assembly Grounds for a Young People's Camp. Thelma gave a report of the State League convention. Miss Alethia Etheridge expressed her thanks for the support and interest which the convention had shown in her education.

A short program was given by the Intermediate League of Free Union. The Digest Committee gave their report, and they found that the Junior League had won the banner. The Senior League won honorable mention. The meeting closed to meet with the Corinth Church on Saturday night before the fifth Sunday in October, 1944.

Mrs. Archie Willoughby, Pres.,

Miss Alice Webster, Secy.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Revival Meetings

At this time I am at New Bethlehem, Pamlico County, in a week's meeting. Next week (the week of this issue of the Baptist) I am scheduled to be at Gum Swamp, Pitt County, through the First Sunday in October. On the First Sunday night Rev. M. L. Hollis is scheduled to begin our annual revival at Black Jack, Pitt County. This meeting is to run for two weeks, the Lord's will.

Eastern Conference

The Eastern Conference of Free Will Baptists (North Carolina) convenes with Warden's Grove Church, Lowland, N. C., Wednesday before the Fourth Sunday in October. Dues are expected from every able bodied Free Will Baptist. $1.00 from each male and 50 cents from each female, in the Conference. This is not any new rule, but about twenty-five years ago it was passed by the Conference in regular session, "That all males contribute $1.00 and females contribute 50 cents to be carried to the Conference by the delegates." A few churches have gone up 100 per cent, however, a goodly number tried. So, let every one try again, NOW FOR 1944.

Tuesday After the Fourth Sunday in October

What? On Tuesday after the Fourth Sunday in October the Committee consisting of Reverends L. C. Johnson, Mark Lewis, and the writer of Notes and Quotes are to meet in the Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville (5) Tenn., for the purpose of receiving and passing on all manuscripts which may be presented for the consideration of the Board of Publications and Literature, according to the By-Laws of the Board, and in keeping with special action of the Board in session in Flat River, Mo., in the 1944 session of the National Association. If you have manuscript that you wish to be used by the National Association, created for, and in the interest of the National Association; such as is needed for the promotion of the National Association and its auxiliaries in the great commission of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, you will have the privilege of presenting such manuscripts to the committee, by mail or in person, at the above stated time and place.

Suggestions for Convenience

In noticing some of the minutes of the various conferences and Associations, we find that many give the day of the month in which the previous session was held, and state the place of the next session, but do not give any date. However, I find that there are some who give, like the Clerk of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina, the day before or after a certain Sunday. For instance, this is the style:

"Next session will be held at Warden's Grove, Pamlico County, N. C., convening Wednesday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1944."

When the time and place is placed on the front of the cover, giving the time as set forth above there is no question as to Wednesday, but when a person has to read the proceedings to find out when the last session of an association was held, and only find it was held on certain dates, sometimes it is difficult to find whether that date was before or after a certain Sunday, except you have a calendar of the past year at hand for ready reference.

Eastern Auxiliary Convention

We had the pleasure of attending the Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Eastern District of North Carolina, which convened at Mosley's Creek last week. The reports showed a growth in the work. Several good speeches were made by various persons, in which many encouraging things were said.

Rev. R. B. Crawford, National Executive Secretary, spoke of the National work, in which he said, "The National Association is going forward. We are doing things."

Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Treasurer of Missions for the North Carolina State Association talked about missions. "Bob" is deeply interested and he shows it. He has something worthwhile to tell.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards, National President of the Women's Auxiliary delivered an inspiring message on "Stewardship." These three aforesaid speakers were special guests for the occasion. I am sure that there was much good done by their presence and their messages.

Along with these special guest speakers, Elder J. H. Worley, of the Western Association, was recognized and made some very appropriate remarks as to the growth of the Free Will Baptist Church.

The church at Mosley's Creek and the community manifested a mountain peak in hospitality. As some of the North Carolinians say, they did "some-kinder good."

The Holy Spirit surely was there in Divine guidance and our hearts were made to rejoice.

SOUTH NORFOLK BUILDING FUND REPORT

Again we wish to thank everyone that remembered us in the past three months for the wonderful offerings we have received and may God repay you many times is our Prayer. If there are any offerings that have not been published, please notify me, for it is easy to make mistakes.

Offerings

Mr. J. G. Ange, Norfolk, Va.	$ 5.00
Mr. T. H. Keele, Rocky Mt.	18.00
4th Union District, Walstonburg, N. C.	15.00
L. A. S., So. Norfolk Church	20.00
Warden's Grove Church, Pamlico County	15.00
L. A. S. Reedy Branch, Pitt County	8.00
Mr. L. H. Rawls, Norfolk, Va.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Everton, Norfolk, Va.	10.00
S. S. of White Hill Church, Beaufort. County	6.00
Reedy Branch S. S., Pitt Co.	10.00
Sidney Church, Beaufort Co.	10.00
Mrs. W. C. Brinson, Belhaven, N. C.	5.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	15.00
Davis Shore F. W. B. Church	25.00
Reedy Branch Church, Pitt Co.	10.00
Mr. R. R. Bailey, 4th Union District	10.00
Rev. R. B. Spencer, Ayden, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. S. C. Andrews, Norfolk, Va.	25.00
Hubert Cox, Portsmouth, Va.	10.00
Rev. W. E. Richardson, Norfolk, Va.	5.00
Mr. Oscar Webster, Portsmouth, Va.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Everton, Norfolk, Va.	10.00
Macedonia F. W. B. Church, Craven County	13.15
Mt. Tabor F. W. B. Church, Washington Co.	22.60
Warden's Grove F. W. B. Church, Pamlico Co.	15.00
Capt. R. B. Ireland, Norfolk, Va.	5.00
Mrs. L. J. Casey, Norfolk, Va.	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith, Winterville, N. C.	5.00
Mr. W. A. Willoughby, Ahoskie, N. C.	5.00
Mrs. Mollie Heath, Greenville, N. C.	1.00
Gum Neck F. W. B. Church, Tyrrell Co.	46.00
Bethel Church, Pamlico Co.	7.10
So. Norfolk S .S.	41.00
So. Norfolk Church raised	202.00
Total	$644.85

We wish to solicit the prayers and cooperation, of our North Carolina churches, ministers, and Christian workers, that this work may ever go forward for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom among men.

I remain yours in His service,

Wilton H. Dail, Treasurer

Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things ye shall never fall. 2 Pet 1: 10.

Though we are feeble, Christ is strong,
His promises are true;
We shall be conquerors all ere long,
And more than conquerors too.

For so an entrance shall be administered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2 Peter. 1: 11.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Education — Home Missions — Foreign Missions
Superannuation — Publication and Literature
REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

IMPORTANT!

WHEN and WHERE do your associations meet?

I am calling upon every person who reads these statements to send to me a minute of your State and local associations, also when and where do your Yearly Meetings hold sessions this year?

1. I want to attend your meetings.
2. I want the name and address of every Free Will Baptist minister in the United States. This is needed for different reasons.

I am calling upon all associational leaders to get to and from your people more accurate reports. This is important—if you will talk to the Lord, He will impress you of its importance.

Please promise the Lord Jesus Christ that you will make a better record for Him. See that it gets to the proper person. May I thank you for your past co-operation, and will you continue the good work for Him.

Rev. Robert B. Crawford,
Executive Secretary

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CONTINUED PROGRESS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONS

We have been very busy in the foreign mission interests since the National Association. To date, September 18th, I have spent three weeks and three days on the field in itinerate work and have taken in as a result of this work a total sum of $1,074.67 as follows:

Hickory Grove Church, Harrisonville, Mo. ------$	27.06
Hannon Church, Hannon, Mo. ----------	29.62
Franklin County Quarterly Meeting of Illinois ------	106.00
Rescue Church of Illinois --	154.10
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Settle, Ina, Illinois ----------	30.00
Merl's Chapel, Casville, Mo.	10.50
Old Mt. Zion Association of Arkansas ----------	59.01
Central Western Missouri and S. E. Kansas Ass'n --	116.60
Indian Creek Association --	71.00
Rock Chapel of Missouri --	36.17
Hartville Church, Hartville Missouri ----------	64.00
Burk Shed church, Arkansas	60.36
Cottage Hill church in Arkansas ----------	36.75
Group of Free Will Baptist in Rogers, Arkansas ----	6.50
Offering at Missouri State Association ----------	267.00
	$1,074.67

We are very grateful for all these fine offerings, and especially so for these from sections which before were not doing anything for missions. It is so encouraging to note the new interest. You will notice carefully the fine offerings from Arkansas. Until late the Free Will Baptists of Arkansas have been manifesting but little concern in the missionary cause. But they are now showing very definite signs of a missionary revival. For this we are indeed grateful. It only shows what people will do if given an opportunity.

My wife and I attended the Franklin County Quarterly Meeting in Illinois the latter part of July. Also held one service with the Rescue church. I must say that Illinois Free Will Baptist hospitality is surely unexcelled anywhere. We were never treated more lovely. And to see those good people walk up and lay their offerings on the Bible for this missionary cause, well, it just almost made me wonder if I could believe my eyes. They are certainly not afraid to give their money in Illinois. We enjoyed some splendid visits in the homes of three Brother Preachers while there, Rev. Kettaman, Rev. Burton, and Rev. Harpole. Praise the Lord for the Free Will Baptist of Southern Illinois!

As to Missouri of course they are lining right up with us on this $40,000 campaign. This is no more than I knew they would do. We can always depend on Missouri. The offering taken at the Missouri State Association last week for foreign missions was, as far as we are able to determine, the largest offering ever taken for foreign missions at any one time in the history of Free Will Baptists. So we have cause to be proud of the liberality of our good people in Missouri.

By the loyal help of Brother Kenneth Turner we have the motion pictures which were taken on the Cuban mission field last spring all lined up and have been presenting them in several places. They are proving a blessing, and we received some films from Brother Parsons of Nashville a few days ago which we will add to them. Calls are coming in much faster than we will ever be able to fill with the picture machine. But will do our best. We have a number of places on our list to try to make in the coming months. Among them is a picture tour in Illinois, and the Alabama State Convention. I see already we will never get around to all the places during the coming year, but will go as far as we can.

Miss Barnard has been doing some splendid itinerant work during the month of August among some of our untouched churches in the mountains of western North Carolina. Also contacting some Associational meetings along the Tennessee State line, and the Chattahoochee Association of Georgia. As a result of these contacts I received a nice check from her to the amount of $260.80, and another for $38.19. This is very good considering the fact that most, if not all, of these churches were never touched before in the interest of foreign missions.

We also had a fine report from Bro. Bert Rogers of Drumright, Oklahoma. Bro. Rogers has recently made a tour down into Texas where he has contacted a number of places and a nice check comes in with his letter to the amount of $144.00. Bro. Rogers has introduced a plan among the people out there in our western ranks which he says is working very fine. We are very proud of this fine piece of work by the Recording Secretary of our Board.

Very favorable reports continue to come in from the field in Cuba. Souls continue to be saved there. The students from the Cuban School who have been preaching over the field during the summer vacation months have reported some splendid results. Our missionaries are improving in health over that of a few months ago; but we urge you to please continue to pray for them, and for the work in general.

In closing will say we are highly encouraged with the progress being made in the foreign mission program. We urge you to please come along and line up with us in our $40,000 campaign. You will be pleased to know you have had a part in it.

Yours in His service,

Winford Davis, Treasurer

NOTICE

Before completing the work of compiling a history of the State Association of North Carolina, it is necessary for us to have a copy of the minutes of the following years: 1914, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 25. If anyone can locate one or more minutes of these years, please send them to the address given below.

Rev. Thomas E. Beaman,
Historian,
P. O. Box 120,
Goldsboro, N. C.

He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. Isa. 53: 5.

REPORT OF ASSEMBLY GROUNDS COMMITTEE

This is to make known to the Free Will Baptist people of the State of North Carolina that the Assembly Grounds Committees, previously named by the North Carolina State S. S. Convention, the State League convention, and the Women's State Auxiliary convention, together with the committee named by the State Association, came together in a joint meeting at Reedy Branch Church during the two days of the State Association convening there on September 13, and 14, 1944.

In this joint meeting of the four committees, officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, secretary, treasurer and a Board of Trustees, consisting of five members of the Joint Committee which consist of twelve members in all. A motion was adopted by the Joint Committee, requiring the treasurer, Mr. Fountain Taylor, of Richlands, North Carolina, to be bonded to the amount of five thousand dollars ($5,000), for the safe keeping of all funds raised and sent in to him by the different churches, individuals and church organizations, from time to time, for the **Assembly Grounds Fund.**

The Joint Committee will meet within a few weeks, and decide on the site for the ASSEMBLY GROUNDS for the camp. The Constitution and By-Laws of the property to be purchased will be prepared and adopted as soon as the Joint Committee can well do so, and the site finally decided upon. In the meantime, all church organizations and individuals in the State of North Carolina are asked to begin raising and sending in funds to Brother Fountain Taylor, Richlands, North Carolina, for this purpose. We shall need several hundred dollars to enable the committee and the Board of Trustees to make the purchase this fall. Remember, all funds will be safeguarded by the $5,000 bond which Brother Taylor shall have to cover any and all liabilities involved in the handling of the funds.

For the benefit of those who should like to know who constitute the Joint Commitee for the Assembly Grounds, the names are given as follows: From the North Carolina State Sunday School convention, R. B. Spencer, Chairman, Mrs. L. E. Ballard, and Mr. Fountain Taylor; from the State League convention, Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Earl Glenn, and Mrs. Louise Harris Dickens; from the Women's State Auxiliary convention, Mesdames J. C. Moye, R. E. Harris, and Elizabeth Warren Pollard; from the State Association, Rev. R. P. Harris, Rom Mallard, and Rev. W. A. Hales.

We, the Assembly Grounds Joint Committee, hereby do request that all ministers, churches, and church organizations of the State of North Carolina raise offerings, and send them to Mr. Fountain Taylor, Richlands, North Carolina, for the ASSEMBLY GROUNDS FUND. As soon as the property shall have been purchased, we will make known the same through the columns of the Baptist paper, what the initial payment was, what we shall have to do to improve the grounds for the use next year for camp purposes. Remember, this Assembly Grounds shall be purchased for and in the name of the Free Will Baptist Church of the State of North Carolina, and that it shall be for the use of YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMPS EACH YEAR; for WOMEN'S AUXILIARY GATHERINGS of religious work and recreational purposes; and for MINISTERS' RETREATS for rest, study and recreation; and also for other groups of church people who might desire to use it a week or longer for rest, recreation, religious study and planning of program work for denominational purposes. Every possible care will be taken concerning this matter of the Assembly Grounds and the money raised for the aforesaid purposes.

The Assembly Grounds
Committee

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil. 2: 12, 13.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

PROGRAM

The Women's Auxiliary convention of the Albemarle District will be held with Mt. Tabor Church on October 5, 1944.

THEME: Extending Christ's Kingdom

10:30—Song, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
—Invocation
—Devotional, "We Hold the Keys," by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
—Song
—Talk, "Look unto the Fields" (Jon. 4: 35), by Mrs. J. C. Griffin
—Talk, "Extension through Prayer," by Mrs. J. A. Alexander
—Talk, "Extension through Service," by Mrs. John Copeland
—Solo, "Give of Your Best to the Master"
—Talk, "Extending the Kingdom by Giving," by Mrs. H. S. Swain
—Song, "The Kingdom Is Coming"
—Benediction

12:00—Lunch
—Devotional by Miss Alice Webster
—Business period
—Reports
—Closing hymn and benediction

Mrs. Archie Willoughby, Committee

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REPORT OF THE FIELD WORK

Dear Co-Workers:

I am tonight making another report for our Master and His great work. Since our last report we have visited several churches in Florida and Alabama. Brother John M. Rich was pastor of all except one. The work was very pleasant, and the good pastor and his wife assisted us in every way possible. We also had good co-operation from the membership. We were able to organize two auxiliaries, and to put on the 50,000 CO-LABOR Campaign with good results. The Lord then led us to visit the State Association of North Carolina which was a grand success. They are whole-heartedly supporting the National Program. Our Executive Secretary was present with a splendid report, showing a steady increase in all the work in the different states.

The National Auxiliary president was also a visitor at the association. She will visit a number of churches before returning to Missouri. This will be a good place to tell you that I am not Promotional Field Worker of the National Association this year. I am devoting my time to auxiliary work, and at the same time co-operating with all field workers, and the Executive Secretary. Please pray much for my work, as we are expecting great results from the 50,000 CO-LABORERS' Campaign. If we can lead 50,000 souls to Christ this year, along with membership fees, what a great victory it will be over sin and Satan!

Now, a word to you pastors. Will you please help your auxiliaries to get this great work before every church member, and when you get a number of members, drop me a card, and tell me how many members you have, and how much money has been raised. We want to get your name on the honor roll. Some have asked if we have dropped the Chest. No, keep right on, for we will not get too much money for the Lord's work. There is no danger about that. You will see by the Honor Roll that we have visited several churches in North Carolina, but at each night service it rained, and we expect others to be added to the Roll later. Best of all we have had souls saved at most of the churches. May God bless our North Carolina pastors who have so wonderfully co-operated with us in this great work. Please pray with us for a great year's work. May the Lord bless the work in a wonderful way.

The Honor Roll

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Columbia, 100 members ____$100.00

Missouri

Fredricktown, 32 members _ 15.00
Flat River, 22 members ____ 20.00
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St. Louis _____ 11.00
St. Louis, 20 members ___ 11.00
Mission Church, St. Louis,
19 members _____ 13.00

Oklahoma

Wewaka, 100 members, Pay Later.
Tecumseh, 7 members _____ 7.00
Earlsboro, 4 members _____ 2.00

Texas

Bryan, 7 members _____ 7.00
Houston, 5 members _____ 5.00
Pine Grove, 15 members ____ 15.00

Florida

St. John, 17 members _____ 10.00
Piney Grove, 150 members, Pay later.
Poplar Head, 9 members. Pay later.

Alabama

Slocumb, 4 members.

North Carolina

Kinston, 20 members _____ 18.00
Greenville, 11 members ____ 1.00
Elizabeth City, 12 members _ 7.00

P. S.—Send all money on the 50,000 Membership Co-Laborers Band to Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland St., Nashville, Tennessee.

My next address will be Coeburn, Virginia.

Yours for Jesus,
Lizzie McAdams

GUM NECK AUXILIARY REPORT

Our local auxiliary of Gum Neck Church held its regular monthly meeting on September 11, 1944. The president called the meeting to order, the members sang the opening hymn, and a word of prayer was offered by Mrs. Clara Parrisher. Different members took part in the study of the lesson.

The business session was opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, the roll was called with each member answering to her name with some passage of scripture. The activities of the month were as follows: Chapters read in the Bible, 90; sick visits made, 9; gallons of milk given to the needy, 5.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting adjourned until the next time in a word of prayer.

Mrs. C. F. Swindell, Cor.-Secy.

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THE UNRULY TONGUE

There are some hindrances to the Christian life, due to the awful danger of an unbridled tongue. We have seen some people, who had a great deal of influence, lose their spiritual power through the wrong use of the tongue.

The spirit of criticism and fault-finding is death to a Christian through an unbridled tongue, and surely, in that sense, death and life are in the power of the tongue. In James 3: 8, we read, "The tongue no man can tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." There are bottles labeled in large letters, and often a skull and cross bones have been printed on the label so that everyone who comes near that bottle on the high schelf in the closet are to be cautious of its contents, and to be careful how they handle it. Just think how the unbridled tongue is a deadly poison, as the poison in the bottle. But the tongue no man can tame. Christ our Saviour was quite able to tame the untamed tongue and to make it full of life instead of death. He made it as sweetness instead of bitterness, a blessing instead of a curse.

In Psalm 141: 3, we read, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." Then again may we listen to these words from the Psalmist, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer" (Ps. 19: 14). Friends, keep watch on your words, for they are wonderful things for good or for bad. They are sweet like the best of honey, or they are as bitter as gall, having terrible stings. They can cut in strift like a tow-edged sword. They can bless like the warm sunshine and brighten a lovely life. But keep them back if they are cold and cruel. Hold them under bar and lock and seal. The wounds which they make on both the old and the young are hard to heal.

May God guard your lips and ever keep you from offending anyone. May the words you utter daily be words of beauty and truth.

Mrs. La Rue Dowless,
Bladenboro, N. C.

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WHITE HILL AID REPORT

Our Aid Society at White Hill Church, Beaufort County, North Carolina, met at the home of Mrs. J. F. Lamm. The meeting opened with song and prayer led by Mrs. R. G. Gilikin. Mrs. J. R. Cayton read the scripture lesson, and then the business was attended to in the usual way, with Mrs. J. R. Cayton presiding.

The roll was called, the dues paid, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Miss Flossie Ferrell, the treasurer, reported $167 in the treasury. There were fourteen members present for this meeting. The following report was made: Chapters read in the Bible, 200; dues paid, $2.45; visits made to the sick, 26; trays taken to the sick, 5.

After the business was over, the hostess served refreshments, which everyone present enjoyed very much.

Mrs. S. T. Harris, Secretary.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO MINISTERS

I should like to communicate with some ministers who have not obligated themselves for another year. I am interested in those who can qualify for a full-time pastorate in a thriving church.

The opportunity for the right kind of pastor will prove to be a splendid one, both to himself and to the church people. Please communicate with me right away. I thank you very much.

Your brother in Christ,

J. D. Currie,
Durham, North Carolina,
Route 5, Box 335

THE WORD OF GOD

This Book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers.

Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design and the glory of God its end. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. Let it fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure. It is given you in life, will be opened in the judgment, and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the highest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.—Author Unknown.

St. Claire Bible Class
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M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

JESUS' PROGRAM FOR MEETING LIFE'S PROBLEMS

(Lesson for October 8)

Lesson: Mat. 4: 1-4; 6: 31-34; Lu. 4: 16-21.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Mat. 4: 4).

So I say we do not really appreciate the theoretically-accepted idea that the Bible is God's Word. How few men would trade three meals in any given day, for the chance to read the Holy Book! The pots and pans gleam brightly in the average kitchen, kept shining by constant use. But the Bible gathers dust in the average home, made impotent by neglect. The food God gave in bountiful providence is avidly received without thought of the Giver or without thanks and praise: His words lie unheeded, scorned by those who are dying without it, and unappropriated by those to whom it was sent.

A friend of the Rev. John W. Butler, of Mexico City, found in an interior town in Mexico a boy who seemed very different from the "lounging, heavy crowd" in the place. After talking with the boy a few minutes he realized that he had discovered a "real jewel among pebbles." When the boy told him that he did not smoke or drink, the stranger asked him why. "Oh," he said, "we have a Book at our house, and in this Book are many things that make one think about things. I read, and then I wonder if it is wrong to do this or that; and I think it is wrong to use strong drink, because it makes one dizzy and lazy. It is the Holy Bible. It makes us different from the rest of the people. We are happier, we are the more healthy, we are better in every way, and I wish there were more of these Books here. I wish that more might read, and understand, and be different."—Condensed from World Wide Missions.

"Word of everlasting glory,
Word of everlasting truth,
Help me read the precious Story,
Precious both for age and youth.

"Lord be with me while I read it,
Show me how to read aright,
Help me know it, make me heed it,
Guide me with its Heavenly light!"

II. Home Work

1. Even gilded halls can become a wilderness in the hour of temptation.

2. The Lord never leads us into temptation, but He leads us to places where the devil may tempt us.

3. It is sinful to do legitimate things when the devil suggests them.

4. We live by God's Word, and we should also live **according** to His Word.

5. The only One who is able to supply our needs is the One who knows exactly what they are.

6. Whosoever puts the right things first is sure to be a Christian.

7. Church attendance brings a double blessing, if we participate in the service.

8. We ought to know the Bible well enough to **find** important passages when we want to read them.

9. When we close the Book we should be sure to put into **practice** what we have read.

10. Christ is the fulfillment of every promise of God.

11. The third Scripture reference (Lu. 4: 16-21) is God's Word for us in regard to witnessing. We should begin where we have been brought up, as Jesus did. Our testimony may be rejected, as His was, nevertheless we have delivered our souls.

12. Please note what our **Advanced Quarterly** has to say about **temptation, cure of anxiety** and **Jesus fulfilling prophecy.**

13. In our **Senior Quarterly,** please read carefully the **Introduction** and the comment on Matthew 4: 1-4 before going on with the lesson.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

When Rickenbacker Was Lost

When Johnny Bartek was asked in Buffalo last year whether he was "very religious" before his experience in the Pacific ocean, his answer was "Not very." But Bartek came from a home where the Bible was used: his father and mother are Bible-centered Christians. At any rate, he had his Testament with him. He was timid about using it, but when he finally did get started Captain Rickenbacker looked "relieved" and every day after that there was the reading of the Word of God. "Some parts fitted our predicament," Bartek told the secretary of the American Bible Society. Whether they did or not, he ought to have known that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God." This is interesting, "Without the Bible we might have given up: but every so often we'd run across a passage that would force hope into us like a dry sponge in a basin of water."—Selected.

Tell Me the Old, Old Story

Some of the sweetest songs of the church have been written in hours of faith-testing sorrow and tribulation. It was so with Katherine Hankey's, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story." Miss Hankey, the daughter of an English banker, composed the verses of her hymn while convalescing from an illness which had kept her in bed for many months. Grateful for her recovery, she spent many hours with her Bible, and, as a result of her readings, she wrote some extended meditations on the life of Jesus. It was from these writings that she developed the poem from which her hymn stanzas were taken:

"Tell me the old, old Story,
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.

Tell me the Story simply,
As to a little child,
For I am weak and weary,
And helpless and defiled!"

"ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIER"

By Martha Snell Nicholson

Ephesians 6: 13, 19, 20

A double task is yours, my son,
Nay, triple is your chore:
To fight for country and for home
Upon some foreign shore;

To grow in grace, in knowledge of
Your Saviour and your King,
Though battles rage, to touch His throne
For peace and strengthening;

To witness daily for Him, and
To hold His banner high,
That others, stumbling, blind, may see
His light dawn in their sky.

A triple task, dear son of mine,
But triple your reward,—
Your cup pressed down and running o'er
With treasure from our Lord.

Enshrined forever in my heart,
That boy who used to be,
But doubly dear the Christian man
Who will come home to me!

(This poem has been published as a leaflet and may be had from the author, Mrs. Martha Snell Nicholson, 1406 Lagoon Ave., Wilmington, Calif.) —In S. S. Times.

WANTED!

To engage a singer (Female) for some revival meetings. One who can also play either piano or the organ. One who is a true Christian. One who loves the Lord and finds joy in serving Him in this kind of work.

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PROGRAM

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the Progressive Association of Free Will Batists will convene with the Sulphur Springs Church at Samantha, Alabama, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 5, 6 and 7, 1944.

Thursday Morning

9:00—Devotional services by the pastor
9:20—Welcome address by Miss Theo Woods
9:25—Response by Mrs. Damon C. Dodd
9:30—Moderator's address
10:00—Reading of church letters, seating the delegates, corresponding messengers and visitors
10:45—Appointment of committees by moderator
11:00—Devotions by Rev. A. J. Lambert
11:15—Associational message by Rev. K. V. Shutes
12:00—Lunch.

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions and special music by local church
2:00—Routine business
3:00—Assignment of home for delegates

Thursday Evening

7:15—Devotions by Rev. G. W. Franks
7:35—Report and talk by Rev. R. B. Crawford, National Executive Secretary
8:15—Special music
8:20—Message by Rev. Raymond Riggs, Detroit, Michigan
—Benediction

Friday Morning

9:00—Registration
9:10—Devotional by Mrs. Grover Miller, Detroit, Michigan
9:30—Welcome address by Mrs. Essie Collins
9:35—Response by Miss Florene Sides
9:40—Special music, Sulphur Springs Quartett
9:45—Reading of reports, seating of the delegates and visitors
—Appointment of committees
10:00—President's message, Theme: "The Great Commission" by Mrs. K. V. Shutes
10:30—First Vice-President's report by Mrs. T. B. Lee, Columbia, Tenn.
10:40—Second Vice-President's report by Miss Theo Woods, Perry, Ala.
10:50—Third Vice-President's report by Miss Eva Ingram, Cordova, Ala.
11:15—Special Music by Riggs' Trio
—Message by Rev. Damon C. Dodd
12:00—Lunch

Friday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions by Mrs. Damon C. Dodd
—Duet by Mrs. Essie Collins and Merle Dyer
1:50—Fourth Vice-President's report by Mrs. Henrietta Scribner, Columbia, Tenn.
2:00—Fifth Vice-President's report by Miss Florene Sides
2:10—Treasurer's report by Mrs. O. M. Porter
2:15—Report of all committees
2:45—Election of officers

—Miscellaneous business
—Adjournment

Friday Evening

7:30—Devotional by Rev. Malcom Grubbs, Columbia, Tenn.
8:00—Educational program and message by Rev. J. R. Davidson
—Benediction

Saturday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Rev. V. F. Boner, Cordova, Ala.
9:15—Business session
10:50—Devotional by Rev. A. J. Burgess, Alabama City, Ala.
11:15—Message by Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.
12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon

1:30—Memorial service by Rev. A. J. Lambert, Parrish, Ala.
1:50—Final reports of all committees
2:30—Unfinished business
—Appointment of delegates
—Election of officers
—Appointments of boards and committees
—Adjournment

By the Committee

THE GREAT GATES TO HELL

By Prof. A. R. Flowers

Martin Luther, the Great German Reformer, thundered the following warning regarding the higher institutions of learning:

"I am much afraid that the universities will prove to be the great gates to Hell unless they diligently labor to explain the Holy Scriptures, and to engrave them upon the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution where men are not increasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt."

I have never seen why any reader of God's Word should be afraid to attend almost any recognized institution of learning. I have been a student in three colleges and two of the leading universities in the South, and my faith in God and His Holy Trinity has never been shaken in the least.

I am sorry for the preacher who is so mushy as to be all the while doubting his righteous integrity, when God's Word is given him as a rule and guide of faith and conduct. Brotner, pray more, elarn more, and live more, and better.

THE WAY TO WARDEN'S GROVE CHURCH

Lowland, North Carolina

This notice is for all those who are expecting to attend the Eastern Conference of North Carolina, which will convene on Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1944, in Pamlico County, at Warden's Grove Church, Lowland, North Carolina.

How to Get to Lowland

Those coming by the way of New Bern and on to Bayboro, Pamlico County, please take the highway from Bayboro to Cash Corner, and from there take the dirt road to the Inland Waterway Canal Bridge. About one mile straight ahead beyond the bridge turn short to the left and proceed straight ahead for about three miles, then you will make a left turn again and drive straight ahead to the church about one and a half mile away.

Those coming by the way of Washington or Greenville, North Carolina, please take the road at Chocowinity leading direct to Aurora, and from Aurora take the dirt road to the Inland Waterway Canal Bridge. Then follow the directions given in the above paragraph from the Bridge to the church at Lowland. A hearty welcome awaits everyone.

W. H. Lupton

A JAPANESE LAD'S SECRET

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings."

The greatest defeat I ever had in my life was to take second place in an oratorical contest in college; to bow to a Japanese lad who had been in this country but five years. When he landed at Ellis Island in New York, having come through England, he could not speak twenty-five words of English; and yet he stood up there the master of English oratory. Why? I can give you the secret; I learned

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it; I wanted to know it. That lad rose every morning at five o'clock and with his open Bible before him he spent the next hour in reading it and in prayer. And on Friday mornings, he, along with his fellow Japanese students, rose at four o'clock and spent two hours in prayer and went fasting without their breakfast to their classes in order that they might know the meaning of discipline and prayer. That is the power of religion in the life of youth. But how many of our colleges or great universities of today are teaching, are encouraging, that sort of thing? —From address of Elmer Ward Cole at Christian Action Week, Lake James.

OUT IN THE FIELDS WITH GOD

The little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees;
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might happen,
I cast them all away
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the husking of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born—
Out in the fields with God!

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning

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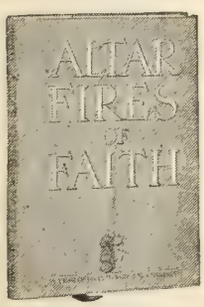
Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Rev. 2: 10.

Then, Saviour, then my soul receive,
Transported from this vale to live
And reign with thee above;
Where faith is sweetly lost in sight,
And hope in full, supreme delight,
And everlasting love.

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Phil. 4: 5.

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Boys and Girls Corner

RAYMOND'S BROKEN PROMISE

Mildred Hyslop

Donald Blair was employed as delivery boy, at Hall's grocery store in a small village near the sea.

One day in early summer, Donald walked hurriedly toward home. He had finished his work for the day. Donald looked forward to a concert he had planned to attend that evening.

He decided to cross the railroad tracks and then go by the big sand pit for a short cut toward his home in the hills.

While Donald walked nearer to the sand pit, he heard some one calling for help.

The voice seemed to come from the direction of the sixty-acre sand pit. Donald ran toward the embankment, and looked down into the pit. There he saw Raymond Reid and his brother Garry. The boys attended the same Sunday School.

"Hurry," Raymond called, anxiously, to Donald, "I wish you would help me."

Raymond was struggling to free his younger brother who had sunk in the wet, gumbo sand. Donald realized the danger the boys were in. Forgetting his excitement to get home early so that he might enjoy himself, Donald started to consider what could be done quickly to help the boys.

No one seemed to be around, only the peace and quiet of the valley prevailed.

Donald ran to a winding path which led to the woods near by. There he found a plank of wood. Then Donald threw it down the thirty-foot embankment.

"There," he cried, loudly, to Raymond, "use that to stand on and keep pulling your brother, and I'll try to get down to help you, too."

Raymond did as Donald directed, and did his best to aid his brother from his danger, until Donald came to his aid.

When Donald had climber down the embankment he started immediately to help Raymond extricate his brother, who now had sunk down almost to his waist in the wet sand.

Both Donald and Raymond stood on the plank while they struggled and pulled until Garry finally had been pulled free of the wet mud and sand.

'Thanks," Raymond gasped, "but for you, Donald, I would never have pulled Garry out of danger."

"Never mind," Donald answered, "now we must get Garry cleaned up and back to safety."

When they reached the top of the embankment, Raymond brushed as much sand and mud as he could from Garry's clothes.

"Why, you have lost your shoes in the gumbo sand," Donald cried, "and now you'll have to walk home in your stocking feet."

"I don't mind that," Garry said, gratefully, "I'm thankful to you and Raymond for saving me from sinking in the sand."

"Now we'll all walk home together, Donald said, "only I have to go further than you boys."

While the boys wended their way among wooded paths, Raymond said, "We meant only to explore round the old sand pit and then gather some flowers; but before we realized we were at the bottom of the pit, and I promised Mother not to go there."

"Then you broke your promise," the older boy replied. "After all it is dangerous at the bottom of that pit. Think what might have happened to both you and your brother down there."

"Yes, I know now," Raymond answered; "after this experience I don't think I'll ever break my promise again."

Donald's home now lay in a different direction from his chums'.

Before they parted, Raymond again thanked Donald for coming to their rescue. Then Donald fairly ran toward his home to let his mother know why he had been detained.

Raymond then took his brother's hand, and led him along a path through the trees.

"It must be hard walking, Garry," his brother said, "without your shoes."

"Oh, yes," he answered slowly, "but I'm thankful I'm alive and tonight when I pray I'll send up a prayer for Donald, who came and helped you rescue me."

When they reached home their mother met them at the door.

"Where have you boys been so late?" she asked anxiously, "and what's happened to Garry's shoes?"

Raymond's face flushed. Finally he stammered, "I'm sorry, Mother, but I broke my promise not to go in the sand pit. Besides, only for Donald Blair from the grocery store, Garry might have lost his life in the wet sand at the bottom of the pit.

"Well, Raymond," his mother answered, "I'm not only sorry to hear you broke your promise, but think how terrible you would have felt had anything happened to Garry down there.

"Yes, Mother," Raymond said, stoutly, "I've been thinking about it all the way home. I have learned a lesson today, and from now on I'll ask God in my prayers, to help me always to keep a promise."

"Realize, Son," his mother replied cheerfully, "that you really are sorry for what might have turned out very serious for you, all because of a broken promise. But I'm glad to hear you are going to ask God to help you in keeping future promises."

God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us. Heb. 6: 17, 18.

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Psalm 23 "Poetical Version"

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill;
For Thou art with me: and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forever more
My dwelling-place shall be.

—The Bible.

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The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. Psa. 145: 18.

He bows his gracious ear,
We never plead in vain;
Yet we must wait till he appear,
And pray and pray again.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I life up my soul. Psa. 25: 1.

THE ALL-SUFFICIENT CHRIST

I do not ask that God will keep all
storms away;
But this I pray; when thunders roar
and lightnings play,
He'll shelter me.

Weak though I am, I dread not now
the tempter's hour.
My Saviour then will be my shield; I
know His power;
He'll strengthen me.

When I must cross the river to that
other realm,
No fear I'll know if Christ is near
and holds the helm.
He'll pilot me.

Then when I stand before the judge
at that white throne—
Guilty? Ah, yes! but bought by
Christ; He knows His own;
He'll plead for me.

—Bernice W. Lubke

JUNIPER CHAPEL REVIVAL

Juniper Chapel revival began on September 22 and continued until the twenty-ninth of the month. Reverend Clinton Lupton, of Bayboro, North Carolina, held the meeting. The attendance was splendid each night, and the attention was fine. There were several visitors who came over to attend the services from the Macedonia Church and community. The people of Juniper Chapel and the minister appreciated their visits upon these services very much.

Although there was only one who professed Christ during the meeting, the revival did much good in the church and community. The people did enjoy every message which Brother Lupton brought, and wished for him to stay longer, but he was scheduled to go to another church for another meeting.

May we hope that the good which he did while with us will be long-lasting, and that the church will move forward in the kingdom work to do more for our blessed Lord. Our pastor was with us part of the time and helped Brother Lupton in the meeting. We appreciated his helping out in the meeting.

Church Reporter

JUST THE SAME TODAY

When Moses and his people
From Egypt's land did flee,
Their enemies behind them,
And in front of them the sea,
God raised the water like a wall
And opened up the way,
And the God that lived in Moses' time
Is just the same to-day.

When David and Goliath met,
The wrong against the right—
The giant armed with human power
And David with God's might;
God's power with David's sling and
stone
The giant low did lay,
And the God that lived in David's
time
Is just the same to-day.

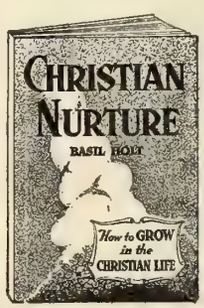
When Pentecost had fully come,
And the fire from Heaven did fall,
As a mighty wind the Holy Ghost
Baptized them one and all;
Three thousand got converted,
And were workers right away
And the God that lived at Pentecost,
Is just the same to-day.

—Anon.

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EDITORIAL

CHURCH RECORDS — WHAT ABOUT THEM?

A leading churchman came into our office just recently to discuss with us "Church Records." In the brief discussion of the matter, he declared that church records, on the whole, are not being as carefully and correctly made and kept as they should be for adequate statistical purposes. Moreover, it was his frank opinion that the business of the church—God's business—should be as well cared for as any other business, if not much better.

As a matter of fact, Why should not the business of the church be kept accurate and up-to-date? Why should not the church people in each local church know the exact status of their church with reference to membership, property values, financial duties and obligations (local, state and national), property needs of expansion, property indebtedness, local church records, etc.? How can an accurate and up-to-date report be made by the local church officials to the district or state church organizations unless the local church furnishes, when called upon, good records of its standing? Moreover, How can the statistician of the state or nation for the denomination be able to assemble and compile accurate facts and figures for a CHURCH MANUAL unless he can get adequate records from the combined reports in the minutes of the church bodies of the state? The answer is simply this: He cannot do it with any degree of accuracy until better church records are made and reported to the district or state church bodies by each local church of the state.

Upon viewing this question of better church records, the question may be asked by some casual thinkers, "Is all this worthwhile, anyway?" May we answer the question by the use of some sensible comparisons or illustrations taken from the affairs of men.

The public schools, colleges and universities keep accurate records of the enrollments, attendance, and grades of each student registered in them each Quarter, Semester, or each year. In like manner, they keep accurate records of the financial standing of each student with the college or university. They keep also correct records of all salaries of faculty members and the official staff of the institution. It is a matter of business. The authorities must know just where the institution stands in every phase of its work.

Why should not the church, as an institution for righteousness, see to its business in a similar manner? Is the keeping of records of education of more value to human life than the keeping of accurate records of the work of the church? Is education to be put ahead of Christianity? And yet, no good church member would want his son or daughter to attend a college or university that did not keep accurate records of his son or daughter's standing in the institution. The reason is simple. Is not the business of the church likewise worthy of being kept in an up-to-date way? The answer is, YES, for the right thinking individual.

The banking business is required to be accurate in every detail. The reason is money and wealth are involved. Most everybody is concerned. Each depositor or stockholder is to know his status with the bank at any time. There must be no "guess work." It is real business because the people demand it. Why should not the church demand accurate business? Well, what about it? Is it not God's business, which after all is the greatest business in the world? Should not His records be accurate and up-to-date? Are money matters of more importance to the human race than the church of the living God?

Men in business have to keep records of their stocks of goods. They must know where they stand each year if they are to succeed. When they fail to keep their business in good standing, they know that they will be closed out by their creditors. Therefore, they see the need to keep an accurate account of their stocks and their sales year after year. Their livelihood depends on their good business principles and careful business management.

But how may the church compare in this case? Its records and business management should be as carefully guarded as the merchant's business, if it is to be kept in good standing and in a fine working order. All finances are to be accounted for when reports are to be made. While God never sells out a church, yet some churches die for the lack of good business management and correct record keeping, as well as for the lack of spiritual zeal.

Some may ask, How can the local church records be kept accurate and up-to-date when some of the church clerks and treasurers do not know how to keep them? The answer is simple. Give a vote of thanks to the old incompetent clerks and treasurers for their past services to the church, and then proceed to elect competent record-keeping officials. That is what God wants; the best. They should not be offended. Each church can furnish them from its membership.

When you elect a new pastor, do you not look for the best? When you are casting about for an evangelist to hold your revival, do you not seek a good one? When you put on special occasions in your church, do you not secure the best talent? Of course you do, Well, then, why not elect competent clerks and treasurers in the churches to keep accurate and up-to-date records? These are worthwhile matters, and every local church should give them careful consideration. Give God the best in record keeping, as well as in other Christian services.

A Message on Reason

By Rev. W. F. Clark,
Thomasville, Georgia

Reason is a mental faculty which enables man to distinguish between right and wrong. A mind of reason is one of the greatest blessings God gave the Family of Men. Please do me a favor; read this message prayerfully and if you like it, tell your friends. If you disapprove it, tell me. I am writing on the subject of "Reason."

As a people, individually and collectively, we are indebted to ourselves and family to make a sensible decision on our eternal destiny. Our part in our salvation is the presenting of our bodies, soul, and mind to God, somewhere, sometime this side of death in this life.

We find in the Book of Isaiah 1: 18, 19, where he is exorting to reason by saying, "Come now; let us reason together. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow, though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." He further says, "If ye be obedient ye shall have the good things, but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured by the sword, for the Lord have spoken it."

Now let's hear from Paul on the same subject of reason. "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, Holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12: 1).

Now will you go with me into the Spiritual and deeper things of God—listen, Rom. 8: 8—"They that are in the flesh cannot please God" (Rom. 8: 8). Now if we stop here, the critic would say, "You see that, don't you?" Yes, I see it, and, thank God for it, but, Mr. Sinner Man, listen to the ninth verse, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be, the Spirit of God dwell in you." Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His. Christ said before leaving this world that He would send His Spirit, the Comforter, back to us, and He would guide us in truth and righteousness.

Now listen to Paul in Rom. 8: 14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the Sons of God." We see by this that we are not saved by chance, not by shaking some preacher's hand, not by being ducked in water, not by pouring, neither sprinkling of water, but by simple obedience to God. However, I believe every child of God should be baptized, not to save him, but as an evidence of salvation. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." This makes us heirs to the throne. We cannot be wealthy without money, neither can we be Spiritual without the Spirit. The Spirit has to do with the Spiritual, the same as the steam has to do with the locomotive. Each one furnishes the power to carry the burden.

Back to the text. Reason is a gift from God. Some use it; others abuse it. Job said, "I desire to reason with thee." Isaiah said, "Come let us reason together." Matthew said, "Reason among yourselves." Paul said, "I reason in the synagogues every Sabbath." Listen to this, What part did we have in entering into this life or what part will we have in going out? But my friends, our part is between the birth and death, which represents the allotted time we live—the day of reason, the day of decision, the day of selection.

Now let's make this a little plainer by referring to certain things that happened in the Bible. For instance, the Prodigal Son—he lost himself before he left home—like everyone who serve and live in sin are in a large measure, insane. They have lost themselves as he did—but listen, he came to himself, he regained consciousness, although he was in the hog pen. I believe this is the kind we have on our highways today, but listen to his reasonings—My father's servants have plenty to eat and some to spare and I am hungry. I will arise from this sinful, friendless place and go to my father's house. After this decision, his father received him joyfully; so will the Heavenly Father if we turn to Him. This all happened between the coming in and going out—this young man acted wisely in the end.

Now let's turn another page and look on the other side of death. The Rich man lost his reason, lost himself in this life, just like the Prodigal Son did, but he did not regain consciousness and come to himself until he lifted up his eyes in hell. Seeing Abraham, a man he was acquainted with on earth, but for the first time in his existence, he was reasonable, but too late. Ingersol, the noted infidel, saw his mistake, but too late, for he could see only a wasted life while lying on his death bed.

In I Tim. 6: 12 Paul said, "Fight a good fight, lay hold on eternal life." Zacchaeus said, "Jesus is passing by; I must see him," but he did more than see him. Jesus invited himself home with Zacchaeus and he received him joyfully. He and his whole house were saved.

My wife was my choice among women for a life companion and I have never regretted, neither been sorry, I selected her. She has proved herself more than a wife, but a friend in trouble. Just before I met her, I made peace with God and I selected Him as my choice between the two, God and the Devil. He has proven himself over and over again to be more than a Saviour, but a friend in time of trouble. I have never been sorry I selected Him as a guide, and I take pleasure in recommending him to anyone in spiritual trouble. He will do for you what he has done for thousands. He will give joy for sorrow, peace for trouble, pleasure for weeping. The greatest need today is Jesus in the hearts and homes.

Nearly 3,500 years ago Joshua decided to serve the Lord. Listen to what he said, "If it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve, but as for me

and my house we will serve the Lord."

Listen, my friends, Jesus said, "Today, this life is the day of salvation, so choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Sit down and reason this out.

We read in Revelation 22: 14, "Blessed are they that do his commandment, that they may have right to the tree of Life, and may enter in through the Gate into the City." To reason is one thing. Do the thing you have reasoned to do; to live it out and put it in practice is another.

May God bless the readers of this message.

DANGER FROM RELEASED TIME

Is there a sound basis of logic for "released time," by which is meant time taken out of school (at present, one hour a week- during which children, on the written approval of their parents, will be transferred to a nearby church or other building and instructed by persons of their own denomination in the catechism of that ecclesiastical body? This is called, by certain types of Protestant and Roman Catholic clergymen, "teaching religion."

As Mrs. Edwin Sheldon, a member of the San Francisco School Board, so aptly told her colleagues: "The question before us is not, 'Do we favor religious training for children?' But rather, 'Do we favor setting up a program of religious training as a part of the public schools?' "

America was founded on the principle of the separation of Church and State, and a corollary of this principle is the separation of Church and Public School. France met its downfall because, primarily, the way was paved by the Vatican's undermining the public schools and strengthening private and parochial schools taught by priests and nuns. The same thing can happen here unless the insidious and unremitting attacks made by the Roman Catholic hierarchy to destroy our public schools by classing them as "godless," merely because the catechism of the Roman Catholic Church is not taught therein, is quickly and forcefully challenged by Protestants and non-Catholics who are not Protestants.

Unfortunately, Protestants have been misled into believing that "released time" is the answer to teaching religion to the rising generation. A recent book, entitled **Teaching the Multitudes** and written by Minor C. Miller, shows how far afield a well-meaning man can go who sees only his own pet scheme. To support his thesis of the supposed desirability of "released time," Mr. Miller quotes Thomas Jefferson as follows:

By bringing the sects together, and mixing them with the mass of other students, we shall soften their asperities, liberalize and neutralize their prejudices, and make the general religion a religion of peace, reason and morality.

The public school without "released time" can and does accomplish what Jefferson argued was so advisable. But "released time" does just the opposite. It drives a wedge between various children who are otherwise companionable. "Released time" overlooks what the Rev. Dr. Conrad H. Moehlman, in his scholarly and authoritative book **School and Church** (Harper & Brothers), points out. Doctor Moehlman advocates a religion of "intelligence, beauty and ethics" as against one of "superstition, of magic and cruelty." He asserts that "religion at its best desires to teach that love is at the heart of the world. . . . The religious element in public education is everything that promotes faith in the higher values of life."

"Released time" means sectarianism and not only that, but sectarianism transplanted to the public school system of the nation where it becomes, not a plant that nourishes wholesome life, but rather a poisonous weed that will make sick with discord an otherwise harmonious childhood and youth for those who must of necessity constitute our next generation of citizens.

The Bible is best taught in the home, the Sunday School and the church. Do our clergymen ever stop to think what a reflection it is on them that they must hand over to "released time" the Christian upbringing of the children and youth of their congregations, thus implying that church and Sunday school are unequal to the task upon which millions of dollars have been spent and countless energy expended by devout church members over the years? The answer is, let Protestants awaken to the dangers that lurk in "released time," and arouse the parents and the churches to do their duty with regard to teaching Christianity in the home, by example as well as precept.

As further evidence of aroused public thought in regard to a "released time" program, A. C. Petty of Stockton, Calif., stated before the School Board of that city that he represented a group of citizens who were prepared, if necessary, to make a court test of the matter. He questioned the legality of the ruling allowing pupils to leave school for religious and moral training.

Older citizens can recall the time when the public schools were opened each day with a prayer, a reading of the Bible and the singing of a hymn. The Roman Catholics and the Jews ultimately forced a stoppage of this practice. Then the Catholics started a nation-wide propaganda to create the impression that the public schools were "godless," when, as a matter of fact, they themselves had been instrumental in driving religious services of an interdenominational character out of the schools.

Some say that the drive of the Roman Catholic hierarchy for "released time" is to better their position to obtain public funds for their parochial schools. Mr. Petty says the Stockton School Board has agreed to hear the views of a committee at any regular session. The bearing of this case extends far beyond the confines of Stockton, and will be watched carefully by cities and towns all over the country where the problem of "released time" has been forced into the foreground.—S. W.

—In Scottish Right News Bulletin

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Change in Ministers

Due to some ideas that some churches change their pastors every two years, I am asking this question: Why such procedure? In fact, the plan of calling a pastor every year is contrary to the best interest of the church, as it is often the case that politics get into the church. Pastors should be called with no time limit, with an agreement for proper notice by the pastor of resignation and the desire for change of pastors by the church should be with due notice by the church.

Again, when a church is contemplating the election of a pastor, there should be only one minister considered at a time. This way of writing to several preachers at the same time for either pastoral work or evangelistic services usually introduces strife into the church, as it gives people a chance to politic for their "pet," or choice preacher. I am sure that God is not pleased with such work as is so often carried on in the selection of pastors.

Two Ways of Worship

First, In Vain. "In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines of the commandments of men" (Matt. 15: 9). There is a great deal of vain worship. People who seem to be very pious, often I am afraid know nothing of the real vital fellowship in true worship. Our faith must be the right kind in order to worship God aright, otherwise it is vain worship.

Second, "God is a Spirit." "We must worship Him in Spirit and in truth" (John 4: 24). Paul teaches us to "pray in the spirit, and sing in the spirit," and that all must be done in the spirit. But how can those who have not the Spirit of Christ worship in the Spirit? One must be "born of the Spirit" to be able to worship in the Spirit. All worship without the "New Birth" is vain, and much that is called worship by Christians is below par, I am afraid.

Why Do We Write?

Often we have asked the question in our mind, Why write "Notes and Quotes"? And we often wonder if it is worth the time and the space to do it. Then we would receive some word or letter, or card informing us of some blessing which had come to someone because of the "Notes and Quotes."

Just a few days ago, we received a letter from an afflicted child of God down in Georgia. This lady expressed her appreciation for "Notes and Quotes," and petitioned us to remember her in our prayers. This we did, and I am asking God's children to join us in behalf of this dear sister that her health may be restored to her again, if it can be the Lord's will.

My honest purpose for writing is to help others, and to advance the cause of Christ and His Church. I do not write nor preach to please men, unless the Word of God pleases. When the Word of God fails to please, I have nothing else to offer. The world cries, "Away with Him," when He was in Pilate's Judgment Hall. The same world is against Him today. Sinners reject Christ and criticize Him, but I want to please God, and then if man is pleased I can have a greater joy. God is first.

SALVATION MADE SURE

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (I Jno. 5: 13-.

Taking stock is a very important thing with the business man. Laying a sure foundation is a very important task with the builder. Feeling the pulse and making a general physical examination is vital to the physician. Would any one care to risk a great business, without one penny of insurance against fire? Would he be satisfied to just simply hope he had some good assurance? No, no one would be willing to take the risk. Would any one be willing to build a building on just any kind of foundation? or would any one be willing to take the physician's medicine without the physician first giving him an examination? The risk is too great for no one would be willing to take the chance Yet, when we think of the salvation of souls many are willing to take the chance.

Eternity is too long, and the issues of eternal life with God in Heaven, or eternal death with the wicked in hell, are too great to be cast aside without a thought. I believe we may know, I believe we should know, and know it now. God says, "He that believeth on the Son HATH everlasting life." God speaks of salvation as a present experience—"Hath passed from death unto life." If God speaks with a period, shall we speak with a question mark? If God says, "Hath," shall we say "may have?" We should never question God, but believe upon Him and trust Him.

There are many ways we may know we are saved.

First. We may know we are saved when we believe in the Son of God (I Jno. 5: 13 . Many are the scriptures which press this statement home to our hearts. Christ said, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name." Paul told the jailor, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." To believe in Christ is to trust Him. To believe in Christ involves receiving Him. Receiving Him involves the opening of the heart and letting Him in. When one does these things he is saved and safe.

Second. We may know we are saved when we love God (I Jno. 4: 7. Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. Where our heart is there will also our treasure be. There is a love in the believer's heart that will not let him go by. He may grieve the Lord, but he loves Him. He may for a moment turn aside, but he loves Him. Peter wandered away from the Lord, he even cursed and swore, saying, "I know not Him of whom ye speak," yet Peter loved the Lord. Jesus

knew that deep down in the heart of Peter there was a love that never wavered, never ceased. He loved Jesus when he swore; He loved Him when he followed Him afar off. Peter proved his love for Christ when he was told by Mary of the resurrection. He rushed into the tomb. Also after the resurrection when the Lord Jesus dined with the disciples by the seashore, He turned to Peter and said, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me more than these?" Peter from the very yearning of his heart, said, "Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee."

Third. We may know that we are saved when we love the brethren (I Jno. 3: 14. If we love God, we will love our brother also. In all the wide world there is no love so sincere, and no fellowship that glows with so great a fervor as the love of Christians for Christians. Christ said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." Not love someone because they have done you some favor, but because they love and serve God. If a person has a love for the brethren you can rest assured that something has happened somewhere, sometime.

O that we might show forth that love among our brethren that the outside world that is watching our lives from day to day might see something that will cause them to have a desire to live for Christ.

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REASONS TO BE THANKFUL

Dear Baptist Readers:

I have just returned from a very fine meeting. Although I am not feeling very well in my body, I am happy in the Lord. I am so thankful to the Lord for what he has done for me. I have been in the hospital twice since the first of June, but the good Lord has stood by me, and has brought me through it all.

I do thank my good pastor, Rev. Arthur Williams, and all of the good Christian people for their good prayers which they offered up to God for me. I do really believe in prayer, for it is the key that can open the doors of heaven. In fact, all of us need to pray more, as we look about us and see so much sin. The Bible tells us to pray without ceasing.

Our revival meeting will begin on the third Sunday night in October at St. John's Free Will Baptist Church. We are asking the good Christian people to please remember us in prayer, for we certainly do need a revival meeting in our community. Please remember me in prayer that the Lord might strengthen my body, and that I will always do what Jesus would have me to do. We wish to extend an invitation to the people to attend our revival meeting, and to take a part in the services.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Mrs. Lee Poston,
Hyman, South Carolina

A CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE

Dear Baptist People:

I want to say a few words about a funeral we had today in our community. It was a man we all called "Uncle Bobby Johnson." I have been acquainted with him about twenty-two years and I can say that I have never heard a man speak harm of him. He belonged to the Primitive Baptist Church and he was faithful to his church. It is true that I cannot agree with some of the Primitive Baptist doctrines, but I was so pleased with the life he lived until I want to tell about it.

He was a neighbor to everybody who lived around him, as far as I know—never heard him speak evil of any one, never known him to take a drink or use any slang words. I have though about it how neighborly he was and how peaceable and quiet he was, and always seemed to have plenty and lived such a noble life. I wish the world could see as I do. It seems fine for a man to live a life God is pleased with—also all the people that live near him.

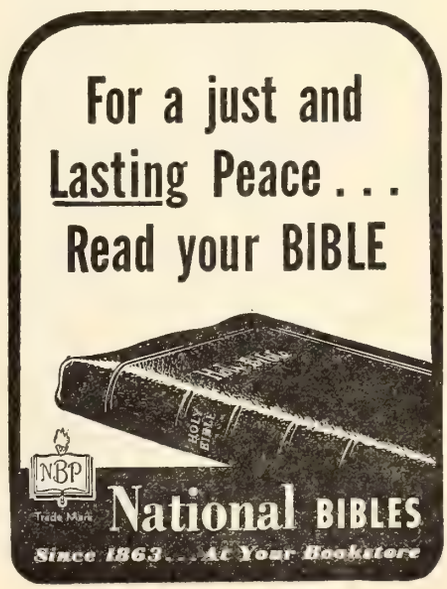
It seems bad to see so many people living lives that the Good Lord does not approve of or no one around them. It is so much better to live lives that the Lord will approve of and all them that know you. I have seen people die that the community seemed almost glad they were gone and I have also seen some die who were not any good to the country—just filled up a little space. You could not call him a neighbor if he lived in the corner of your yard.

The Good Lord requires of us to love our neighbor. Let us live in a way so we will be worthy of being called a neighbor as Old Uncle Bobby Johnson has lived. I feel that he is laying on flowery beds of ease, ready for that bright home above.

I am hoping we will consider how beautiful it is to live where we won't be a burden to our country, but will be missed when we are gone and the Good Lord will say "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Your brother in Christ,
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Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. Heb. 4: 1.



PRAYER

By J. M. McKonkey

"If ye ask . . . I will do." (Jno. 14: 14.)

It Is a Wonderful Promise

Many and precious are the promises which God gives to His praying children. He tells us that as we pray and receive our joy shall be full, (Jno. 16: 24); that if we bring all things to Him in prayer His own unspeakable peace shall possess and keep our hearts in Christ Jesus, (Phil. 4: 7) that of all who ask from Him not one shall be turned away; that to any who knock at His door it shall without fail be opened, (Matt. 7, 7: 8). Familiar enough and gracious too is His truth that as we ask He gives. So says His Word again and again: "Ask and it shall be given you;" "Every one that asketh receiveth;" "How much more will your heavenly Father **give** good things to them that ask Him." But in the heart of this great chapter, the fourteenth of John, we come upon the greatest promise God has ever given to His praying children. Presuming —as we do in all that is said in these opening chapters concerning prayer —that the child of God is asking in His name, or according to His will, the wondrous statement is here twice made that not only as we pray does God give, but that

As We Pray God Works

God, the eternal God of the universe, stands, as it were, like an almighty servant and says: "If you, my child, will only **pray** I will **work**; if you will only be busy with **asking** I will see to the **doing.**" Not only does He bestow at our cry, but He **acts.** Not only does our praying evoke His bounty, it sets in motion His omnipotence. Wherefore, as we enter into the secret chamber of prayer, nothing will so stir us to mighty intercession, nothing will so soon make us master-pleaders with God for a lost world, as to whisper to our own soul, again and again, this wonderful truth, **"While I am praying God is really doing that which I am asking!"**

Thus to a child of God bowed in prayer that the gospel may be sent to the dark lands, though he may not see it, yet as he prays **God** baffles the powers of darkness; as he prays **God** moves the hearts of kings; as he prays **God** breaks down the barriers to evangelization; as he prays God loosens the bands of superstitition; as he prays **God** opens up the pathways to forbidden lands; as he prays **God** unclasps the purses of His children; as he prays **God** raises up and thrusts forth the gospel messengers to the whitened harvests. As **he** is **praying** God is doing. This is explicitly asserted. "Search my word, says our Lord. Find out clearly in it what my will is concerning the world. Pray according to that will. Then as you pray "Lord **thrust forth** laborers into the harvest," **I thrust them forth!** As you pray "Lord break down the obstacles," **I break them down!** As you pray "Lord stir men's hearts to give," **I stir them!** Whatsoever ye **ask** in my name, **I do.**" Beloved, what a tremendous responsibility is ours! What a unique privilege! That all the power of an omnipotent God is ready and waiting to be put into triumphant, irresistible action at the prayer of one of His children! That the very hosts of heaven are marshalled against the powers of darkness at that importunate call of yours which is according to the will of God! He declares that all power in heaven and earth is His, and then, as it were, places Himself at our disposal and says, "Now my child **you pray** and **I** will **work,** you **ask** and **I** will **do.**" As an engineer might suffer a child powerless in itself, to call forth power, not its own, by opening the throttle of his great machine, so God says to us weaklings, "all power is mine, but unto you it is given to call it forth by prayer." **If it be true, then, that God's omnipotence is placed at our disposal, we are as responsible for its exercise through prayer as though we possessed it ourselves.** Behold here the shame of an unevangelized world, of two thousand years delay, of our cowardice and faltering in the presence of difficulties. For though we have had no power to do, yet the mighty God, linking Himself with us as a real yoke-fellow and co-worker, has said

"If Ye Ask I Will Do"

It is a promise by an Omnipotent doer.

They who are charged with the erection of costly public or private buildings count it a rare privilege to have a great artist offer his services. They seek to employ the greatest architect, the most famous painter, the most skillful sculptor to do their work. But who is it here who offers to **do** for us, if we will only **ask?** It is no untried apprentice, no bungling worker accustomed to failure. It is **God Himself. It is the mightiest doer** in the universe who says "I will do, if you **ask.**" Unrivalled wisdom, boundless skill, limitless power, infinite resources are His. Think a moment who it is that promises. He who shrouded the land of Egypt in awful darkness; He who turned her streams of water to streams of blood; He who laid His hand upon her firstborn and filled her borders with mourning; He who broke the stubborn will of her impious king; He who led forth His people Israel, with mighty arm and outstretched hand; He who parted the great sea, and made the glassy walls of water to be bulwarks of safety to them, and swift avalanches of death to their pursuing foes; He who, when His children cried for water, sweetened the bitter wells to quench their thirst; He who, when they hungered sent them bread from heaven; He who, when they marched about Jericho in utter self-helplessness, leveled its towering walls by the word of His power; He who walked with His three children in the fierce, fiery furnace, yet kept them even from the smell of scorching garments; He who stilled the tempest, walked on the seas, cast out devils, healed the living and raised the dead—it is **this** same mighty **does** who says He will do **for me, if I ask!** This omnipotence is the very same omnipotence whose doing is awaiting my praying!

Yea the God who holds the sea in the hollow of His hand; the God who swings this ponderous globe of earth in its orbit more easily than

you could swing a child's toy rubber ball; the God who marshals the stars and guides the planets in their blazing paths with undeviating accuracy; the God of Sinai, and of Horeb; the heaven-creating, devil - conquering, dead-raising God,—it is this very God who says to you and to me:

If Ye Ask I Will Do

It is a promise which shows how much more wonderful than our doing is His doing called forth by our asking.

You can at will close your eyes and, in vision, call up before you the men and women whom you love yet know to be lost. Friend after friend has wrought with and entreated them: you yourself would almost be willing to be anathema for them, if so be they might be saved: but all has been in vain. Suppose now there came some day a message from the Lord Jesus Christ promising that if you would but ask, He himself would go to these unsaved ones and deal directly with them. What an unheard of privilege would you count it to have Jesus Christ himself deal in person with a soul you loved! To have Jesus Christ work—not indeed in the body but in the Spirit—in your home, your church, your community; to have Jesus Christ give secret messages to your lost loved ones: to have Jesus Christ speak, woo, and win, as none else could: to have Jesus Christ with all His tact, wisdom, winsomeness, patience, gentleness, and compassion following on with unwearied zeal and tenderest love to bring back to God that soul for whom He had died:—what a promise!

Think a moment of that unsaved loved one for whom all these years **you** have been doing. You have pleaded, argued, and expostulated in vain. You have preached Christ, you have tried to live Christ. You have exhausted every device and means that love, faith, or hope could conceive. Now that all **your** doing has failed how wonderous it would be into that life to bring His doing through your asking.

Hear Him speak: "My child **you** know not how to convict of sin, but **I**, who work as you pray, can bow down that soul in a very agony of conviction. **You** know not when to woo, and when to reprove, but **I**, who work as you ask, know just when to pour in the balm of love, and when to let fall the sharp, quick blow of needed judgment. **You** cannot follow a soul in daily, unbroken pursuit, for you are finite and must eat, rest, and sleep, but **I**, who do as you ask, follow that soul day and night, with sleepless vigilance, through every second of his existence. Now comforting, now troubling; now giving darkness, now light; now sending prosperity, now adversity; now using the knife, now the healing balm; chastening, troubling; bereaving, blessing; bending, breaking, making, yea, I can do all things needful to be done to bring that wanderer to himself and cause him to cry I will arise and go unto my Father."

What a message, too, is this for God's children who, through years of pain and affliction as invalids and "shut-ins," have mourned because cut off from the active service in which others are busy for God. Beloved sufferers be comforted. Blessed as is the ministry of **doing**, there is no higher, holier calling under heaven than that **asking** which calls forth **God's doing** in the lives of others. Your Master Jesus Christ, through every second of His eternal, heavenly life, is pouring out His soul in **unceasing asking ("He ever liveth to make intercession.")** What an honor that God should call you to that same eternal ministry to which His great Son now unceasingly gives Himself! Covet no other if this be thine. To enter into a needy life with your own doing is indeed precious, but to have God enter it through your **asking,** is it not greater by so much as God's doing is greater than thine? Hear Him speak to you. "O child of mine, laid upon a bed of helplessness and suffering, cease to repine because thou can'st not busy thyself with thine own doing, as others. For I tell thee that as in the silence of the night watches thou dost cry unto me for a lost world, I am doing what of my will thou art **asking**. Wouldst thou not rather call forth mine omnipotent doing by thine asking if to this I have called thee, than even to be busy with thine own doing? For if thou shalt ask (according to my will) I will do." And let your glad answer be "Lord I rejoice. Though, shut within these four walls, I cannot touch men yet Thou who hast promised to do for me, wilt touch and quicken them if I but ask. Though I am all the day weary and helpless yet Thou, who hast promised to do for me, art in Thy doing tireless and omnipotent. Though I cannot raise a hand nor stir a foot yet Thou, who hast promised to do if I ask, wilt move heaven and earth to bless those for whom I pray. Though my human asking must soon end with my passing away, yet Thy mighty doing, called forth by my asking, will go on through all time, yea, through eternity itself. Yea Lord since I can pray down **Thy** mighty doing into the lives I love, shall I longer mourn because I am shut out from **my** doing? What though **I** can not do if Thou who dost work at my asking can do **miracles**? So Lord, though I can do nothing, help me to remember with new joy and hope thy blessed promise.

If Ye Ask I Will Do

It is a promise for our service.

Concerning those things that only God can do we naturally betake ourselves to prayer. For knowing that we ourselves cannot do them, we find our hope only in that asking which brings God's doing. But let us remember, too, that our own personal service, in the things which **we can** do, needs also that asking which will bring God's doing into it. Do we realize that every thing we do needs to be saturated with the spirit of prayer that **God** may be the real doer, the real worker in the things which we are busily doing? Yet this is a mighty truth: "If ye ask I will do" applies to your own service as well as your intercession for others.

Have you ever toyed with the key of a telegraph instrument while the circuit was closed? If so you have noted this fact. On that key you may write a complete message, from address to signature. Upon it every telegraphic character may be perfectly formed; every condition of expert operating may be fulfilled. But it matters not how skillful an operator you are, so long as the electric

circuit is closed, all your efforts are simply sounding brass and clattering platinum. Not a single spark of electric life do you transmit; not a single message of good or ill, of bane or blessing is conveyed to the waiting listener at the other end of the line. Why? **Because the battery is not working.** And all **your** working is effort without result, activity without power. But now you open the little brass lever which connects your key to the battery hidden beneath the table. Immediately every letter you form thrills with life, every word you write flashes a living message into the mind and heart of the far-away receiver. Through your work, dead and mechanical in itself, the electric battery is now pouring forth its vital stream, flooding with life and power every deft motion of your fiying fingers.

The lesson is plain. It is in spiritual telegraphy as in material. If the battery is not working the message is mere clatter. We may **do,** but if **God** is not doing through us then all our doing is naught. If we work in our own fleshly strength we will but effect fleshly results, for "whatsoever is born of the flesh is flesh." God alone is spiritual life. God is the only begetter of life. Our highest function as servants is to be transmitters of the life of God to others. Our highest doing is that in which God is doing through us. And how shall **this be? Through** prayer. Prayer connects you with the divine battery of life and power. Prayer puts you "in the Spirit," and "it is the **Spirit** that quickeneth." From the chamber of prayer you come forth to men with the unction, the subtle power, the thrill of God's own life upon you, and as you touch them in speech, deed, or prayer, "virtue goes forth from you," for then it is not you but God that worketh in you. As you keep asking God keeps doing. When you grow prayerless your deeds grow powerless. Lead no meeting without **asking** that God may be the real leader through you; speak no message without **asking** that He may speak through you; begin no work without **asking** that God may work through you. For

"If Ye Ask I Will Do"

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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AUXILIARY REPORT OF HORSE BRANCH CHURCH

The Women's Auxiliary, Circle Number Two, held its regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Thelta McClam on Saturday afternoon, September 14, 1944. There were thirteen members who answered to their names when the roll was called. There were also two visitors present for the meeting, and one new member joined our society.

Our members began the study of a book on "Soul Winning" since early summer. The chapters were based on Bible references, which were read and explained by Mrs. E. O. Coker. During the business session we collected $5.25 as the monthly dues from the members. We also collected $2.08 as the Birthday Offering; 85 cents for missions; 60 cents for the Penny-A-Day offering; and $4.18 as a love offering (home missions). The total collected amounted to $12.96.

A special request was made by the president of the society that we make our gifts to the "Love Offering," which are used for home missions, as liberal as possible.

Activities

Sick visits made	26
Trays sent	5
Cash donation reported	$ 3.50
Refreshment Stand Com., reported from annual S. S. picnic, which convened Sep. 2nd	$46.00

There being no further business, the society adjourned to meet with Mrs. R. H. Gowdy in October.

Mrs. B. M. Thomas, President,
Mrs. Thelma McClam, Secretary

AUXILIARY REPORT OF UNION GROVE

The Women's Auxiliary of Union Grove Church met at the home of Mrs. Floyd Morris on Wednesday afternoon, September 20, 1944. Mrs. Bagley Morris was in charge of the program. The topic was "Be Ye Steadfast in Stewardship." The opening hymn was "How Firm a Foundation." The Scripture was read by Mrs. Zellie Johnson after which Mrs. Will Edgerton offered prayer. Those taking part on the program were Mrs. Floyd Morris, and Miss Louise Pittman. Special music was rendered by Misses Audrey and Louise Pittman.

The business session was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the dues were paid in at this time. Mrs. Joe Morris was appointed to serve as program leader for the month of October.

Activities

Dues paid in	$6.55
Bible chapters read	84
Cards sent	9
Sick visits made	17
Trays taken to the sick	5
Flowers given	1

After the business was finished, the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Bagley Morris in October. Then the members of the society were invited out to the grape vine, and they were advised to help themselves to a feast of grapes.

Miss Louise Pittman, Cor.-Secy.

Who is among you that fearth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name o f the Lord, and stay upon his God. Isa. 50: 10.

IMPORTANT!

WHEN and WHERE do your associations meet?

I am calling upon every person who reads these statements to send to me the minute of your State and local associations, also when and where do your Yearly Meetings hold sessions this year?

1. I want to attend your meetings.
2. I want the name and address of every Free Will Baptist minister in the United States. This is needed for different reasons.

I am calling upon all associational leaders to get to and from your people more accurate reports. This is important—if you will talk to the Lord, He will impress you of its importance.

Please promise the Lord Jesus Christ that you will make a better record for Him. See that it gets to the proper person. May I thank you for your past co-operation, and will you continue the good work for Him.

Rev. Robert B. Crawford,
Executive Secretary

HOME-COMING CELEBRATION

We, the church at Shiloh, Beaufort County, North Carolina, wish to announce that our Homecoming Celebration will be on Saturday before the Third Sunday in October, 1944. We are requesting all members who possibly can to come and enjoy the occasion with us. All former pastors are also given a special invitation to be presen for this Homecoming day at our church. Come and worship the Lord with us.

Let us try to make it an enjoyable occasion in the service of the Lord. Dinner will be served on the church grown, as is our regular custom each year. Come one and all.

J. E. Foreman, Church Clerk

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek. Psa. 27: 8.

REVIVAL AT ELM GROVE

The revival meeting will begin at Elm Grove Church on October the first and will continue for a week or ten days. The Reverend J. C. Moye, the pastor, will do the preaching. There will be special music rendered each evening by Mrs. Moye and others.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services, and to take a part in the song services, and to worship the Lord with us. Please come early each evening and let us begin the services on time, and may we have a large attendance for each service.

Levi Worthington

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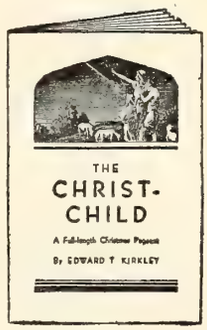
Standard Christmas Book No. 5



Here is a new collection of Christmas material so varied that there is something for every age group. Included is the full-length pageant, "The Christ-child," by Edward T. Kirkley (described to the right). Then there are two playlets for mixed characters, "Trimming the Christmas Tree," and "Little Miss Luxury's Christmas"; a short dialogue; two brief exercises for Primary and Junior children; twenty poems for recitation; Louise M. Oglevee's Christmas story, "The Little Prince's Christmas Tree," and two pages of suggested Christmas music. Truly, this is a compilation that every Christmas program committee chairman will welcome. Forty-eight pages, paper binding. Price, 25c.

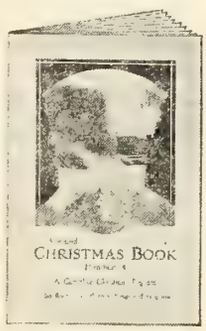
The Christ-child

By Edward Thomas Kirkley



This pageant (also included in the "Standard Christmas Book No. 5") presents the events surrounding the birth of Christ in a dignified and effective manner. From Part I, in which Gabriel appears to the virgin Mary until the pageant closes (Part V) with the visit of the Shepherds, the use of the classic hymns, Scripture reading and prayer adds a most worshipful tone. Arranged for six men and seven women, one Intermediate girl, two Primary boys and a group of Beginners. Each of the sixteen members of the main cast should have a copy of the printed pageant. Price, 10c. each; $1.00 a dozen.

Standard Christmas Book No. 4



Regardless of size, the "Standard Christmas Book No. 4" contains a collection of Christmas helps that will meet the need of every school.

First, there is Dr. Edward Thomas Kirkley's "The Quest of the East"—a full-length pageant. Second, suggested "Christmas Programs" completely planned and outlined from materials included with the book. Then a collection of recitations, dialogues, playlets, acrostic drills, etc. And to complete the book, Christmas songs and a guide for the selection of Christmas music, prepared by a skilled musician. Bound in heavy paper. Price, 25c.

The Quest of the East

By Edward Thomas Kirkley

This pageant is included in the "Standard Christmas Book No. 4," but is here offered separately.

The familiar Bible story of the three Wise-men who followed the star to Bethlehem has been developed into a Christmas pageant of real quality and effectiveness. Classic Christmas hymns furnish a background to the action and make it possible to utilize the church choir in connection with the presentation. The impressiveness of each act is further emphasized by the use of notable Christmas poetry.

The pageant is divided into six parts, requiring twenty characters (thirteen men and seven women). Playing time is approximately one hour. Price, each, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

Christmas

A Fifteen-minute Pageant by Henrietta Heron

This pageant provides a unique and effective feature for any Christmas celebration service. This pageant has been prepared to meet the need expressed by leaders of young people for a program feature that will utilize the talent of older boys and girls and thus enlist their interest and service. Price, per copy, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

The Christmas Quest

By Ora Winifred Wood

The plan of this playlet is arranged in three parts; namely, Part I: Prologue, "The Christ-child's Birth"; Interlude, "The Christ-child's Quest." Part II: "The End of the Quest." Part III: "Where the Christmas Spirit Shines." Every school, whether large or small, will find this most effective. Price, per copy, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

Unto One of the Least

A Christmas playlet with a plot and a story that bring out strongly the Christmas spirit which true Christians know and love. Price, per copy, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

Standard Christmas Book No. 2

Compiled and Arranged by Helen Lyons

First in this program book is a beautiful sixteen-page playlet, "The First Christmas." Following are thirty-two pages of poems, songs, pageants, tableaux and playlets that may be used selectively at any time and in connection with any Christmas program. A valuable collection at a moderate price. Heavy paper binding. Price, 25c.

The First Christmas

By M. M. Sturgis

A complete service included in the "Standard Christmas Book No. 2," in sixteen pages, based upon the experiences of the shepherds in the Judean hills. "The Glorious Message," "The First News," "The Babe in the Manger," "Go Ye" and "Approval," including music and complete instructions for selecting and rehearsing the players, and preparing costumes and necessary properties. Price, each, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

The Story of the First Christmas

By Florence McCafferty Waterman

This dramatization program is especially arranged for presentation by Primary children with the assistance of an adult quartet. The program comprises three divisions as follows: Part I, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," sung by quartet. Part II, "The Story of the First Christmas," told by one child or a succession of Primary children. Part III, the play. Price, per copy, 25c.; per dozen, $2.00.

St. Claire Bible Class
Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

JESUS' UNDERSTANDING OF MAN

(Lesson for October 15)

Lesson: Matthew 12: 9-21.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man" (John 2: 25).

The wisest men and women in every age of human history have been deceived repeatedly by people whom they trusted. Hypocrites perfect their art to the point where it is impossible to detect or expose them. Spies and saboteurs illustrate the natural ability of man to deceive and cheat his fellows, and the craft of sinful man is an amazing gift from Satan.

But God is not mocked: He knows the very thoughts of the secret imagination, and discerns the intentions and purposes of humanity before they are consciously formed in our hearts. No degree of skill can cover us from Divine condemnation, nor can any measure of modesty keep us from the blessing of Divine commendation.

But would Christ have died for so vile a race if He had really plumbed the depth of their mental degradation? Would He not have known that the great majority of those for whom He died would reject Him, scorn His offer of grace and mercy, and sneer at the offer of salvation?

My friend—it was just the knowledge that this **would** happen and His complete insight into human depravity which impelled Jesus to His great sacrifice!

This is so for two evident reasons: First, any good doctor is more interested in healing the sick who are really suffering than he is in pampering some imaginary invalid! Jesus came as the great Physician. He alone knew the cause of sin, hence He only could effect its cure. Well did our Saviour say, "I am not come to call the righteous, but **sinners** to repentance." The capable physician is challenged by a complicated case which calls forth all his skill and learning, and the cases which are written up in medical journals are those which were most complicated and difficult. Thus Jesus, knowing the fatal nature of the malady of sin, and knowing also that He alone could save some of the sufferers who were in the fell clutch of this dread malady, was **driven** to come and minister by the very force and completion of His full knowledge!

The second reason was His equal certainty that **some** of the race **would** accept His redemptive offer, and would be saved by His act. You see, Christ is not responsible for salvation: He is only responsible for making it available! The burden of accepting it and thus making it effective and operative rests upon the individual who hears the Gospel. And Jesus, who knew what was in the hearts of all men everywhere, died for those who **would** accept Him. For He well knew that a vast company would so do: in fact, He called them "the elect," and planned to build His Church with them.

It is a grand thing to worship a Saviour who knows what is in us: and loves us in spite of our failures, sin, and weakness!

II. Home Work

1. On what day did Jesus perform many of His good deeds? (Mat. 8: 14, 15; Mk. 3: 1-5; John 5: 1-9; Lu. 9: 10-17; Mat. 8: 23-26).

2. At what times did Jesus do good works? (Mat. 12: 9-13; 14: 15-21; Mk. 1: 32; John 3: 1, 2; 4: 6ff).

3. On whom did Jesus perform deeds of helpfulness? (Mat. 8: 2, 3, 13, 14, 15; 12: 10; John 5: 5, 6; 9: 1-7).

4. In whose presence were many of Christ's good works performed? (Mk. 2: 6, 7; 3: 2-4).

5. How did Jesus perform some of His miracles? (Mat. 8: 2, 3; 20: 32-34; Mk. 1: 30, 31; 2: 8-12; Lu. 7: 14, 15).

6. What different effects did Christ's miracles produce? (Mat. 9: 8; 15: 31; 12: 14; Mk. 3: 6).

7. How were the multitudes often affected by His great and good works? (Mat. 12: 15; Lu. 14-17).

8. How did Christ's good works produce publicity? (Mk. 1: 45; 5: 20; 7: 36; Lu. 8: 39).

9. What had been foretold of the goodness of Christ? (Is. 42: 1-4; 61: 1, 2).

10. Study prayerfully the splendid helps in our quarterlies and receive a blessing.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Prepared to Minister

A traveler stood one day beside the cages of some birds, that, exposed for sale, ruffled their sunny plumage in the wires, and struggled to be free. A way-worn and sun-browned man, like one returned from foreign lands, looked wistfully and sadly on these captives, till tears started in his eyes, and turning round on their owner, he asked the price of one, paid it in strange gold, and opening the cage set the prisoner free: and thus and thus he did with captive after captive, till every bird was away, soaring to the skies and singing on the wings of liberty. The crowd stared and stood amazed; they thought him mad, till, to the question of their curiosity, he replied, "I was once myself a captive; I know the sweets of liberty." And so they who have experience of guilt, have felt the serpent's bite, the burning poison in their veins, who on the one hand have felt the **sting of conscience**, and on the other the peace of faith, the joys of hope, the love, the light, the liberty, the life, that are found in Jesus — they, not excepting Heaven's highest angels, are the fittest to preach a **Saviour, to plead** with man for God, or plead with God for man.—Thomas Guthrie.

Jesus and Prophecy

Isaiah 60: 1-3

When Jesus came, prophecy was fulfilled, for we read in Matthew: "The people which sat in darkness

saw great Light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death Light is sprung up' (Mat. 4: 16). At a discussion in London, a working man was showing what Christ has done to bring light into the darkened world. The Christian nations are the most progressive, the most advanced. An infidel rose, and said, "It is all nonsense. Gas has done more to bring light to the world than Jesus and the Bible!" "Well, then," replied the Christian, "When you are dying, send for the gas man." —Selected.

A CORRECTION

Due to an error, the minutes of the Central Conference state that the 1944 session of the Conference would be held with King's Cross Roads Church. This should have been Sweet Gum Grove Church. It was also stated that the Trustees of the Conference were empowered to sell the Bear Creek Property to the Primitive Baptist people, when it should have been stated, the Trustees were empower to sell the Bear Creek Property to the Presbyterian people at Washington, North Carolina.

Please accept my apology for these errors.

E. C. Hines, Clerk

THE WAY TO WARDEN'S GROVE CHURCH

Lowland, North Carolina

This notice is for all those who are expecting to attend the Eastern Conference of North Carolina, which will convene on Wednesday after the third Sunday in October, 1944, in Pamlico County, at Warden's Grove Church, Lowland, North Carolina.

How to Get to Lowland

Those coming by the way of New Bern and on to Bayboro, Pamlico County, please take the highway from Bayboro to Cash Corner, and from there take the dirt road to the Inland Waterway Canal Bridge. About one mile straight ahead beyond the bridge turn short to the left and proceed straight ahead for about three miles, then you will make a left turn again and drive straight ahead to the church about one and a half mile away.

Those coming by the way of Washington or Greenville, North Carolina, please take the road at Chocowinity leading direct to Aurora, and from Aurora take the dirt road to the Inland Waterway Canal Bridge. Then follow the directions given in the above paragraph from the Bridge to the church at Lowland. A hearty welcome awaits everyone.

W. H. Lupton

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO MINISTERS

I should like to communicate with some ministers who have not obligated themselves for another year. I am interested in those who can qualify for a full-time pastorate in a thriving church.

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ALBEMARLE LEAGUE UNION PROGRAM

Theme: Whatsoever Things Learned in His Word

8:00—Song "Onward Christian Leaguers"
—Devotional, Phil. 4
—Song, "I Know the Bible Is True"
—List of Leagues called
—Solo, "One Day"
—Introductory talk by President, "Things Learned in His Word"
—Talk, "The Power of Prayer" by Billie Early
—Music by members of South Norfolk League
—Talk, "Faith Our Means of Victory," by Mary Frances Fowler
—Talk, "Soul Winning Our Duty" by A. L. Reynolds
—Song, "Throw Out the Life Line"
—General Business
—Closing song and benediction

Mrs. H. I. Fowler

PROGRAM FOR THE ALBEMARLE UNION MEETING

10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. R. P. Harris, local Pastor
10:15—Remarks by the Moderator, Rev. W. A. Hales
10:25—Enrollment of ministers
10:30—Business, Minutes read, list of churches called, etc.
11:00—Song service—local pastor in charge
11:15—Sermon—Rev. J. C. Griffin, State Field Secretary
12:00—Hymn, Benediction, Lunch
1:30—Devotions by Rev. H. E. Harden
1:55—Business—Miscellaneous
2:25—Prayer Service in behalf of the men and women in the armed forces, Rev. W. A. Hales in charge
3:00—Adjournment

Mrs. Archie Willoughby

ALBEMARLE S. S. CONVENTION PROGRAM

To be held at Corinth Church on October 29th, 1944.

10:00—Devotions led by Mrs. Archie Willoughby
10:15—Address by the president
10:20—Recognition and Roll Call of ministers
10:30—Special music arranged by Rev. H. E. Harden
10:35—Business, Minutes of last convention. Roll call of churches, etc.
11:10—Quartett arranged by Rev. R. P. Harris
11:15—Sermon by Rev. W. A. Hales
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Devotions conducted by Miss Alice Webster
1:15—Business Continued
2:00—Adjournment

Alonzo L. Reynolds

THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Central Conference, of North Carolina Free Will Baptists, will convene on November 8, 9, 10, 1944, with Sweet Gum Grove Church in Pitt County.

Sweet Gum Grove Church is located eight miles north of Greenville, and in one of the finest farming communities in the State. The church was organized about thirty-five years ago by the late Reverend R. F. Pittman, and like him, it has been very active. It is a large church, with ample parking space, and the Conference will be well cared for. A cordial invitation awaits each one who will attend this session of the Conference.

The Reverend L. B. Manning is moderator of the Conference, and he is requesting each church in the Conference to be sure to send one or more delegates to represent in this session. Please come on the first day, so that we may enter into the business of the Conference as early as possible.

The Reverend R. N. Hinnant is pastor of this church, and he is welcoming you to be present, and he will see that every courtesy will be shown you at the Convention.

By E. C. Hines, Clerk

AN APPEAL FOR SUPERANNUATION

Greetings, Friends of Superannuation:

Once again we approach the month designated in our Five-Point Program as "SUPERANNUATION MONTH." No doubt you will remember that last year this month was also designated by our State Association as "SUPERANNUATION MONTH."

We are happy to report to you that YOUR support last year made it possible for us to enjoy a BANNER YEAR in this department of our work. Our receipts from all sources were $2,231.88. With this amount we have been able to pay, for the first time in our history, a monthly pension to our retired ministers. We also have been able to support the National Superannuation Program, thereby providing for those of our ministers who will retire in the future.

You can see that this is more than we have done in one year before, however, we believe this is still much too small. The average monthly pension payment made to our retired ministers last year from the above funds was $6.83. I am sure that you will agree with me this is indeed only a small beginning of what we should do for our pastors who have served us many long years and now are unable to carry on the work of our Lord any longer. Therefore, our Board has asked for, and our State Association has approved, a budget of $5,000.00 for the coming year. This amount would enable us to more than double the monthly pensions of our retired ministers and our support of the national program for the future needs.

The records show that the per cent of increase in our department last year was the greatest of any department in our work. We are deeply grateful to you for making this possible and we invite you to help us again go over the top in our efforts to raise our budget of $5,000.00 needed for the coming year. Send your donation for SUPERANNUATION to Rev. M. L. Johnson, Box 83, Lucama, North Carolina.

REMEMBER OUR GOAL: $5,000 for SUPERANNUATION.

Yours in His Service,

M. L. Johnson,

Chairman-Treasurer

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. Deut. 33: 27.

That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more. Job 34: 32.

OUT IN THE FIELDS WITH JESUS

The little cares that fretted me
I lost them yesterday,
Among the fields above the sea,
Among the winds at play;
Among the lowing of the herds,
The rustling of the trees;
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.

The foolish fears of what might happen,
Among the clover-scented grass,
Among the new-mown hay;
Among the husking of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born—
Out in the fields with God!

—Elizabeth Barrett Browning

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The Sunday morning and evening services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Duff Toler of Chocowinity, North Carolina. Although there were but three additions to the church, we feel that the church was greatly benefitted and that the effects of the meeting will be long felt by the people. Most everyone who attended the services seemd to have enjoyed the meeting very much. The baptismal services were held on Thursday afternoon, and on that night the three who were baptized were received in the church, in full fellowship with the membership of the church.

We also had the Lord's Supper at the end of the service that night, and the washing of the saints' feet. We are asking God's blessings upon each of the new members, and upon the brethren as they go from place to place.

J. E. Foreman, Church Clerk

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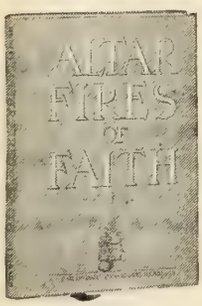
Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Psa. 37: 4.

O Lord, I would delight in thee,
And on thy care depend;
To thee in every trouble flee,
My best, my only friend.

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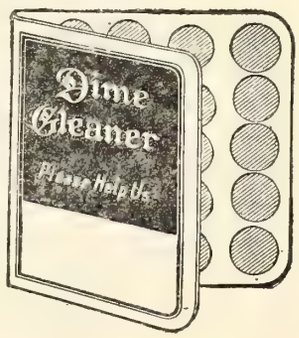
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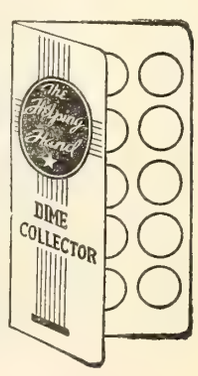
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Boys and Girls Corner

THE QUEEN'S SLAVE GIRL

If you will look on the map of Africa you will find a little country called Dahomey, and the old king of that country was a slave keeper. Whenever he made war he brought home hundreds of slaves, some of whom were killed for heathen sacrifices and some were sold. The good queen of England, Queen Victoria, was very angry with him for his wicked wars and his cruel slavery, and sent a great warship, the Bonetta, under the care of Commander Forbes, and he was told to try and make the wicked king change his wicked ways. But the king was not to be changed, and even while there Commander Forbes saw the king, with his own hands, throw fourteen men, dressed in white, over an awful precipice. This was done as a sacrifice to the heathen gods.

Not only did Commander Forbes fail to make the king stop his wicked ways, but he received from the king a little black girl three or four years old. She was a slave girl who was being kept for one of the king's cruel sacrifices. She was very pretty and was given by the king to the commander of the Bonetta as a present to his queen. He thought, I suppose, that Queen Victoria had slaves, too, and so he sent her a little black African slave as a present. As soon as she was given to the queen, of course she was free, but the great queen never forgot the little slave girl.

She was sent to the mission school and there educated. When she became a Christian, she was baptized and was given the name Sarah Forbes Bonetta. You see Bonetta was the name of the ship that had rescued her, and Forbes made her a home and she spent two or three happy weeks there. One wonders how the little black girl, who once had been a slave, would feel in the palace of the great white queen. But I know she was happy, for the queen was kind to her, and every time she went she received a lovely present. Once she received a gold watch, with the words engraved on it: "From Queen Victoria to Sarah Forbes Bonetta." When the Prince of Wales, who became Edward VII, was married, Sarah was invited to the wedding; the queen sent her a wonderful dress to wear and she was given a special seat among the guests. When she became a young woman she was married to a Christian man from Africa, and there in the country of Lagos, near the home of the old wicked king of Dahomey, she lived and was a great helper in the missionary work of that country. She had a little girl of her own who was called by the beautiful name of Victoria—Victoria Davis, and the queen loved them and never forgot them in their far-off African home.

One hardly knows which one to admire most, the great queen or the little slave girl who became a useful woman. We admire the little slave girl, who became such a sweet and lovable Christian that everybody was kind to her; but we also admire the great English queen who, busy with a hundred things every day, had time and love enough for a little black slave girl.

I think the greatest wonder of all is the power of the Gospel to make both a great queen and a poor little slave girl sweet and kind and winsome.—My Chum.

—Selected

ETERNITY

There's a Land of Fadeless Beauty,
  Just beyond the Mystic Sea;
Where the saved of earth are gathering
  For that Golden Jubilee.

Yes, a happy time is coming
  For the saved of every race;
From the Prophets and the Sages
  To the Saints redeemed by Grace.

There we'll meet and greet each other,
  Old acquaintance we'll renew;
Then look backward on the journey,
  And praise the One who led us through.

There we'll have no more sad partings,
  Not a sorrow on that shore;
Only peace, great jay and gladness,
  And praising Christ for evermore.

By Rev. Clyde Fender,
Orlando, Florida

DISAPPOINTMENT

"DISAPPOINTMENT — His appointment,"
  Change one letter, then I see
That the thwarting of my purpose
  Is God's better choice for me.
His appointment must be blessing,
  Though it may come in disguise,
For the end from the beginning
  Open to His wisdom lies.

"Disappointment — His appointment,"
  Whose? The Lord's, Who loves me best
Understands and knows me fully,
  Who my faith and love would test;
For, like loving earthly parent,
  He rejoices when He knows
That His child accepts, unquestioned,
  All that from His wisdom flows.

"Disappointment — His appointment,"
  "No good thing will He withhold,"
From denials oft we gather
  Treasures of His love untold.
Well He knows each broken purpose
  Leads to fuller, deeper trust,
And the end of all His dealings
  Proves our God is wise and just.

"Disappointment — His appointment,"
  Lord, I take it, then, as such,
Like the clay in hands of potter,
  Yielding wholly to Thy touch,
All my life's plan is Thy moulding,
  Not one single choice be mine;
Let me answer, unrepining—
  Father, 'Not my will, but Thine."

—Anon.

We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Heb. 4: 15.

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A Hymn of Trust

In quietness and confidence
My strength shall ever be!
No weariness shall overcome
The soul that's stayed on Thee.
Though trials sore and hardships come
My strength He shall renew;
His presence shall envelop me—
No ill shall e'er pass through.

My case into His hands I've given,
He knoweth all my need;
And He who notes the sparrow's fall
Shall still provide and lead.
Though sudden sorrow pierce my heart,
Though storm-clouds rise and thunders roll,
In quietness and confidence
Shall be my strength of soul.

Though friends may fail, the world be dark,
I know for me He cares,
And as a Father pitieth
In all my grief He shares.
And so, whatever may betide,
Or whether weal or woe,
In quietness and confidence
Shall be the strength I know.

—Nettie M. Sargent

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HOUSTON. It was on the night of June 7, 1944, that God and His holy angels visited the Houston Hospital, Colquitt, Georgia, and took my darling son, Leon Houston, home in heaven to live with the Lord.

It was very hard to part with him. Had he lived until the 18th of September, he would have been 54 years old. All was done for him that four doctors and the nurse and loved ones could do, but it all was to no avail.

Leon was a member of Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church. He joined when he was a young man. He leaves to mourn their loss a heart-broken mother, his dear wife, two sons, William C. and Milton Houston, and two daughters, Mrs. Milton Mock and Mrs. Chester Middleton, and one brother, and three sisters, and a host of friends.

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—By his Mother,
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EDITORIAL

A SUGGESTION TO GET SUBSCRIPTIONS

May we offer this suggestion to each local Sunday School, League, and Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist church in the United States concerning the securing of subscriptions to the Baptist paper? First, elect a live worker in your organization to solicit subscriptions during the months of October, November and December, 1944. Second, have them to wage a campaign for subscriptions in your church and community, with each solicitor trying to out-do the others working for their organizations in your church. Third, have them to send in their subscriptions when they have secured ten or more, together with the money to the F. W. B. Press at Ayden, North Carolina. Fourth, offer prizes, FIRST, SECOND and THIRD, to be awarded on the last Sunday in December, 1944, to each solicitor, according to the rank or place (first, second, or third) which he or she attained in the SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN in your church during that time. Let each local organization select and pay for the prize which it offers to the solicitor, and award it on the last Sunday in December, as a special occasion.

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THE FIFTY THOUSAND CO-LABORERS CAMPAIGN

In the last National Auxiliary Convention, the women put on a drive for a Fifty Thousand Co-Laborers Membership Campaign throughout the United States. The purpose of this membership campaign is to enlist co-laborers among the Auxiliaries of the denomination for Christian service in their local communities, and elsewhere when called, and also to raise money for the support of the outstanding phases of the work of the denomination. The membership fee is one dollar per person. This money is to be used, from time to time, to help missions, Christian education, superannuation, and the like.

Both men and women of every local church of the denomination are free to become a member of this Fifty Thousand Co-Laborers Campaign. The local Auxiliary of each church is to put on a drive and to solicit members, collecting the dollar, and turning over the funds collected to the right officials. Each church would do well to have an Honor Roll of names of those who have become members, and place it on the wall of the church as a method of boosting this campaign. Much good can be derived from a strong working membership of this band in each local church and community.

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A S. S. FIELD WORKER

Recently in the State of North Carolina, the State Sunday School Convention elected a Sunday School Field Worker. This person is the Reverend J. Albert Harris, of Enfield, North Carolina. This young minister will make visits to Sunday Schools in the State, from time to time, when invited, to give lectures and advice on how to improve the work of the Sunday School.

We think this is a forward step for the Sunday Schools of the State, and that many of them should engage Brother Harris to make visits for the purpose of instructing them concerning better ways of conducting and advancing the Sunday School. Many of the schools are in need of first-hand instruction and advice which, when put into practice, would advance the cause greatly.

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THE FIVE-POINT PROGRAM

The Five-Point Program, as arranged for the North Carolina churches, is becoming better understood by many of the church people of the State. In fact, more churches are falling in with the arrangement of the program, and are making special offerings for the specified purpose for certain months, as laid down in the program.

This is a fine way to get the church people accustomed to giving to the different causes of the denomination in a definite way, and to look forward each month for the time to make a special offering for each phase of the denominational work. When people are rightly informed as to their duties to the church, they are willing to respond in a liberal way. It is not like it was years ago, when so very often church members did not believe in giving to the Orphanage, or for missions, old worn out ministers, or to Christian education. They are now seeing the need for supporting all of these worthy causes of the church.

There may be some few churches yet and their leaders that are not much concerned about missions, superannuation, Christian education, orphanage work, and some other phases of the work of the church, but they are waking up to their duties and responsibilities. They are becoming better informed as to the real purpose of the local church, and what it is to do for the cause of righteousness in a larger way. Whether poor or small in membership, they are beginning to see that their offerings for worthy causes will help greatly, when added to whole program of financing of the denominational work, and thus they are falling in line, too, by making their offerings as the other churches are doing. No church wants to be a slacker.

God's Challenge

What It Is

God planted a garden in Eden. In it He put man whom He had formed from the dust of the earth to dress and keep it. All manner of good fruit to eat God caused to grow in the Garden. He told Adam that he might freely eat of every tree except of the **tree of knowledge of good and evil;** for the day that he should eat thereof he would surely die.

God made Eve and brought her to Adam as his help meet or wife. The serpent (Satan) tempted her to eat the forbidden fruit, saying that she would not die, but she and Adam would become as gods, knowing good and evil. When she saw that the tree was good to look upon, and the fruit was good for food, she ate and gave to Adam, and he did eat.

In this act Eve and Adam disobeyed God, bringing sin upon all mankind. "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Rom. 5: 12). God placed punishment upon them, and drove them from the garden. Thus they lost Paradise, and the happiness of this first state with the Heavenly Father. Then God said, "Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the **tree of life,** and eat, and live for ever" (Gen. 3: 22).

This is God's challenge: Man is to put forth his hand, and take of the **tree of life, and live for ever.** He is to come back to God; regain Paradise; choose the good; forsake the evil; and live for him. He has provided the way in this challenge through the spilt blood of Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, on the Cross. God's challenge is for everyone to accept Christ as his or her personal Saviour, and live true to His teachings. Dear reader, this salvation is for you. Will you accept it?

Why You Should Heed It

Kind friend, the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden brought sin upon all mankind as is stated above. Good and evil since their fall have been ever in the world. God's holy Word reveals this truth. Their eyes saw their mistake after their disobedience to the Almighty. Since that fall, and until the present moment, God's Holy Word reveals to man the need of obeying God and returning to Him, that is, being born again, born of the Spirit. Man is born under the curse of sin, and must be redeemed through the blood of Jesus Christ; there is no other way. He alone can save your soul from eternal punishment. God sent Him into the world that all who will believe on Him as their personal Saviour might be saved.

Moreover, it is not God's will that any should perish, but that all might come unto Him and live. He loves everyone and has provided the way of salvation, but He does not compel anyone to come against his will. Nor did He force Adam and Eve to eat of the forbidden fruit; it was their own act at the suggestion of Satan. On the other hand, He definitely warned against their taking the forbidden fruit. The serpent beguiled Eve, but she was not compelled to accept his challenge. Consequently, it is for you, dear reader, to heed God's challenge. He promises redemption for all who will meet the terms of the Gospel: faith in the blood of Christ.

Then, most assuredly, everyone who is a normal being, and who has reached the age of accountability should realize his or her lost condition, and the need of salvation. All the unredeemed must feel the awful results of continuing in sin, and the condemnation of its power on human souls. People everywhere must see the great need of renouncing sin and Satan, and accepting the way of salvation. The writer to the Hebrews wrote this all-important question: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2: 3). This unanswerable question applies to everyone who has not come to the knowledge of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. The challenge is universal; all mankind is under the curse; and the races of people are to seek God.

How You Are to Accept It

Then, one may ask, How may a person accept this power of God unto salvation? Or, Just what must one do to become a child of God? For everyone, the answer is given in God's Holy Word. Read the Scriptures, for in them you will find the way of eternal life.

Will you listen, kind friend, to these words of St. John? "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jno. 3: 16). You must have faith in God who loves your soul, and was willing to give His Son on the Cross that you might have eternal life. It is necessary for you to believe on the Lord Jesus as your personal Saviour. You are to exercise faith in His power to save you from your sins. Hear these words of the Master, "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost" (Matt. 18: 11). You are to confess Jesus as the Saviour of lost humanity. "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 10: 32). Every sinner is to confess his sins before the Lord. The Apostle John said, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins" (I Jon. 1: 9). In Romans, Paul said, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Rom. 10: 10).

It is not enough to confess your sins, but you are to be penitent; feel condemned over your lost condition; and be possessed with godly sorrow in your heart for your sins. You are to repent and seek forgiveness. Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13: 3). There must be a change in the sin-

ner's heart; he must seek the Lord. John the Baptist preached in the wilderness, saying, "Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," and many people "were baptized of him in the Jordan, confessing their sins." On the day of Pentecost the Apostle Peter preached to the multitude, saying, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2: 38). Three thousand souls were saved that day.

Yes, you are to make a profession of faith in the Lord, and become "the new man" in Christ Jesus. You are to accept the plan of salvation by faith in Him. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3: 26). Jesus said, "Repent ye and believe the gospel" (Mark 1: 15). Yes, He came to "minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20: 28). Everyone is to believe and accept the terms of the gospel, and be saved. Again the Master said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11: 28). You are to accept His call; do not reject His salvation; it is free for all. His grace is sufficient to save you, "For by grace are ye saved through faith . . . it is the gift of God" (Eph. 2: 8). You will never find this sweet rest and comfort to your soul until you accept Jesus Christ as your Saviour.

What Salvation Will Do for You

When a person is really and truly saved, having been "born of water and of the Spirit," he is a new creature indeed and in truth. He no longer desires to do the evil things which his former, sinful nature enjoyed, but he rejoices now in doing that which is right in the sight of Almighty God. He has been made a new creature in Christ Jesus our Lord, with a new view of life and its responsibilities.

The Apostle Paul became a different man when he received this new life, and he rejoiced in preaching the Gospel to the lost, and became the world's greatest missionary. The Ethiopian eunuch confessed "that Jesus Christ is the Son of God," and Philip baptized him, and "he went on his way rejoicing." Dwight L. Moody's soul was filled with this same spirit of God, and he led thousands of men and women to accept Christ through his preaching the Word. Countless numbers of Christians have witnessed this redemptive power of God, and have been filled with joy, and the blessed assurance of having been born again by the Spirit of God.

And, kind reader, when you have witnessed this new life in Christ Jesus, it will give you the true value of living. With the Spirit of God in your heart, you will not have any desire to mistreat or harm your fellowman, but will love him and be his friend. You will experience great joy and peace in serving the Lord. You, then, will feel the Spirit of God leading you to help the fallen man or woman, and become a blessing to mankind. When things go wrong, as they do at times with everyone, and you are burdened with sorrows and the problems of life, you will find comfort and peace to your soul by confiding in the Lord. Although friends and material blessings may disappear or leave you, still the Heavenly Father, the One in whom you have put your trust, will never leave nor forsake you. Your home and community will be brighter and happier because of the Christian life that you are living, and the world will be made better by your new life in Christ Jesus. What more could anyone desire?

ANNOUNCEMENT

We wish to announce through the Baptist paper that Brother N. Bruce Barrow of Kinston will begin our revival at Rock Spring Church, near Bailey, North Carolina, on Sunday night, October 15, 1944. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services. We are asking the churches to pray for the meeting.

Oscar Hinton,

Middlesex, N. C.

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TO SINFUL MEN

Oh wretched men! "How oft would I have gathered you, as a hen doth gather the little ones under her wings, but ye would not." I love men because I made them for my glory, but they have stubbornly walked away from me. But my Church on earth is calling them, and they are turning deaf ears to it.

Oh Men! I made the earth for you to dwell on. I have furnished you with food and water, and clothing to keep you warm, but you have turned away as though I had done nothing for you. I have made a beautiful heaven for you to dwell in if you will only accept me as your Lord and Master. But, Oh Men! If you will still continue to rebel against me, you will cry for the rocks and mountains to fall upon you in that great day. Oh Men! Are you not being too stubborn? Are you not seeking that which I have the power to snatch away from you as quick as thought? Will you continue to dare me?

Oh Men! Consider that we are the Lord's creation. He made the heavens and the earth, for He built it all for His glory. Oh Men! Can you not make up your minds to have one wise thought, and to see for sure that you must change your ways in order to get to heaven, and to stay out of hell? That is the only way to escape the wrath of God in that great day. The only way to get to heaven is to accept Christ as your personal Saviour.

May I tell you men as a friend that you had better get right with God before this world comes to an end. Oh Men! If I had the power to save you, I would feel happy about you, but I have it not. All that I can do is to plead with you to turn away from sin and to accept Christ and live for Him. But, if you will not accept Christ's invitation to be saved, then you will go down into eternal punishment. No one will be the blame but yourself for your lost condition. I am wishing you heaven after this life is over, and how can I wish you more?

B. E. Coxwell,

Route 1, Box 176-A,
Blountstown, Fla.

OFFER A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

South Norfolk Church is entering its second building fund drive and is asking everyone to help start the drive with a prayer. Our church was organized last October, so we are starting a building fund drive October 15, and will go on until Thanksgiving Day. The Lord has surely blessed us so far and we hope to do more this coming year with his help. As we enter this drive we are pleading with the ministers, church clerks and all Christians to join us in a Thanksgiving Prayer. We are taught in Phil. 4: 6 to "be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." If this be true we will first pray and let the Lord know our needs then our drive will take care of itself. Some people may say go to the Church Finance Board for held. Do you not know that any church outside the State of North Carolina is barred from help through the Finance Board by law? The only way we can get help is through the Foreign Mission Board, and that would take quite a while and we are in need of a church this fall if the Lord be willing. We have enough churches if they would all join us in this Thanksgiving Prayer and a small offering and our ministers carry it out in their churches we could build within the next two or three months. You know Jesus asked Peter in the 21st chapter of John, "Lovest thou me?" Peter said, "you know I do love thee." He saith unto him, "Then feed my sheep." Brethren, Sisters and Friends, we have a lot of his sheep, so to speak, here in Tide Water Virginia that are hungry and need feeding, will you not help us feed them; if we love our Master we will feed his sheep.

Some of our churches, L. A., Leagues and individuals have been more than faithful to us and may the Lord repay you many times is our prayers for you today. We all have talents, let's use them. I think we are too careless at times in our work for the Lord, but if there ever was a time when we need to be doing our best it is today. I stop and think of our boys on the battle front fighting and giving their precious lives that we might have a home of love and freedom, then I think what are we doing? Are we backing them up by letting our light so shine for the Master that the world would be worth dying for, or are we just letting it go on in sin and shame and not trying to do anything about it? Brethren, let's wake up and fight for the Master.

We have a great field here and should have one of our strongest churches here and one that we all could be proud of. Let's put it on the **"church map"** for our Master, it's his work, not ours. The place we now use, as some know, is on a second floor and makes it bad for some of our older people to attend services.

We are soliciting your prayers for the success of our work, we remain,

Building Fund Finance Com.,

So. Norfolk F. W. B. Church

Mail all offerings to Wilton H. Dail, Treasurer, 309 Graydon Ave., Norfolk (7) Va.

MT. TABOR CHANGES PASTORS

The Reverend J. R. Forrest of New Bern, North Carolina, has pastored the Mt. Tabor Church for the past three years, and he has been a faithful and true servant of the Lord. He has been true in all of his duties as pastor of this church, which has made much progress during his splendid leadership.

Some of the important things that were done under his pastorate are many precious souls were born into the kingdom of God; one brother was licensed to preach; Sunday School rooms were built to the church, and well furnished. We regret very much that he is leaving us, but we will remember him for quite a while. We pray that God will continue to bless him in the new fields that he shall enter to labor.

There awaits a hearty welcome at Mt. Tabor any time Brother Forrest wishes to return. Any church desiring Brother Forrest will do well to call him as pastor. Our new pastor who will succeed Brother Forrest is Rev. Herman Wooten of Garner, North Carolina. We are asking every Christian who reads this brief message to pray for Mt. Tabor Church that we always be active in the service of our Lord.

Mrs. Jordan Phelps

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

Receipts for the month of Sept., 1944

Missouri	$ 755.10
North Carolina	421.75
Ohio	255.00
Michigan	209.73
Oklahoma	124.25
Texas	107.98
Arkansas	103.61
Georgia	43.19
South Carolina	22.00
Florida	16.42
Kentucky	4.00
Refund by Miss Barnard	5.00
National Treasurer (from Unified Fund)	306.89
National Auxiliary Conv.	41.54
Trinity Church of Nashville, Tennessee	25.00
	$2,441.46

Winford Davis, Treasurer

REVIVAL AT DUBLIN GROVE CHURCH

Noah Webster's definition for revival is: "Spiritual Awakening," and that is what we have experienced at Dublin Grove Church in Beaufort County, as a result of a series of meetings conducted by the Reverend S. A. Smith of Beulaville, North Carolina.

Reverend Smith was with us about ten days, bringing inspiring messages on interesting subjects each evening. Most of the people agreed that he is a man who preaches a simple gospel message which conveys the truth and convicts sinners of their guilt. He stirred the luke-warm people into the realization of their cold condition, and warmed their hearts

toward God. The faithful servants of the Lord were moved "to press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." He gained many friends throughout this section.

It was one of the best meetings at Dublin Grove in many years, carrying with it a lasting effect. The vision of the church members has been greatly broadened, church attendance has increased, the Sunday School has revived in spirit, and a greater desire is felt by the church people to do a greater work for the Lord.

A Member of the Church

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

September 30, 1944

Receipts

The following is the Report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. F. W. Baptist State Association for September, 1944.

Sept. 1, 1944, Balance on hand	$498.79
Receipts for Sept.	168.10
Total to account for	$666.89

Disbursements

Sept. 30, Office Expense	$ 2.00
Sept. 7, Travel by Board Members	14.58
Sept. 30, Travel by the Chairman - Treasurer	3.00
Sept. 30, Checks to Retired Ministers	122.50
Sept. 30, Check to National Board	37.13
Total paid out in Sept.	$179.21
Balance on hand Oct. 1	$487.68

Receipts Itemized

Sept. 1, Mosley's Creek	$ 5.00
Sept. 11, St. Mary's L. A. S. (Western Conference)	5.00
Sept. 13, Juniper Chapel	10.00
Sept. 14, R. R. Jones	2.00
Sept. 16, Rev. J. H. French	33.00
Sept. 19, Edgewood L. A. D.	1.10
Sept. 19, N. C. State Asso.	100.00
Sept. 23, Mosley's Creek L. A. S.	5.00
Sept. 23, St's. Delight L. A. S. (Craven County)	2.00
Sept. 23, Mt. Zion L. A. S. (Eastern Conference)	5.00
Total Receipts for Sept.	$168.10

M. L. Johnson,

Chairman-Treasurer

CAPE FEAR UNION REPORT

The Cape Fear Union meeting met with the Church at Yelverton's Grove on July 29, 1944. The morning devotions were in charge of Rev. M. E. Godwin. In the absence of the moderator, Rev. C. H. Coats, the assistant moderator, Rev. M. E. Godwin, took charge and called for the roll call of ministers, committees and officers. The secretary being absent, Mrs. Nelson Stewart was asked to act for the day. The visitors were enrolled and the union was glad to have Rev. Wiley Ferrell of the Western Association present. He made some appropriate remarks concerning the work of the union. Special prayer was offered on the behalf of Rev. C. H. Coats who was ill in Rex Hospital, after which a special free-will offering was taken for Brother Coats.

Rev. Herman Wooten presented Rev. W. E. Bond to the union, who spoke on mission work. The church reports were received by the Finance and Allocation committee. The eleven o'clock message was delivered by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. H. R. Faircloth after which the business session was entered into, and Brother Kirby West discussed the Church Finance Association. He suggested that the union take another membership in the association. Rev. M. L. Johnson discussed this matter further and a motion was made and carried that the union buy another membership.

The reports were received from the Sunday School, Education and Mission Boards, also from the program committee. The Finance and Allocation committee made their report which was followed by the treasurer's report. All reports were received and adopted. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown to this union meeting. A motion was carried to reimburse Rev. Herman Wooten to the amount of $12.80 for money which he spent in the work at Garner and Willow Springs communities. All offcers and standing committees were re-elected for the ensuing year. The union was closed by prayer by Rev. Herman Wooten.

Rev. M. E. Godwin,

Assistant Moderator,
Mrs. M. E. Godwin, Clerk

DOWN THE GOSPEL LANE

When you are weary and despondent,
And you feel no one cares for your pain;
Then take down your old worn Bible,
Take a trip down the Gospel lane.

Take a walk on the streets of Jerusalem,
Then travel on to Galilee;
Although you are getting tired and weary,
Don't forget to pass back by Mount Calvery.

As you walk through the streets of the city,
Can't you see our Dear Saviour standing there?
When He sees you are suffering with heartaches,
Can't you see our Master draw near?

He goes from the sad to the lonely,
To the sick, that them He may heal;
We have no pain, nor heartaches
That the Master Himself does not feel.

We may not be Mary, nor Martha,
But His heart is touched for us, too;
That's why our Dear King, our Master,
Is always watching you.

Mrs. John K. Rhodes,

P. O. Box 582,

Jacksonville, N. C.

TEACHING and TRAINING

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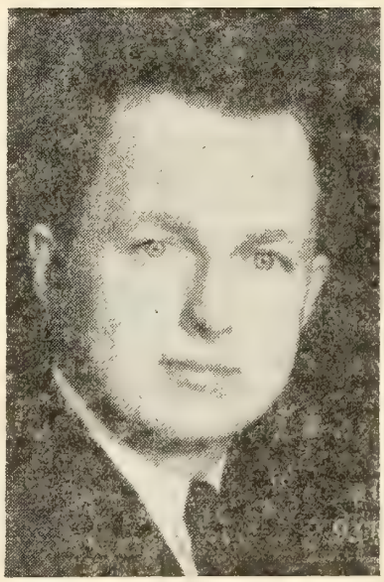
SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS - TEACHERS' TRAINING PROGRAM

By Raymond T. Sasser, President
N. C. F. W. B. Sunday School
Convention-Institute

Acting upon the instructions of the past session of our convention to secure the services of a Field Secretary, the Executive Board is pleased to announce the election of Rev. J. Albert Harris, Enfield, N. C., as our Field Secretary for this year.

Bro. Harris' chief duties will be to conduct special training courses for officers and teachers of all Sunday Schools that desire to have him visit them. His will be a "portable Bible School" enabling our people to receive training in Christian service, and Sunday School teaching and management right in their own community.

However, before we say too much about what he will do, let us learn more about him. Bro. Harris (Albert to his intimate friends) was born into the Christian home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Harris on February 5, 1921. The name Harris needs no introduction to Free Will Baptists, inasmuch as he has two uncles who are outstanding ministers in our denomination. Rev. R. P. Harris, of Enfield, is pastor of several churches, and is also Director of Organization for our State Sunday School Convention. At the last session of the State Association, Bro. R. P. Harris was named chairman of the State Association Assembly Grounds Committee. Dr. Leonard Earl Harris, of Chicago, Illinois, is widely known throughout the nation for his splendid voice, likeable personality, and sacred devotion to his life's work, teaching, training, and preaching. So you can readily see that Albert has a big goal ahead of him, to try to follow in the footsteps of his uncles.



REV. J. ALBERT HARRIS

Albert graduated from high school in the spring of 1940, and in January 1942, he registered at Bob Jones College, where for three semesters he took intensive training in Bible, piano, voice, and speech. Having been a Christian since the age of eight, at Bob Jones he was under the influence of fellow Christian students and professors, and fully surrendered his life and heart to Christ. Today his main interest in life is working with young people and the laity of our church, trying to lead them to God.

Albert is a member of the Dawson Grove F. W. B. Church near Enfield, and is the supply pastor for the Goldsboro F. W. B. Church for the coming conference year. He has been pastoring Union Chapel this year near Plymouth.

SUPERINTENDENTS and PASTORS—Is your school in need of a good teacher training course? Do you have a trained teacher and assistant teacher for each class? Do your teachers really understand how to teach? Do your Sunday School officers need training in their work? Do they understand how, when, and what they should do? Do you have a Workers Council to plan, guide and chart the course of your school? Or, is your school "just drifting along with the tide?"

While you are answering these questions in your own mind, if the answer to one or more of them is yes, then I am sure Albert can come into your community, conduct an institute that will give you new ideas, invaluable training, and inspire you and your fellow workers on to higher goals for our Lord and Master.

Don't wait to study this over, or you may be late. Albert is beginning to plan his itinerary. Write him immediately and tell him what week you want him to come, and he will immediately let you know if the time you specify is open, and if not, when he can go.

The Cost? That is not the primary objective in this service. When your people see the good he has accomplished, I am sure they will be more than glad to reimburse him for his service. Remember, "the laborer is worthy of his hire."

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Devil's Line Up

As we often say, "The Devil does not care how much religion a person may have just so that person does not have the Lord Jesus Christ." The so-called Religious faith that makes it possible for the "Jewish religion" the "Roman Catholic religion" and the "Protestant religion" to be combined into one worshipful body is not of God. Plainly, it is of the Devil.

Judaism is an enemy of Christ. It was this religion that condemned the Lord Jesus Christ to death. It is the law of the old Testament. Paul said we are, "not under the law but under grace." If we go back under the

Law we are fallen from grace. I had a friend many years ago who was a Jew. I still have friends among the Hebrew family. This Jew said to me, one Saturday, as we were walking along the street close to the Jewish temple, and as he was about to enter to worship, "Mr. Griffin come in and worship with us." I had to say, "I cannot worship with you." This man worshipped in Judaism, but I worship the "LIVING CHRIST." We cannot worship under the law and at the same time WORSHIP THE LIVING SON OF GOD.

If the Roman Catholic religion is right, then every Protestant is wrong. But as a "born Again Child of the LIVING GOD" I know that my SALVATION is of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and that I have to go to no living man, let him be priest, pope or what-not, to confess my sins. I have an HIGH PRIEST who lives eternally. Praise the Lord. My HIGH PRIEST "Is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life" (Heb. 7: 16). And again let us read, "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did once, when he offered up himself" (Heb. 7: 25-27).

Thank God I do not have to ask Mary or any angel, or any man who is called a priest or even the pope to introduce me to the FATHER, (not a man that people are taught to call "father" but my HEAVENLY FATHER) for CHRIST SAID, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh to the Father, but by me" (John 14: 6). Not by Mary, but by CHRIST.

The Only Name

"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the Stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4: 10-12). Where is any room for Mary? Where is any room for an angel? Where is any room for JUDAISM? It is CHRIST or it is ETERNAL DAMNATION.

Knowing as I do, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, I cannot afford to join with any organization for the promotion of religion that takes away, or adds to the WORD of God. A religion that does not EXALT CHRIST as the only SAVIOUR of a lost sinner is not of God, but is well pleasing to Satan.

A religion that adds to GOD'S plan is equally in the same position as a denial of CHRIST.

A religion that denies the SHED-BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST as the only hope of the sinner is not of God, but is of the Devil. The New Testament declares that "Jesus Christ died for our sins"; that He "arose for our justification"; and that "He sits at the right hand of the Father, as our ADVOCATE."

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." Not healed by Judaism. Not healed by Mary nor healed by the Pope, but by the Lord Jesus Christ.

"Christ was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4: 25). "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God" (Rom. 5: 1, 2).

I cannot join the Federal Council of Churches, Judaism and a religion whose earthly head sets himself up as Christ and claim salvation through three ways, when the Bible teaches ONLY ONE WAY.

P. S.—Have you made a gift to Superannuation yet? October is the month to make a special offering. Have you heard about it? Look at the Five-Point Program that is tacked up in some place in your church edifice.

SERVICEABLE OLD AGE

By A. R. Flowers

We are being told of the great work being done, in the service of the Lord, by our aged evangelists and pastors: "Men who are well on in their eighties are now doing some of their greatest life work in soul saving. God still has many such, as Benjamin Kidd and others, and he is using them in mysterious ways."

As long as a man is a good thinker he is a good leader, but there are many Free Will Baptist people who measure the capabilities of a man by the gray hair on his head, rather than by the gray matter in his head.

ENCOURAGEMENT

Dr. Charles S. Price, who has recently returned from another transcontinental tour, is this time much encouraged. He now has a firm conviction that men and women are really turning back to God. They are seeking new visions and their souls are being enlivened with the glory of a new hope. He believes that this age, which began with Pentecost will finish with Pentecost and that before our Lord appears in the clouds of glory, we are going to see the manifestations of his glory in his spirit filled saints, in spite of their tribulations.

The day will come and not so far down the future when the Holy Ghost will take the unsatisfied children, of the Lord, and lead them into the possession of the promises which our Lord made before his ascension into glory.

Now, as uncertain and perplexing as conditions appear to be, it is good for us to feel as this great divine does; and work in the hope of rebuilding the Master's kingdom on earth.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

A CALL FOR 50,000 CO-LABORERS

Free Will Baptist women have always been in the front lines when the denomination was on the march for God and the cause of Jesus Christ. I Thank God for our loyal women! Now, again thanks be to God, for our women are again rallying to the call through the channels of Women's Auxiliaries.

Our denomination has said, "We need more money with which to carry on our work. The cost for the support and growth of the mission departments, home and foreign, are increasing. The school's need has increased twenty-five percent for the coming year. The aged ministers, who have given their lives to us, need help. We are asking our people, regardless of whether they are an Auxiliary member or not, to give through the channels of the auxiliaries 50,000 co-laborers and that many dollars for these causes during this year.

We must prepare now for the future. Salaries and incomes are larger now than they have been for years. We are more than stupid if we do not now raise money for these causes; to care for them now and to continue their support in the future.

I have had the pleasure of attending the State Association of North Carolina, and also the Eastern Auxiliary convention of that state. While there and through correspondence, I found those who did not fully understand the Co-Laborer Band. I will say in a few words that it is this: It is a plan whereby we hope to enlist 50,000 loyal Free Will Baptist people in the support of the Unified Program. You do not need to be a member of an auxiliary to become a member of the Co-Laborer Band. Membership fees are one dollar per year (or you may give one dollar or more per month). There have been provisions made for those who could not give $1. You may become a member by two people paying fifty cents each.

Please collect your memberships and dollars, and give the money to your auxiliary treasurer who will send it through the proper channels in your state to Mrs. Fannie Polston, 318 Woodland Street, Nashville, Tenn. She will take ninety percent of every dollar sent to her for this purpose, and then forward it on to the treasurer of the Unified Program. So, you see that we are asking you for 50,000 dollars that we might in turn give ninety percent of it to the Unified Program of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

Our beloved denomination has issued a call, and let us answer it with a full response—50,000 Co-Laborers strong. Let us join hands, and hearts, and prayers in this great battle for victory. Even though you do not have a large number in your group, remember one time Christ used one woman to lead a whole town to him. Perhaps the Lord will use you in leading your church to a response to this call. May the Lord richly bless you as you labor in His name!

Mrs. Eunice Edwards,

President National Women's Auxiliary Convention

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REPORT OF AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the North Carolina Central Conference held its semi-annual meeting on September 29, 1944, with Antioch Church, Wayne County. The Convention Theme was "Steadfast in Prayer."

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. J. C. Moye. Mrs. Hazel Musgrave gave the Welcome Address, and the Response was given by Mrs. M. A. Woodard.

The Convention sermon was delivered by Rev. N. Bruce Barrow, who brought us a very inspirational message on "What Must I Do to be Saved?" Others taking part in the devotions during the day were Mrs. Bruce Barrow, Rev. J. R. Bennett, R. P. Harris and J. Albert Harris.

The reports of the convention were good, considering the number of churches reporting. Supt. James A. Evans was with us, and gave us some very interesting news from the Orphanage. He invited everyone to visit the Orphanage on Thanksgiving Day.

A motion was made and carried that the auxiliaries of this district adopt the Five-Point Program of the Church for the next six months, and present this plan to the State Convention in the Spring.

The next convention will meet with Marlboro Church, Pitt County, in March, 1945.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, President,

Mrs. Hubert Dickens, Secretary

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MT. ZION AUXILIARY REPORT

The Ladies Auxiliary of Mt. Zion F. W. B. Church in Nash County, North Carolina, met with Mrs. Guy Matthews, on Friday night, September 22, 1944. The meeting was opened by all present singing hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." Prayer was offered by one of the members.

The program was begun, and by using the Year Book of Programs we had a very good lesson on the subject of missions. Most of the members took part in the discussions. The business session was opened, and the minutes were read and approved. The roll was called and the dues were paid by the different members. There were 18 members present for this meeting, and 6 visitors.

Activities

Bible chapters read ---------- 10
Sick visits ---------- 1

Garments given to the needy ----5
Cards sent to the sick ----------2
Milk given (quarts) ----------6
Bibles given to the needy ---------3

We write monthly to our boys in the armed forces, as a way to keep in touch with them. The meeting closed with song and prayer.

Mrs. Alvin Matthews, Secretary

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AUXILIARY REPORT OF OAK GROVE

The Ladies Auxiliary of Oak Grove Church, Sampson County, North Carolina, met at the church on October 4 at 4:00 P. M. Mrs. Leo Bass had charge of the program. Mrs. Bass read the scripture lesson, and Mrs. Annie McPhail led in prayer. Then the members sang hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

Talks were made on the following subjects: "The United States as a Mission Field," by Mrs. Anna Jones; "The American Indian," by Mrs. N. R. Lewis. Following these talks we then sang a song entitled, "Bringing in the Sheaves."

Talks: "The French in Louisiana," by Mrs. N. C. Lee; "Immigrants," by Mrs. Annie McPhail. A song was then sung, "Rescue the Perishing." A talk: "Free Will Baptist Responsibility," by Mrs. J. A. Lewis. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Byron Bizzell.

There were ten ladies present for this meeting.

Activities

Bible chapters read ----------105
Cards sent to the sick ----------7
Flowers sent ----------1
Visits made to the sick ---------11
Milk given to the needy (qts.) --33

Mrs. Annie McPhail, President,
Miss Thelma Lee, Secretary

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PROGRAM

The Women's Auxiliary convention of the Cape Fear district will be held with Johnson Union Church in Johnson County on October 18, 1944.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions by Mrs. W. H. Lancaster
—Greetings by Mrs. Almond Warrick
—Response by Mrs. H. A. Crumpler
—Song
10:25—President's message
—Reading the minutes and roll call
—Talk by visiting delegates and ministers
11:30—Convention message—speaker to be supplied
12:15—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:15—Praise and prayer by Mrs. J. R. Newton
—A solo by Mrs. Albert F. Coats
—Reports from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd vice-presidents
1:45—Report on Orphanage work by Supt. James A. Evans
2:00—Report from 4th and 5th and 6th vice-presidents
2:15—Committee reports
2:30—Round Table Discussion, topic: "How to Make Our Auxiliary Grow," led by Mrs. Milton Johnson
3:00—Treasurer's report
3:15—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Closing hymn and adjournment

Mrs. M. E. Godwin,
Mrs. Herman Johnson

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PROGRAM

The following is the program of the Fourth Union District Auxiliary which will be held with Watery Branch Church on the fifth Sunday in October, 1944.

Morning Session

11:00—Devotions by Clifton Gardner
—Welcome address by Mrs. J. S. Jones
—Response by Mrs. Bill Musgrave
—Offering for the Orphanage
11:30—Sermon by Rev. R. C. Proctor
—Appointment of committees
12:30—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
—Talk by Rev. Hart on the subject: "Co-Workers with the Youth of Today toward God"
1:45—Business period
2:15—Program by local church
3:30—Adjournment

The Committee:

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Mrs. Fannie Sasser,
Rev. R. C. Proctor

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RELIGION IN EDUCATION

(Lesson for October 22)

Lesson: Matt. 7: 7-12; Luke 6: 39-45.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free" (John 8: 32).

We all get a little weary of those who blatantly advertise themselves as "truth seekers." In a sense, this is a sad confession of a fundamental weakness and a serious mental deficiency: for no man seeks that which he possesses! Hence the "truth seeker" admits he has not yet reached his goal, or his search would have ended. Men do not need to seek truth, they merely need to accept it! Truth has been available to the human race ever since Jesus came, for Truth was incarnated in His flesh and has been offered to every age since. The truly intelligent are they who recognize what they want when they meet it, and accept the benefits of the blessing sought.

We have frequently pondered the strange position and dilemmas of those who persist in seeking that which is so available. It is like hunting sunshine on a summer day, like looking for a drink on the bosom of Lake Superior, or searching for fresh air on the slopes of Pikes Peak! The world has been filled with truth since it was made manifest in Christ—for He stripped the veil of obscurity from the countenance of Truth until it was revealed as one of the names of God.

When Germany repudiated the Bible and out-lawed Christianity, Germans lost every freedom they had gained through the centuries. The freedom even to think or to express an idea is denied those whose way of life has expelled Christ and His teachings!

May God awaken our own fair land to an appreciation of the fact that our own hard-earned liberties are irrecoverably bound up in our national faith: to know the Truth, whose other name is Jesus, is to be free: and to remain so we must retain what made us free.

II. Heart of the Lesson

In the printed portion of our Scripture lesson there are two subjects before us. The first is prayer; the second is consistency in our daily life.

One cannot read the Gospels without noticing the emphasis which our Lord put upon prayer. He taught His disciples both by example and by precept. He was a Man of prayer and He did not hide that fact from public view. He did not make an ostentatious show of His prayer life, as the Pharisees did, neither did He refrain from praying because there were enemies about. When there was an occasion for thanksgiving and prayer, He did it openly before all. When He fed the multitudes with loaves and fishes, He publicly gave thanks. When He raised Lazarus, He prayed openly before all. When the Greeks came to see Him, He addressed His Heavenly Father and received an immediate answer. He prayed with His disciples, when they withdrew apart from the multitude to rest. And, again, He would withdraw from His disciples and spend a night alone with God. There is no doubt but this example of our Lord must have had a profound effect upon His disciples. We know that they had been to a school of prayer under a great Teacher; their lives bore the stamp. And this example of our Lord as a Man of prayer ought to be followed by all. We should not make an ostentatious show of our piety or intrude it upon unwilling hearers, but when the occasion comes we should be ready to pray openly, fearlessly, and sincerely. Public prayer is a witness and a testimony. It reminds people of God and His grace and of their responsibility to Him. It inspires some and condemns others. But our public prayers should be an extension of our private prayers. No one can pray sincerely in public unless he has had a large experience in private prayer.

Our Lord in His teaching spoke not only about our life toward God, He said much about our life toward our fellow men. We are to "provide things honest in the sight of all men" (Rom. 12: 12). Our outward life and conduct is to be in harmony with our profession of faith in Christ. Men cannot read our hearts but they can and do read our characters and conduct.—Selected.

(For a thorough discussion of this important lesson, we refer you to our Advanced and Senior quarterlies. They are unusually good.)

III. The Lesson Illustrated

The Turkish army, flushed with its destruction of ancient Smyrna, which had horrified the civilized world, was assembled opposite Constantinople. The Christians there feared for a similar fate to themselves—the Bosphorous and the fleet at anchorage upon it being the only visible barriers to the enemy's approach. Then a strange thing happened. The current of the Strait is normally from east to west, impelled by the strong oceanward trend of the waters; and not for centuries had the current been diverted from this direction, so that the Turks had a well-established tradition that as long as the waters flowed westward, no western foe could overcome them—that no enemy fleet could enter against that current. Then one day the vessels at anchor in the Strait were seen to swing around eastward; the current had reversed; other vessels in a few days began to arrive and cast anchor—all sorts of army craft, battleships, destroyers, ships bringing airplanes, transports with thousands of khaki-clad men. The current flowed eastward a week, more or less, which gave ample time to invest the endangered city with full protection. The moon having turned red the first night of the phenomenon, the superstitious Moslems fired at it with such a fusillade, so long kept up, that the Christians wondered if the threatened massacre had begun. But the city

was saved; and while the article of which it is an extract does not so state, who of God's people would doubt that it was in answer to prayer?—The Sunday School Times.

FOURTH UNION REPORT

The Fourth Union meeting of the North Carolina Central Conference convened with Aspin Grove Church on July 29, 1944. The union was opened in the usual way with song and prayer, and the devotions were conducted by Rev. W. A. Dail.

The moderator appointed the following committees: Finance, Temperance, Sunday School, Orphanage, and the program committee. The visiting brethren were invited to have seats with us in the union. Reverends W. A. Dail of the Second Union, and A. Tyson of the Church of God were visitors with us. The list of ministers was called and the following were present: C. D. Hamilton, N. D. Beaman, Marshall Joyner, W. L. Hart, L. B. Manning, R. C. Proctor. Those who were absent are as follows: J. W. Wooten, P. C. Wiggs, H. T. Sowers, N. D. Tyson, E. L. Abrams, W. E. Richardson, and licentiates absent were W. F. Newell and W. H. Webb .

The business was called off for the eleven o'clock message, and Brother R. C. Proctor delivered the message. Dinner was served on the church grounds after the message.

The afternoon session opened with song and prayer, and then the list of churches was called, and all represented except Free Union, Harrell's Chapel, Daniel's Chapel and LaGrange. The contributions from the churches that did represent amounted to $59.83. The treasurer reported on hand from last union $1.98, making the total to the amount of $71.81.

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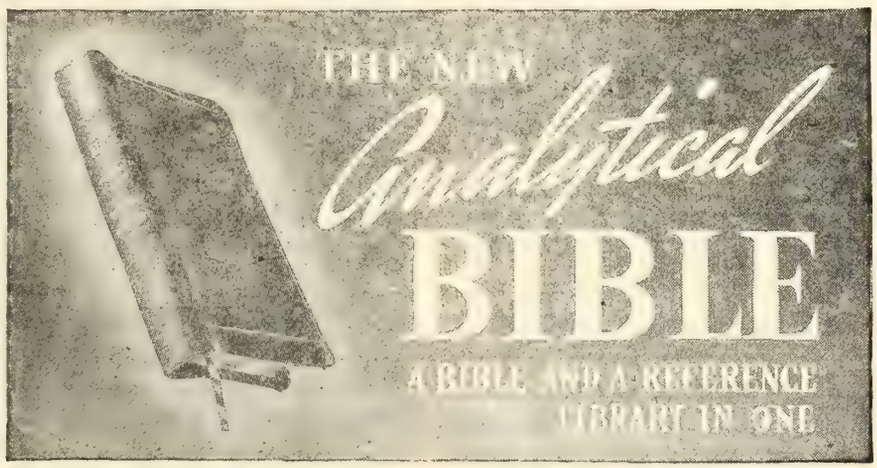
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Donated to Little Creek Church, Virginia	10.00
Donated to South Norfolk, Virginia	10.00
Donated to the Orphanage	15.00
Offering for Orphanage	20.00
Total paid out	$81.00

Amount to Christian education, $5.00, and a collection for Christian education, $15.00.

The reports of the various committees were received and adopted. The petitions for the next Union were taken up and it was voted to go to Watery Branch Church, Wayne County, on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1944.

The election of oficers was then in order. Rev. L. B. Manning was duly elected as the moderator for the ensuing year. Rev. W. L. Hart was elected as the assistant moderator, and Brother R. R. Bailey was elected as clerk and treasurer. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. Then a motion to adjourn was in order, and the union closed with song and prayer.

Rev. M. Joyner,
Moderator,
R. R. Bailey,
Clerk and Treasurer



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Boys and Girls Corner

FELIPE FINDS HAPPINESS

"Felipe! Felipe!" Mama called. "You Felipe! Come here!"

Everything was quiet. Only a chicken scratching in the yard made any sound at all.

"Felipe, where are you?" Mama called again.

Getting up from in front of the frame where she was weaving, she walked stiffly into the house. It didn't take her long to decide that Felipe was nowhere around. There were no trees or bushes of any kind to hide behind. The little mud hut had only one room, and there was only one door to it. Mama shaded her eyes with her hand and looked down the hill to the little village.

"That Felipe!" she muttered to herself. "I wonder if he has gone to the mission school again." She looked back at her weaving and then down the street again. She could hardly decide what to do.

"That Felipe!" she muttered again, and started down the hill.

At the door of the mission schoolroom, she paused and looked at the group of children. Fifty boys and girls were busy with colored paper and paste making something. Yes, there was Felipe.

Senorita Alice looked up as Mama Mariana's shadow fell across the doorway. She smiled and started toward the door. There was no answering smile on Mama Mariana's face. She marched down the aisle toward Felipe and caught him by the ear. Felipe tried to dodge, but it was too late. Mama jerked him out of the seat and grimly marched him out of the room and up the hill toward home.

"Did I not tell you to stay away from that place?" Mama demanded. "Do you want to bring a curse on all of us?"

"But, Mama," pleaded Felipe, "they are not devils. Nothing happens to Jose or Herman or any of the boys. We have such fun. I could learn the reading and writing, too."

"Better you never learn readings and writings than bring evil on us all," Mama said firmly "Did not a hen die last week? Dit not Papa almost get hurt at the mine? We will all be killed. You stay away from that place or Papa will fix you good."

Felipe rubbed his back. Already he could feel the whippings Papa could give.

The next morning Felipe sat with his back to the wall watching Mama as she wove the bright threads. The sun felt hot on his head. A giant condor which flew overhead made a shadow that looked like an airplane. Far off he could see a herd of llama on the mountainside and hear the tinkle tinkle of the bells they wore. Then the school bell at the mission rang. Felipe looked at his mother but she gave no sign that she heard.

Felipe could imagine the boys and girls scampering into the schoolroom. He could see Senorita Alice's smiling face and hear her cheery greetings. Now, they would be singing, and then Senorita Alice would read from the wonderful Book. Yesterday, she had read about a lost sheep. Suddenly, Felipe felt he could stand it no longer. He just had to go to school!

"Mama," he said, standing up and stretching his arms, "I believe I will go to the mine and help sort the ore." This awful lie didn't seem to bother him a bit, because Felipe had not yet found the Lord Jesus as his Saviour.

"You may go," Mama said. "See that you bring home the coppers."

Felipe had forgotten about the money he was to earn. "Bein," he thought, "I will have to think of something."

First, he went around by the mine. If Mama were watching, she would see where he went. Dodging up another street and down another, he slipped breathlessly into his seat just as Senorita Alice was beginning her reading.

"Where are the coppers you earned today?" Mama demanded that evening.

"I—I am sorry, Mama." Felipe had his answer ready. "I bet on a rooster fight and I lost."

"You are a worthless boy," Mama cried, soundly slapping him.

Felipe did not mind the slap. The day at school was worth that.

The next day he was ready with another excuse. He wanted to watch a ball game. For several days, Felipe was able to go to the "devil school" unmolested. Then came a day when Mama wanted to send him on an errand, and she could not find him. Finally, she turned toward the mission school.

"That Felipe!" she muttered. "If he is there, I fix him so he remem-

This time Felipe caught sight of his mother before she entered the room. He made a dive and hid behind the door. Mama Mariana looked carefully over the room. No Felipe could she see. She would not ask the senorita. It would bring a curse to speak to her. Slowly she returned home. Several times after that she went to the school, but always Felipe saw her coming and managed to hide, so she never caught him.

Then one day, a change came into Felipe's life. A senor from over the sea spoke to the children. He talked, and then Manuel told what he said. "There is a God who loves you," the senor said. "He sees all your thoughts and knows your heart. He is sorry when you tell untruths and steal, but He loves you and will forgive you and help you always if you will ask Him."

The words burned deep into Felipe's heart. He stumbled forward, and prayed with the others for forgiveness. Such a joy came into his heart that he could not describe it. How good he felt! He sped home to tell Mama.

Papa was at home when Felipe rushed into the hut with shining face to tell the good news.

"You miserable boy," he screamed, yanking Felipe by the shoulder. "You

will bring curses and bad luck to our house." He shook Felipe and threw him across the room.

It seemed as if a burning fire was in Felipe's arm. He could not move it. Crawling into the corner, he cried himself to sleep. The next morning, his arm was no better. It hung limp and painful at his side. No one paid any attention to him, and he crept away to school.

"What is the matter with your arm?" Senorita Alice saw something was wrong.

"It is nothing," Felipe tried to smile.

Senorita Alice took him to Doctor. Doctor said, "Your arm is broken, Felipe. We must fix that."

He took off Felipe's coat, and pulled the arm into place. Then, he put splints on and bound it up with a white cloth.

"You must leave that on for a long time," Doctor said: "then the arm will be good as new."

Papa was very angry when he saw Felipe's arm. "What will the neighbors think?" he shouted as he tore the bandages off. "Put on your coat and let me hear no more of this foolishness."

The next day Doctor fixed the arm again. This time he went home with Felipe to talk with Papa.

"Get away from my house," Papa called loudly. "You are trying to take my boy away from me. He is not hurt. Do you want the officers to arrest me? Stay away."

Sadly Doctor went back to the mission. Felipe did not belong to him, and he could do nothing. Poor Felipe! His arm felt worse and worse. The bone came through the skin. Days went by and he was so sick that Mama said they must do something or Felipe would die. Even Papa became alarmed.

It happened that morning that Doctor felt he must go and see Felipe. "I will probably be thrown down the hill," he laughed to Senorita Alice. But when Mama Mariana opened the door, she broke into tears.

"Our Felipe, he is so sick," she sobbed. "He calls for the senorita. He talks about God, and his face shines. Then he moans and cries."

When Doctor saw Felipe, he saw he was a very sick boy. "Mama Mariana," he said, "Felipe must go to the hospital. We will have to take his arm off. If we do not, he will die."

Mama sobbed louder, but gave her consent. Papa was called from the mine, and sorrowfully they followed Felipe to the hospital.

Felipe was sick a long time. Every day his mother and father came to see him. They heard the songs sung and the messages that were often given.

"Pedro," Mama said one day, "this Jesus way seems good to me. I like it. I think I will join the mission."

Papa thought a long time. Then he said, "I, too, have a feeling this way is good."

How happy Felipe was when Papa and Mama told him they had accepted Jesus as their Saviour!

"Will you forgive Papa for making you lose the arm, Felipe?"

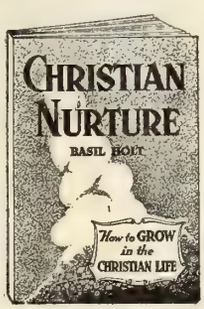
"I would give both the arms," Felipe cried with shining eyes, "to have you follow the Jesus way."

—Marie H. Haines

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UNION REPORT

The Second Union meeting of the Western North Carolina Association met with the Orphanage on July 29, 1944. After the devotional exercises the various committees were appointed.

The visiting ministers and friends were at this time welcomed and seated with us in the union. The ministers present were Reverends J. H. Worley, Thomas E. Beaman, T. Renfrow, Robert Woodard. The list of ministers was called and those present were as follows: J. B. Ferrell, J. Frank Parrish, D. Bissette, B. B. Richardson, and J. C. Varnell. Next the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The business was then called off for preaching service. Rev. Thomas E. Beaman delivered the morning message. After the message we were invited over to the dining room for dinner. A nice lunch was served and it was enjoyed by all present.

In the afternoon session, and after the devotions were conducted, the moderator declared that it was in order to finish the business. Most of the churches represented, and the amount of money received was $41. The other committee made their report and it was adopted by the union. A motion was carried to appoint a Mission Board. The union purchased a second share in the Church Finance Association, and it was voted to pay $5 each session until completely paid. A special offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $21.79.

At this time the petitions for the next union were taken up and Oak Grove received the highest number of votes. The union will go there in October, 1944. The church is in Wilson County. The union closed with praise and prayer.

Rev. Z. C. Bissett, Moderator,
Rev. J. Frank Parrish, Clerk

P. S.—Someone will be at Dixon Drug Company, Elm City, North Corolina, at 10:30 Eastern War Time to lead all people who do not know the way to the church.—J. F. P.

PROGRAM

The following is the program of the First Union meeting of the Western North Carolina Association which will be held with St. Mary's Church, Wilson County, on October 29, 1944.

Saturday Morning

10:00—Devotions by L. F. Pittman
—Welcome address by Franklin Watson
—Response by Rev. J. H. Worley
—Remarks by the moderator
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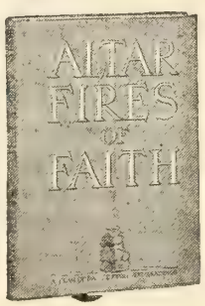
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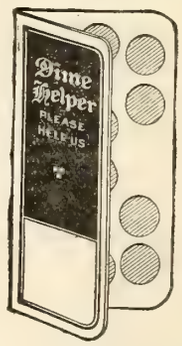
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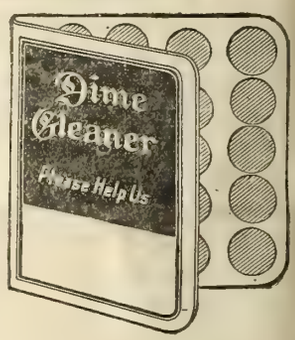
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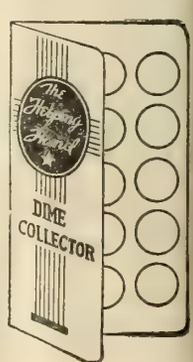
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Be strong!
We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift;
Shun not the struggle—face it; 'tis God's gift.

Be strong!
Say not, "The days are evil. Who's to blame?"
And fold the hands and acquisce—oh shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name.

Be strong!
It matters not how deep intrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
Faint not—fight on! To-morrow comes the song.

—Maltbie Davenport Babcock

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If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. Jas. 1: 5.

If pains afflict or wrongs oppress,
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If guilt dejects, if sin distress,
The remedy's before thee—pray.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. Jas. 1: 6.

Christ-honoring Christmas Program

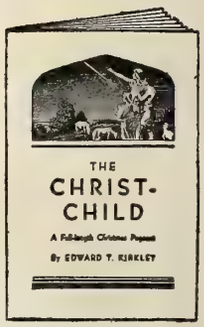
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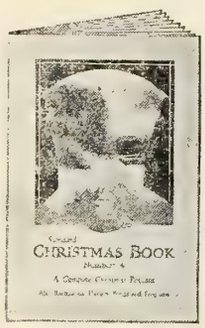
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By Edward Thomas Kirkley

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EDITORIAL

CHURCH AND STATE—TEACHING THE BIBLE

The teaching of the Bible in a great many public schools of this country is becoming more and more popular, or so it seems to a great many people. May we ask, Who is responsible for this idea of giving the public school students training in religious subjects? Some think it has resulted from a growing belief among a great many people that the public school furnishes a good opportunity for Bible teaching. As a consequence, many school boards and school officials have, therefore, allowed courses in religious training to be taught by competent persons, usually ministers of the gospel, and the students passing such courses receive credit toward graduation.

The Federal Constitution provides, if we remember correctly, that the Church and State shall be separate, that is, th conduct of religion shall be left to the Church, and the State shall be free to let the Church handle its own business as it so desires.

But what we are thinking is simply this: Should the Church—Protestant, Jew or Catholic—want the State to be saddled with the added responsibility of teaching religion along with an already compact curricula? Moreover, it is obvious that, in teaching the Bible in the public schools by Protestant, Jew or Catholic ministers or teachers, only certain portions of the Scriptures would be taught, while others would be omitted for specific reasons. Consequently, there would be many differences in the courses mapped for study given by Catholic, Jew or Protestant teachers. The past record of many such courses taught in the schools show this to be the case. And the reason is quite obvious.

Many will agree, on the other hand, that the underlying purpose in teaching the Bible in the public school is to give the student a greater knowledge or understanding of the Bible; that is, more than he would get without taking any religious instruction while in the public school. While we do not have any special objection to this procedure, yet we do feel that there is a reason or an excuse for this growing interest in teaching the Bible in the public schools. We frankly believe that the Church is largely responsible for it. Shall we explain?

In the first place, the Church in this modern age is not giving, on the whole, adequate and sufficient Bible training to the youth under its jurisdiction. It is not stressing, nor seeking in an encouraging manner to meet, among its constituency even, the need for a deeper and a broader understanding of the Scriptures on the part of the youth. In fact, the average local Sunday School, while doing a reasonably good work, is not giving religious training on a scale that would enable the youth to become well trained in Bible study. One reason for this inadequacy is due to the fact that many of the Sunday School teachers are poor Bible students themselves, as well as being poor teachers. (And here is where the Church should do something worthwhile.) Even though this condition is prevalent among so very many Sunday Schools, yet more good could be accomplished if the leadership of the Church would awake to the need of more boys and girls attending the Sunday School. In both rural and urban church communities, a very large percent of the youth do not attend the Sunday School. Why is this? The answer is found in the carelessness or indifference of the Church, because of its negligence concerning non-Sunday School attendants. Then, what is its responsibility?

In the second place, while the Church cannot legislate and compel the youth to attend the Bible or church school, as can the State require them to attend the public school for training, yet it can, and should, on the basis of the Great Commission of Christ, use every means possible to bring them into the church school—persuade them to come. In many instances, Bible schools, with definitely planned and arranged courses of Bible study, can be set up for one or two hours of night study each week in many of the urban and rural churches, with definite periods of time, as required for the completion of the study by the group of students. We do believe that it is the Church's business—whether Catholic, Jew or Protestant—to teach the Bible in this age with a greater emphasis than ever before, and let the State be free from any such responsibility.

In the next place, only a very small percent of the students take Bible training at all in many of the public schools in which such training is offered. In most cases it is generally understood that the Bible courses are an elective, and a very large majority of the public school students do not take them. On the other hand, the churches in those school districts, together with their pastors and the Bible school teachers, can set up Bible training in them by the proper utilization of certain hours of study during the course of Bible training. Moreover, by the proper solicitation and encouragement, on the part of pastors and their church people, good enrollments of the youth can be secured, we believe, for Bible study—to exceed, to say the least, those in the public schools.

The Church should feel keenly its responsibility for Bible teaching, and should do something about it, and not ask the State to share with it this all important duty. God has placed this work and this responsibility in the hands of His Church leaders, and He is holding them duty-bound to fulfill the obligation.

The Sunday School in the Light of the Great Commission

Matthew 28: 19-20—"Go ye therefore, and TEACH all nations, ... TEACHING them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The Sunday School is the TEACHING agency of the church. Does that statement startle you? Probably not, for you have more or less always known it. But do you realize the full significance of that statement? If you do, then your heart aches as mine when you stop to ponder the lack of efficiency in so many Sunday Schools.

Would you want to send your child to a public school where you knew the teachers had received no training themselves? You would not want your child to be trained by one who himself had not been trained. That certainly is not logical. And yet, some will send their children to Sunday School never once taking thought or interest in who teaches them. You know, it is the church's place to select teachers for the Sunday School (in many instances the parents of the children who attend the Sunday School); and I am ashamed of the wisdom shown in some places by the selection of teachers. In some cases, of course, they have no choice and we allow for that.

I'm glad for the statement in our Sunday School Manual which says in effect that the first requirement is that ALL officers and teachers shall be Christians. That, of course, is only logical, and I hope we have no Free Will Baptists who would consider using as a teacher anyone who himself had never experienced the saving grace and power of our Lord.

But there is more to being a Sunday School teacher than being saved. Being saved, naturally, is the first and foremost requirement; but we need informed and trained teachers as well as devout Christians. We need teachers who know God's Word (The Sunday School's textbook), teachers who are also informed and interested in all points of our Denominational Program. A Free Will Baptist who knows more about another denomination than he knows about his own needs to join the others. Therefore, in my estimation, the next requirement should be that the teacher not only be a consecrated Christian, but a devoted Free Will Baptist as well.

You remember that the Great Commission was given to the eleven disciples after Christ had risen from the dead. He had been with them for three years, and it was nearing time for Him to return to the Father. He had TAUGHT them, and now in Matthew 28: 19-20, we hear His words commissioning them to TEACH others. We realize, of course, that while this commission was given to the eleven disciples, that its claims rest upon every one who accepts Christ.

"Go . . . TEACH . . ."—and what shall we teach? "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." What has He commanded? That we TEACH His WORD—the saving and keeping power of God through Christ. A child, and we think of children in connection with the Sunday School, should first be taught salvation, and then be GIVEN an opportunity to accept salvation offered through Christ. In my opinion, the next thing is for the teacher to use the opportunity which he has to TEACH that child the work of the Free Will Baptist Denomination. That is to say, TEACH him concerning Christian Education, Foreign and Home Missions, Stewardship, etc. If Free Will Baptists expect the next generation to be devoted (active) Christian workers in the Free Will Baptist Denomination, carrying, as Jesus commanded, the gospel "unto the uttermost part of the earth," then the children which you face Sunday after Sunday must be TAUGHT first how to be saved, and given an opportunity to be saved. Next they should be, and must be if it is accomplished, TAUGHT how to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord." Then the next important thing is that they be TAUGHT Free Will Baptist Doctrine and Program of Work. When this is done, our next generation will be strong, fervent, sincere, active Christians that God can use through the Free Will Baptist Denomination to carry out the Great Commission in the truest sense of its meaning.

Unless the children are SAVED and TAUGHT the future is without hope. Unless the young people are prepared to carry on, there will be no one to do so after our elders are gone. Time is fleeting—the elders are passing, and the children are soon to be the elders—we must TEACH them NOW or never.

"Go . . . TEACH . . ." "How important the service, how high the mission of the Sunday School teacher!" has been said by someone. "All who have the privilege of touching young lives should recognize how serious and solemn is the responsibility. Life and destiny itself are both in the making when those youngsters carelessly drop into a chair at Sunday School." You may be facing a Judson or a Moody every Sunday. One missionary has said, "One seldom meets a missionary who cannot say, 'A Sunday School teacher helped me to be what I am.'" Will some boy or girl say that of you or me sometime?

Deuteronomy 11: 18-19—"Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, . . . And ye shall TEACH them to your children, . . ."

A builder builded a temple,
He wrought it with grace and skill;
Pillars and groins and arches
All fashioned to work his will.
Men said as they saw its beauty
"It never shall know decay,
Great is thy skill, O builder,
Thy fame shall endure for aye."

A teacher builded a temple
With loving and infinite care,
Planning each arch with patience,

Laying each stone with prayer.
None praised his unceasing efforts,
None knew of his wondrous plan,
For the temple the teacher builded
Was unseen by the eyes of man.

Gone is the builder's temple,
Crumpled into the dust;
Low lies each stately pillar,
Food for consuming rust.
But the temple the teacher builded
Will last while the ages roll,
For that beautiful unseen temple
Was a child's immortal soul.

Gertrude Bowe,
Student in the Free Will
Baptist Bible College.

NOTE:—This message was delivered to the District Sunday School Convention of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptist of Tennessee, and is published at the request of the Convention.

NEWS FROM SIDNEY

We, the people of Sidney Church, were very fortunate, we think, in having Rev. J. D. Vernelson to preach for us again this year of 1944. Mr. Vernelson had been with us a year on the third Sunday in September. During his ministry here, our work has grown under his leadership. There have been no differences among the church members, and the spirit of the Lord has been wonderfully manifested among us.

On the third Sunday in September, we observed our annual Home Coming. In spite of the inclement weather conditions throughout the day, we were blessed with both a real spiritual and physical feast. We praise the Lord for it. On the third Sunday evening, Rev. H. Edgar Harden began a series of revival services at our church. He was a stranger in our midst, for not a one of us knew him personally. It took, however, only a few moments in his presence to become acquainted with him and to feel that he was one of us. After he delivered his message, we then knew that he was our brother in Christ, because only a child of God could preach the Word with such power and conviction.

On Tuesday morning, Mr. Harden was taken seriously ill, and for a while it looked as if he would have to leave us, with the meeting only begun. But the Lord was with us again, and answered our prayers. In spite of his weakened condition, Mr. Harden kept on preaching. Each evening the congregation grew until Sunday evening he preached to a full house. We had visitors from the Methodist and Christian churches in the surrounding communities, and also visitors from Washington, Pinetown and Belhaven.

Mr. Harden's sermons were plain gospel messages which were taken from the Bible. Special music was rendered at different times throughout the meeting by our own talent. Mr. Harden sang for us a few evenings. Although there was only one candidate for baptism, the wonderful messages brought during the meeting will ever live in our hearts and minds.

On Tuesday evening our last meeting, we observed the Holy Communion service, and washed the saints' feet. It seemed that the very presence of the Lord was with us. The humblest things we can do for the Lord Jesus are the sweetest and affords us the most joy.

Brothers and Sisters, have you donated anything to the Building Fund of the South Norfolk Church? If you have not, why not? If you love the Free Will Baptist cause and believe that God loves it, you cannot refuse from helping this church to erect a building in which to worship. Why do we preach "Home Missions"? and raise funds for the same if we are not going to help in as worthy a cause as this? We must not allow the great sacrifices made by some of their church to be in vain, but we must help them. Their dream will be more quickly realized if we will render a helping hand in this worthy work. I shall be sadly disappointed if the members of the F. W. B. Church fail to rally to God's call to help His children to build this church in Norfolk.

Mrs. Edwin Roper

LIFE

A lily in a swamp—ever see one? Next time you do, notice the delicate petals of purest white, unfolded toward the sun, with the blackish, smelly, slimy water for a cradle; reach down into the water below the blossom and take hold of the firm stem and pull it up. It may be a foot, or more in length, with roots imbedded in the filthy, slimy mud at the bottom of the swamp; no leaves or branches, just one long stem that has pushed its way up through the darkness to the light—there to unfold its leaves and the most exquisite of blossoms. Hidden from all, away in a deep morass—alone—yet radiating a perfume and beauty far excelling the most gorgeously gowned woman before the courts of kings. What a joy to a weary wanderer, lost, perhaps in the dense jungle of a wilderness—a promise of God's goodness.

Such is often the unfoldment of human life. That one who has to struggle up from the abyss of obscurity, through the filth of ignorance and fear, choked by the weeds of superstition, hatred, lust, and poverty; that one who has to fight through long hours of dark waters to reach light, more often unfolds the most beautiful of character—reflecting such qualities that are a joy and promise to all struggling wayfarers in the jungled morass of human hopes and fear—searching, groping for a way out.

Whenever and wherever we find these qualities of purity, humility, constancy, determination and beauty of soul reflected, we may well stop, ponder, and absorb from their reflection, strength for our own journey; and thank a wise and loving God for His goodness and for his many examples of loving promise.

L. E. Duncan

—F. W. B. Messenger

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to usward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. 2 Pet. 3: 9.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN SUGGESTIONS

As First Vice-President of the N. C. State Women's Auxiliary Convention, I would like to make a few suggestions concerning the work of all first vice-presidents and propose some plans by which this work may be performed efficiently.

The first vice-president is chairman of the membership committee and is in charge of the department of publications and literature.

First Vice-Presidents, as chairman of the membership committee, you should be ever wide awake and working to win new members to your auxiliaries. Always be on the alert, and ever anxious and ready to invite any new friend, neighbor, or newcomer to your community, to attend your auxiliary meeting. Then, working in cooperation with your program committee, make your programs and plan of work so attractive that they will want to become members of your auxiliary.

I would like to suggest that auxiliaries throughout the state set aside the months of November and December for a special membership campaign. Put on some special drive or some special programs with the purpose in mind of securing new members. Maybe you would like to divide your auxiliary into two groups and see which group could gain the largest number of new members. This is only a suggestion. Perhaps you can think of others that would be more forceful and would suit your women better. If so, USE IT. As I see it, Women's Auxiliary is an organization to teach and train Free Will Baptist women to aid the church in all its programs. Its purposes are to promote the work of Christian Education, Missions, Stewardship, and all other denominational enterprises.

First Vice-Presidents, you cannot teach and train women who are not present when the teaching takes place. Let's get busy and attain this goal. "Every Free Will Baptist woman a member of Woman's Auxiliary."

Again, as chairman of the membership committee, it is the duty of the first vice-president to keep in touch with the absentees. See that they have special notice of all meetings and urge them to attend. It is so easy for members to lose interest when they fail to attend meetings. Let them know that you missed them and continue urging them to come back.

To be a Standard A-1 Auxiliary it is necessary to increase your active membership 10 per cent of the number enrolled at the first of the convention year. It is also necessary to have an average attendance at auxiliary meetings of at least one-half the active membership.

Free Will Baptist women, if you are not a member of an auxiliary, join our ranks. United we can go forward and do greater things for our Master.

Yours in His service,

Mrs. Raymond Sasser,

First Vice-President

N. C. State Women's Aux.

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SHILOH AUXILIARY REPORT

The Ladies Aid of Shiloh Church met with Miss Macey Boyd on Friday night, October 6, 1944, and the president called the meeting to order by all members present singing hymn, "My Faith Looks up to Thee." Then the members joined in repeating together the "Lord's Prayer."

The twenty-seventh chapter of Acts was read as the scripture lesson for the evening. The roll was called with twelve members present, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. It being time for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the election was soon over by all old officers being re-elected for another year.

A motion was carried to buy some fruit for one of our sick members. A motion was made and carried that we finish paying for the heater for the church.

Activities for the Month

Bible chapters read	203
Sick visits made	25
Trays taken to the sick	3
Quarts of milk given to the needy	7
Dues collected	$4.60
Free-will offering	1.00
Birthday dues	0.49
Serving dues	1.50
From flavoring	1.50
Total	$9.09

We are to meet next month with Mrs. Nancy Foreman. After the meeting, refreshments were served and everyone enjoyed them very much.

The Semi-Annual Report

Regular dues paid in	$18.90
Free-will offerings	9.97
Birthday dues	3.43
Bible chapters read	1435
Sick visits made	172
Trays taken to the sick	16
Flowers taken to the sick	3

Disbursements

Paid on church heater	$ 3.50
For fruit	1.00
To the Orphanage	10.00
For flavoring	13.85
Total	$28.35

Money in the Treasury

Regular treasury	$21.25
Birthday treasury	8.17
For the Building Fund	46.09
Total	$75.51

Mrs. Mattie G. Boyd,
President,

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters,
Secretary

THE HOUSE I LIVE IN

The house I live in has grown old;
Some parts of it are in decay:
The thatch upon the roof, once brown,
Is now all turned to grey.
Light through the window-panes is dim,
So that I cannot clearly see:
The new ones I have now outside
Have been a wondrous help to me.
The grinders from the kitchen gone,
I miss their presence every day;
Some others that I once put in
Are of no service anyway.
The unseen, noiseless engine's beat,
That has not ceased for many years,
Is still at work, but slower now
Its action to my sense appears;
And the warm liquid that it sends
Through the old house to heat its walls
Grows cold as round about the place
Black winter's withering snowflake falls.
Though I have had the hous repaired,
Sometimes outside and oft within,
Yet as the silent years roll on,
I feel the walls are growing thin.
'Twill grieve me much to leave the place;
Each nook and corner I revere:
Sweet joyous days I've spent therein
Through many a bright, glad, golden year.
To me its walls are sacred too;
Within them I have suffered long;
But "God has been my Strength and Stay";
In weakness He has made me strong.
And He has come and "supped with me"
And soothed my sorrow, eased my pain,
And made the place, like "Bethany's home,"
Bright with restored life again.
Soon this old house will be dissolved,
Not lost but only laid away—
And I shall then be taken Home
In Father's inner rooms to stay,
Till the whole family shall meet
From every land beneath the sky.
And this frail house be built anew,
For me once more to occupy—
A tenant in a changeless home,
No windows dim and no decay,
No sorrow, sickness, and no death,
"For former things are passed away."

—Anon.

—In Christian Victory

LET ME WALK ALONG WITH JESUS

Let me walk along with Jesus,
Ev'ry footstep I may take,
Then I know the road will please us,
It will be for Jesus sake.
And I know I'll never stumble
With Him with me as my guide.
Let me walk along with Jesus
Forever by my side.

Let me talk along with Jesus,
Ev'ry word my lips may say,
Then I know my talk will please us
When He tells me what to say.
And I know I'll talk with angels
When I reach the other shore.
Let me talk along with Jesus
Of glory evermore.

Let me think along with Jesus,
Ev'ry thought that comes to me,
Then I know my thoughts will please us,
Full of love and purity.
And I know my thoughts will never
Be on sin, deceit and lies.
Let me think along with Jesus
Of Home beyond the skies.

Let me sing along with Jesus,
Ev'ry song that I may sing,
Then I know my song will please us
With the message it will bring.
And I know my song will beckon
To all sinners list'ning here.
Let me sing along with Jesus
While Heaven's drawing near.

By Jimmy Barber,
Kinston, N. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

J. R. Davidson, Treasurer

Receipts by states in Annual Endowment and gifts as follows:

Alabama	$ 16.50
Florida	43.92
Georgia	46.00
Illinois	11.00
Kentucky	22.50
Michigan	81.50
Mississippi	5.00
Missouri	219.50
North Carolina	153.00
Ohio	10.00
Oklahoma	36.50
Tennessee	155.00
Texas	52.74
Virginia	9.50
West Virginia	30.00
Total by states	$892.66
Allocation from Unified Program Fund	$ 409.18
J. R. Davidson, Salary	187.50
Miscellaneous Income	33.58
Receipt on room, board, matriculation and registration fees by students	698.49
Total	$1,328.75
Grand Total	$2,221.41

Disbursements for month of September, 1944:

Room Rent	$ 114.98
Groceries and Kitchen Supplies	152.44
Heat, Lights, Water, etc.	79.99
Telephone and Telegrams	13.99
School Supplies	53.74
Traveling Expenses	40.75
Maintenance	416.94
Salaries	448.00
Labor	55.70
Miscellaneous (under Petty Cash items)	14.20
Total	$1,290.73

It may be observed from this statement that our cash balance left in the treasury for the month of September is $830.68. A further interesting item may be observed in the fact that the gifts and Annual Endowment run even only for the fact of sixty-six cents more in gifts.

Cash balance on first day of September	$7,091.72
Present Cash balance	$7,922.40

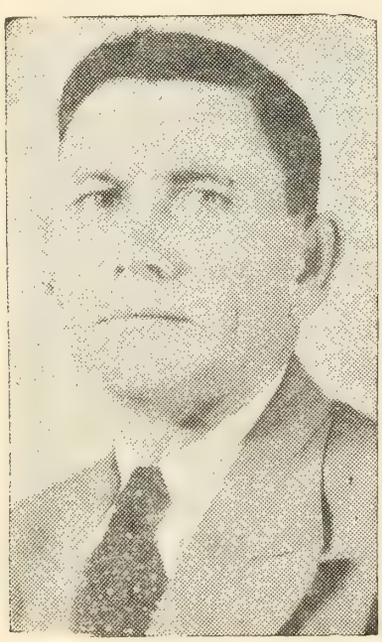
Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Jas. 1: 12.

The Georgia State Association

Illustrated Sketches of the Host Church and the Leading Officials.



Oak Grove Church is located five miles north of Colquitt, Ga., on State Highway No. 1, between Colquitt and Blakely in one of the most prosperous farming communities to be found anywhere in the State. The people are very hospitable and they are planning to entertain the State Association in a great way. They are expecting a full delegation from all the district associations in the State. No one needs feel that a large delegation will not be amply taken care of when the time comes. Remember the date, November 13-15.

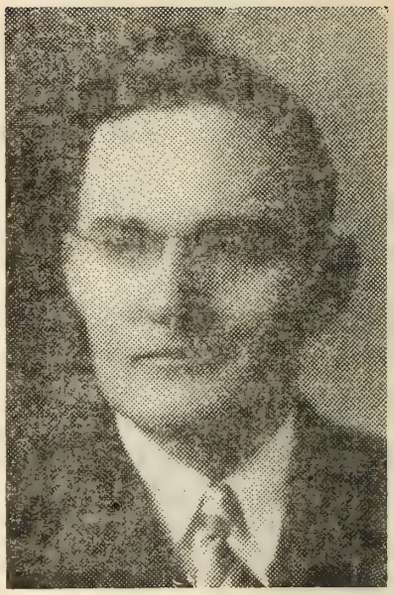


Rev. H. L. Catrett, the Moderator, is also pastor of the host Church. He is a very busy minister, serving from four to six churches and doing extensive revival work. He is one of the leading ministers of the Martin Association, but is in great demand in many places other than his own association. The Moderator will deliver his message to the Association on Tuesday morning at 10:45 o'clock. You will want to be on hand to hear this message and get an idea of the working plans of the Association.

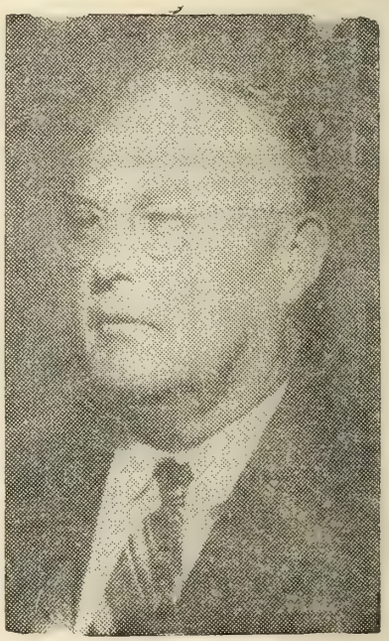


Rev. H. L. Knighton of Phenix City, Ala., a member of the Chattahoochee Association, has been chosen by the Program Committee to deliver the opening sermon on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Knighton is pastor of St. James Church in Phenix City, Ala., a very thriving Church in a thriving city. He is also president of the Chattahoochee Sunday School Convention, and Moderator of the 2nd Union Meeting District of the Chattahoochee Association.

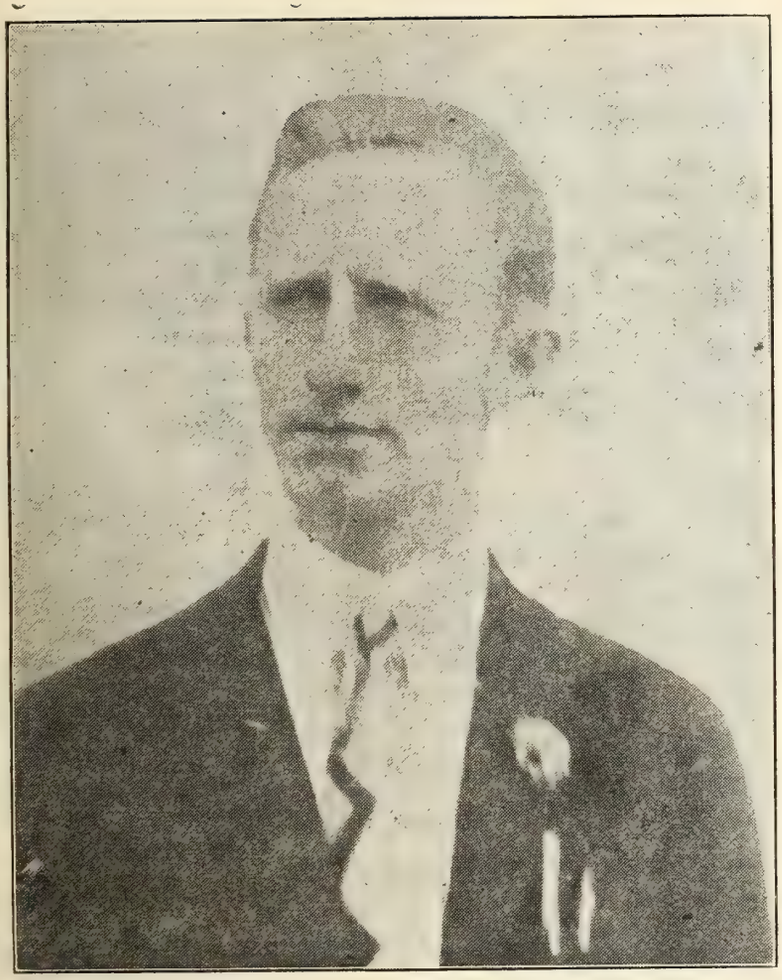
The picture below is the likeness of Rev. E. C. Morris of Glennville, Ga., who was elected last year as Field Secretary and also elected on the Planning Board, will deliver the Associational sermon Tuesday morning of the session and will also give the report of the Planning Committee



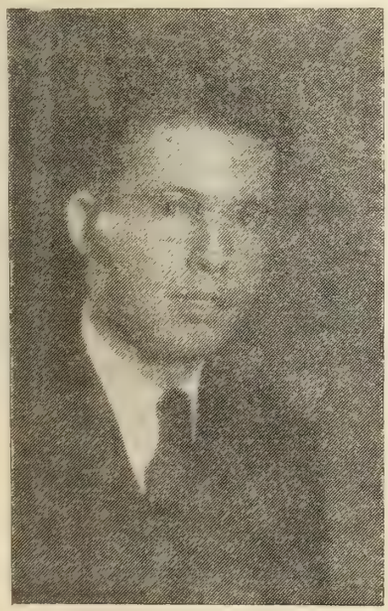
in connection with a report of the field work done by him during the year.



Rev. C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga., member of the Mission Board, Superannuation Board and the Planning Committee, will conduct the devotions Tuesday evening. Rev. Mr. Harvey is pastor of the Greenwood Church in the Union of Georgia Association and is very active in all progressive moves. He has served for several years as committeeman on the Young People's encampment and served as supervisor of the Camp sessions.



Rev. S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga., serves a group of rural churches of the Midway Association and is serving on the Board of Religious Education and the Planning Committee. He is also Vice-Moderator of the State Association. The report of the Board of Religious Education will be given by him on Tuesday afternoon.



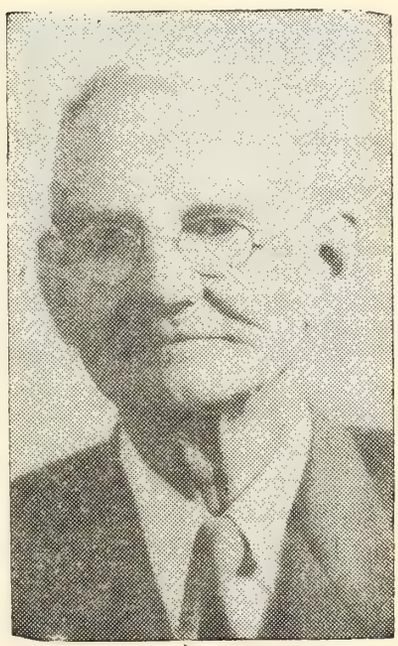
Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Bristol, Ga., has been selected to deliver the sermon Tuesday evening. Rev. Mr. Lightsey is serving on the Mission Board and has been very successful in working out a Home Missionary program for the State. He serves a group of Churches in the South Georgia Association. He has been elected by the Mission Board to serve half time in the Home Mission work beginning next spring. Rev. Lightsey's picture appears at the bottom of first column.

Rev. Robert Crawford, Nashville. Tenn., Executive Secretary of the National Association, has been placed on the program to deliver the final sermon of the session on Wednesday morning and he will also give a report of the National Association on Tuesday afternoon.

Bro. A. D. Ivey, Jakin, Ga., one of the leading laymen of the State, who has served as Treasurer of the State body fo rseveral years and also served on the National Superannuation Board, will give a report of the Superannuation Board of the State, of which he is Chairman-Treasurer.



Rev. Robert Crawford



A. D. Ivey

Other ministers and laymen who have been very carefully chosen to take part on the program are great leaders in their respective fields and will ably fill their place as has been assigned. Among these stalwarts are: Rev. W. F. McDuffie of the Midway Association, Rev. J. D. Payne of the Georgia Union Association, Rev. T. B. Mellette, Superintendent of Public Education of Early County and Moderator of the Midway Association, and Judge John E. Drake, City Court Judge of Bainbridge, Ga.,

and Moderator of the Martin Association. Mrs. Alma McDonald of the host Church will deliver the welcome address, and Bro. W. L. Cleveland will give report of the Mission Board.

Program of Georgia State Association

Monday Evening

7:30—Devotions by pastor of local Church
8:00—Sermon by Rev. H. L. Knighton
8:45—Report of Committee on Arrangements

Tuesday Morning

10:00—Devotions led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie
10:15—Welcome address by Mrs. Alma McDonald
10:25—Response to welcome address by Rev. J. D. Little
10:30—Appointment of Committees by the Moderator
10:45—Moderator's Message
11:30—Sermon by Rev. E. C. Morris
12:00—Noon—Lunch

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions led by Rev. J. D. Payne
1:45—Message by Rev. Robt. Crawford, National Executive Secretary
2:15—Report of Credentials Committee
2:40—Report of Planning Committee by Rev. E. C. Morris
3:10—Report of Board of Religious Education by Rev. S. T. Shutes
3:40—Report of Mission Board by W. L. Cleveland
4:10—Report of Superannuation by A. D. Ivey
6:00—Supper
7:30—Devotions by Rev. C. J. Harvey
7:45—Sermon by Rev. Ralph Lightsey

Wednesday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Rev. T. B. Mellette
9:15—Final reports of all Boards and Committees
9:45—Address by Judge John E. Drake
10:15—Miscellaneous business
11:30—Sermon by Rev. Robt. Crawford
12:00—Adjournment and lunch

ALBEMARLE PROGRAM

The following is the program of the Albemarle District Union meeting which will be held at Corinth Church on October 28, 1944.

Saturday Morning

10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. R. P. Harris
—Remarks by the moderator, Rev. W. A. Hales
—Enrollment of ministers
10:30—Business, minutes of the last meeting
—Roll call of churches
11:00—Song service, local pastor in charge
11:15—Union sermon by Rev. J. C. Griffin
12:00—Lunch hour

Saturday Afternoon

1:25—Devotions conducted by Rev. H. E. Harden
—Business period
1:55—Prayer services held on the behalf of the men and women in the armed forces
2:30—Adjournment

By the Committee

PROGRAM OF ALBEMARLE LEAGUE UNION

This is the program of the Albemarle League Union which will be held at Corinth Church.

Theme: Whatsoever Things Learned in His Word

7:30—Song, "Onward Christian Leaguers"
—Devotional, Phil. 4
—Song, "I Know the Bible Is True"
—List of Leagues called
—Solo, "One Day"
8:30—Introductory talk by President, "Things Learned in His Word"
—Invocation
—Talk, "The Power of Prayer" by Billie Early
—Special music by members of South Norfolk League
—Talk, "Faith Our Means of Victory" by Mary Frances Fowler
—Talk, "Soul Winning Our Duty" by A. L. Reynolds
—Song, "Throw Out the Life Line"
—General business
9:00—Closing song and benediction

By the Committee

NO "NOTES AND QUOTES"

We received a telegram from Brother J. C. Griffin just before we went to press with this issue of the Baptist paper, stating to us that he had not been able to prepare "Notes and Quotes" due to the press of business, and also to the fact that he is attending a meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, with the other members of the Publication and Literature Committee.—Editor.

REVIVAL AT NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Our revival began at New Bethlehem Church on September 17 and continued through the twenty-fourth of the month. The Reverend J. C. Griffin of New Bern, North Carolina, held the meeting.

The attendance was good, the attention was fine, and the messages each night were wonderful. Brother Griffin and his dear wife helped us very much in the song service. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the revival very much.

There were five converts during the meeting. The church was greatly revived and benefitted by the splendid work which Brother Griffin did while with us in the meeting. We desired for him to stay longer in the meeting, but he had to go to another church for another reival.

We are hoping that the good which he did while here with us will

be long-lasting, and that God will greatly bless him and his good family as he continues in the great work of the Lord. We hope that he shall be able to be with us again soon. and to hold a meeting for us.

Mrs. L. L. Price

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

This is to announce that the South Georgia Association will convene with Satilla F. W. B. Church, near Hazelhurst, Georgia, on the nineteenth of October, Thursday night, and will continue through the Fourth Sunday of the month.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend this session of the association. Come and enjoy the fellowship together with the brethren.

Rev. E. B. Joyner,

Alma, Georgia

CHURCH CHANGES TIME OF SERVICES

Beginning with November, 1944, New Sandy Hill Free Will Baptist Church will have as its preaching Sunday the First Sunday morning in each month. Services will also be held on Saturday morning before the First Sunday.

When the church was first established it held its meetings on the First Sunday in each month, but for the past few years it has changed several times. Its members voted to come back to First Sunday services, and not to change any more.

The public is cordially invited to attend our church services on the First Sunday in each month. Our pastor is the Reverend Frank Parrish.

Floyd Bunn, Church Clerk

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Twenty-Third Psalm, as found in the Bible, with its simple, musical language, is far more appealing and beautiful to me than any re-arrangement of it.

Although the person who re-arranged it for the cover page of a recent issue of the Free Will Baptist paper, may have been inspired to do so. It seems to me that the Psalm itself, in its original form, is absolute proof that its author was inspired of God.

Amy B. Cowell

(P. S.—The re-arranged, "Poetical Version" of the Psalm here referred to was selected from a book of standard poetry.—Ed.)

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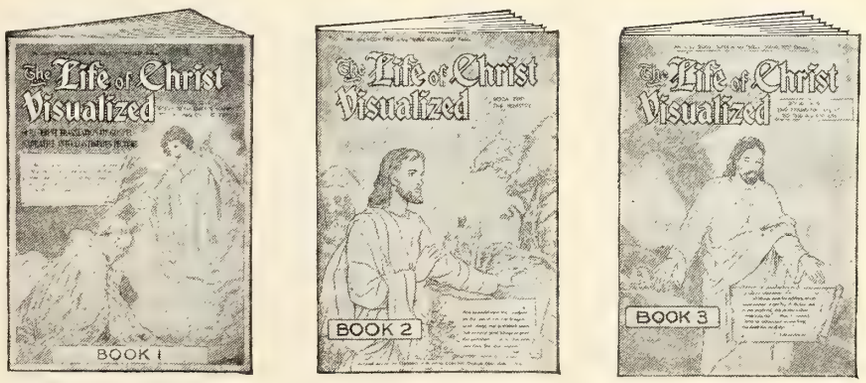
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THE CHRISTIAN MOTIVE FOR LIVING

(Lesson for October 29)

Lesson: Ps. 4: 5-8; Lu. 4: 4; John 6: 35; Rom. 12: 1, 2; 13: 12-14.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Seek those things which are above" (Col. 3: 1).

It is an odd fact that most of the treasures which men give their lives to procure come from **beneath**! Gold is dug out of the rock or dredged from the streams which are beneath the feet of man. Diamonds come from deep in the earth in clay pipes, and pearls are found in the dark recesses of the sea. And all these prized possessions which come from the earth some day return to it again, and the title to earthly treasure enjoyed by man is transient and temporary.

Years ago a preacher whom I knew was entertained by a very wealthy man who had just finished building an imposing mansion at a great cost. After the minister had spent hours looking over the vast estate, enjoying the gardens and exclaiming with admiration over the many rooms and their exquisite furniture, he turned to his wealthy host and said, "This is truly a magnificent home. It's too bad you cannot procure a title to it!"

The millionaire was greatly surprised, and said, "But I **have** a title! Do you think I'd be foolish enough to put all this money into a property to which I had no title?"

The preacher persisted: "Did you plan this house from the beginning, and did you buy the land?"

"No," said his host: "As a matter of fact my father started it. After his death I finished the structure he started."

"Ah," said the preacher: "And why didn't your **father** get a title?"

"But he **did** have a title," insisted the new owner, "I inherited it from him."

"No you didn't," the minister stated in quiet triumph, "you only inherited **tenancy** from him! You have no title: in a few days or years at most someone else will own this property, and he too will believe he has a title! But if you had a real **title** you couldn't lose it!"

"I see what you mean," the rich man answered. "But is there anything we can really own and be assured of?"

"Only" answered the preacher, **"such things as are from above!"**

II. The Lesson Illustrated

God's Rule in the Life

A man was driving with his wife along a dangerous road. At a very narrow place the wife became frightened and seized the rein nearest to her. Her husband quietly passed the other rein over to her and let go. Then she was more frightened than ever, and said, "Oh, don't you let go!" He answered, "Two people cannot drive one horse; either I must drive or you must." Then she gave him the reins and he drove safely past the danger. If we wish God to rule over us we must give everything into His hands and let Him manage for us. Either God must be our King or self will rule our lives.—Selected.

A Lesson from the Flies

If you will go to the banks of a little stream, and watch the flies that come to bathe in it, you will notice that wile they plunge their bodies in the water, they keep their wings high out of the water; and after swimming about a little while, they fly away with their wings unwet through the sunny air. Now that is a lesson for us. Here we are immersed in the cares and business of the world; but let us keep the wings of our soul, our faith, and our love out of the world, that, with these unclogged, we may be ready to take our flight to Heaven.—Biblical Encyclopedia.

Attaining Higher Life

I have known men who have been up in balloons, and they have told me that when they want to rise higher they just throw out some of the sand with which they ballast the balloon. Now, I believe one reason why so many people are earthly-minded and have so little of the spirit of Heaven, is that they have got too much ballast in the shape of love for earthly joys and gains; and what you want is to throw out some of the sand, and you will rise higher.—D. L. Moody.

The Law of Use

"I am almost afraid to use this beautiful table," said the owner. The cabinet maker ran his hand over the smooth, polished surface, and felt of the thickness of the wood. "What are you afraid of?" he asked brusquely. "You cannot wear out that table. Why, do you know they would make fifty veneered tables out of the wood you've got in this one? But this—the more you use it the better for it, madam. The only flaw on it is the worn hole you say came there when you had it stored away in the attic."

"You are too bright and lovely to be wearing yourself out doing so much for other people," said one girl to another. "I cannot be made of very good stuff to begin with, then," was the girl's retort. "Trying to live happily with one's neighbors never wore anybody out yet, unless the person was of such thin veneer that she was afraid that some people would find her out."

There is one law for the solid people and for the solid woods, that is the law of well-sunned, well-aired, constant and cheery use. **Only veneer is injured by the common, practical, wholesome duties of everyday life.—Forward.**

III. The Consecrated Life

Every believer is a priest: "Ye are a royal priesthood" (I Pet. 2: 9); "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own Blood, and hath made us **kings and priests** unto God and His Father" (Rev. 1: 5, 6). As believer priests, there is a two-fold sacrifice we are to make:

"Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God **continually**, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name" (Heb. 13: 15); "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God" (Rom. 12: 1). In regeneration, we become God's children (John 1: 11, 12). Those thus transformed are to present their bodies to be used in His service as He deems best. Have **you** made this presentation? (Read I Cor. 6: 19, 20; Phil. 2: 4-9.)

(Note: Our quarterlies have a wealth of good things on this lesson. Read every word prayerfully.)

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Alabama State Free Will Baptist Association which will meet with the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church at Cordova, Ala., November 9, 10, 11, 1944.

Thursday Night

7:30—Devotional by local Pastor
8:00—Sermon by Rev. Harry L. Mitchell, Birmingham, Ala.
—Appointment of Credential Committee

Friday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Rev. I. K. Boyett, Hamilton, Ala.
9:20—Welcome Address by Rev. V. F. Boner, Cordova, Ala.
9:30—Response by Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.
9:40—Reading of Letters and Seating of Delegates
10:00—Partial Report of General Business Board
10:20—Moderator's Message
10:40—Report of Christian Workers' Institute by Rev. K. V. Shutes
11:00—Devotional by Rev. George Kelly, Iron City, Tenn.
11:15—Sermon by Rev. Damon Dodd, Nashville, Tenn.
12:00—Dinner

Friday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional by Rev. J. E. Hodgens, Chelsea, Ala.
1:45—Women's Auxiliary led by Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.
2:45—Partial Report of Credential Committee
3:00—Our Greatest Needs as Free Will Baptists, by Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.
3:30—Gathering Orphanage Funds, by Rev. P. J. Box, Addison, Ala., and Rev. H. M. Black, Adamsville, Ala.
4:00—Report of all Boards, Unified Program: Superannuation and Missions

Friday Night

7:30—Pictures of Our Mission Work in Cuba, by Rev. Kenneth Turner
—Missionary Appeal by Rev. Winford Davis

Saturday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Rev. Vester Burkett, Townley, Ala.
9:15—Final Report of General Business and Statistician
10:00—Final Report of Credential Committee
10:20—Election of Officers
11:00—Devotional by Rev. John Golden, Eufaula, Ala.
11:20—Message by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Missionary
12:00—Dinner

Saturday Afternoon

1:30—Financial Report of Orphanage by V. C. May, Vernon, Ala.
2:00—Report from National Association by Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.
2:30—Appointment of Committees and Delegates to National and Sister Associations

Rev. J. J. Staab,
Moderator,

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
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Rev. W. H. Ryland,
Secy. and Treas.

As thy days, so shall thy strength be. Deut. 33: 25.

PROGRAM

This is the program of the Fourth Union of the Central Conference of North Carolina, which will be held in October, 1944.

Morning Session

10:30—Union called to order and devotions to be led by Rev. R. C. Proctor
—Welcome address by W. A. Dail
11:00—Union sermon by Rev. N. D. Beaman
—Roll call of ministers
—List of churches
12:30—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

1:30—Devotions and reassemble for business
—Reports of committees
—Discussions
3:00—Adjournment

By the Committee:
Mrs. J. S. Jones,
Mrs. Thomas Webb,
Benjamin Dilda

SECOND UNION PROGRAM

The Second Union meeting of the Central Conference of North Carolina will be held with Rose Hill Church on October 28, 1944.

Saturday Morning

10:00—Devotions by Rev. R. H. Mason
—Business period
10:45—A message on "Stewardship" by Mrs. Wilbur Worthington
—Song Service
11:30—Sermon by Rev. D. W. Alexander
12:00—Lunch hour.

Saturday Afternoon

1:00—Devotions by Jean Harris
1:15—Business period
1:45—A message on "Missions" by Rev. R. C. Wiggs
2:15—Special music
2:20—Message, "The Sunday School in Relation to the Church," by T. E. Skinner
2:50—Miscellaneous business
3:00—Adjournment

By the Committee

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, the heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom, and tender mercy has seen fit to call to her heavenly reward our Sister, Alice Harrington, we, the members of Piny Grove Church, Pitt County, submit the following resolutions:

First, That we bow in humble submission, and due recognition to His will in calling the spirit of our well-beloved Sister Home to be forever with Him;

Second, That we extend to her family our deepest sympathy, and may they find comfort and peace in Him who said, "Come unto me all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest";

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the church.

The Committee:

Rev. Marshall Joyner,
Irene Tyson,
Myrtle Ruth Tyson

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HARRIS. Mrs. Ira Harris, a prominent citizen, who lived near Royal, North Carolina, and formerly of Norfolk, Virginia, died on Tuesday, September 26, 1944, at her home. The funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon, October 1, in the Royal Baptist Church by the Reverend Kermit Wheeler, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Aurora. Interment followed in the Church Cemetery at Royal.

Mrs. Harris was a faithful member of the L. A. S., and those knew her learned to love her. She was a loving mother and a devoted wife. She will be missed greatly in this community. Mrs. Harris was the former Nellie Via of Clinton Forge, Virginia.

Her health had been failing for some time and recently she underwent a major operation in Tayloe Hospital in Washington, North Carolina. She was fifty-six years old when she died. Surviving are her husband, Ira Harris of Norfolk, Virginia, and a daughter, Marian, of the home, two sisters, Mrs. A. B. Howard, and Mrs. W. H. Matthews of Indianapolis, Indiana, three brothers, Jym Via and Ralph Via, Indianapolis, and Charlie Via of Clinton Forge, Virginia. She was a member of Clinton Forge Methodist Church.

Mrs. Blain Aldrich, Royal, N. C.

THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Central Conference, of North Carolina Free Will Baptists, will convene on November 8, 9, 10, 1944, with Sweet Gum Grove Church in Pitt County.

Sweet Gum Grove Church is located eight miles north of Greenville, and in one of the finest farming communities in the State. The church was organized about thirty-five years ago by the late Reverend R. F. Pittman, and like him, it has been very active. It is a large church, with ample parking space, and the Conference will be well cared for. A cordial invitation awaits each one who will attend this session of the Conference.

The Reverend L. B. Manning is moderator of the Conference, and he is requesting each church in the Conference to be sure to send one or more delegates to represent in this session. Please come on the first day, so that we may enter into the business of the Conference as early as possible.

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By E. C. Hines, Clerk

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FIFTH EASTERN UNION REPORT

The Fifth Eastern Union meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Conference convened with St. Delight Church in Craven County on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in July, 1944.

The meeting was opened with song and prayer service which was conducted by Rev. J. R. Bennett. The different committees were appointed then by the moderator of the union. The minutes of the last union were read and approved, and prayer was offered by Rev. Duff Toler. Brother Clinton Lupton was selected to bring the eleven o'clock message, while Rev. J. R. Forrest was selected to preach tonight.

There were seven ministers present for the union, and twenty-six churches represented to the calling of the roll. After the sermon an offering for Rev. L. H. Wetherington was taken, which amounted to $68.-70. Prayer was also offered to the Lord for him. At this time the union was adjourned for the lunch hour.

The lunch hour being over, the people re-assembled in the church for the business matters of the union. We had a song and Rev. B. F. Ringgold offered prayer. Then an ffering was taken for the St. Delight Church in Craven County, and the amount of the offering was $24.48. This money is for the repairing of the church.

The following is the financial statement of the union:

Received today	$143.97
On hand from last union	3.94
Total	$147.91

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	$ 80.00
Church Finance Asso., Inc.	25.00
Superannuation	25.00
Anna Phillips Loan Fund	10.00
Clerk	7.50
Total	$147.50
Balance in the treasury	$ .41

There bein gno further business to transact, a standing vote of thanks was extended to this church and com-

munity for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting.

The next session of this union will be held with Macedonia Church in Craven County at Ernul, North Carolina. The union adjourned with song and prayer.

Rev. Clifton Rice, Moderator,

Rom Mallard, Clerk

PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Second Union of the Western Association of North Carolina, which is to be held with Oak Grove Church in Wilson County, on October 28, 1944.

TIME: Eastern War Time.

Saturday Morning

10:00—Opening song by the congregation
—Devotions by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
—Appointment of committees
—Welcome address by Rev. J. C. Varnell
—Response by Rev. Dee Bissette
—Reading of last minutes
—Roll call of ministers
11:00—Union sermon by Rev. L. H. Boykin
12:00—Lunch hour

Saturday Afternoon

1:00—Devotions by Rev. J. F. Parrish
—Business period
—Roll call of churches
—Report of treasurer
—Petitions for the next union
3:00—Adjournment

Mrs. Wade E. Strickland,

Z. C. Bissette, Comm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The following is the program for the Second District Sunday School Convention of the Central Conference of North Carolina, which is to be held at Rose Hill Church on Sunday, October 29, 1944.

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School
11:00—Song service
11:30—Message by Albert Harris
12:00—Lunch Hour

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by the local Sunday School
1:15—Business of the convention
2:30—Adjournment

By the Committee

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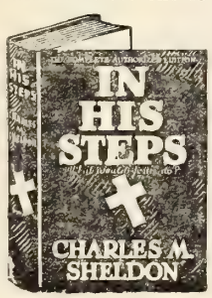
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HELPING TO BUILD THE WALL

Once upon a time there was a man named Nehemiah, whom the king honored and trusted. He lived in the king's palace and helped him. The king loved him and was kind to him, but Nehemiah was very unhappy. The reason for his unhappiness was that some of his friends had come from his home in Jerusalem, and they told him that they were in great trouble—their walls had been torn down, the gates of the city had been burned and they were in danger.

Nehemiah knew that thieves would take their property, and that even the little children might be stolen and carried away, and that wild animals might come into the city.

Nehemiah felt so sorry that he cried. For days and days he went and could not even eat, he felt so sorry. He prayed to God and said: "Dear heavenly Father, please help my people and put within the king's heart a desire to help them."

One day the king asked Nehemiah why he looked so sad. "Are you ill?" he asked.

Nehemiah answered: "I can not help being sad because the city where my people live is ruined. The walls are burned and torn down and the gates are destroyed."

Nehemiah thought maybe the king would be angry, but he said in a kind voice: "What is it that you wish?"

Nehemiah thought of God, and in his heart he talked to Him, then to the king he said: "If it please you, will you not send me to my own city to build the wall again?"

The king said: "You may go."

Nehemiah started as soon as possible with many soldiers whom the king had sent to protect him. He was happy now.

When he reached Jerusalem the people were glad to see him. He did not tell them at first what he wanted to do.

One night he took a few men and went out to look at the broken-down wall. The moon and stars were shining, and he could see how very, very badly broken the wall was. The next day he called all the people together and said: "We are in great trouble because the walls and gates are broken. Come, let us build up the walls of Jerusalem that we may be safe and happy."

Then he told them that he knew God would help them to make it safe and beautiful again. All the people answered: "Let us start at once to build it."

It was a long, long wall and would take years to rebuild if only a few men worked, but everybody was willing to help. Some said: "We will build the gate where the sheep and shepherds pass." Then other men said: "We will build the part next to the gate." Others took the part next to that, and so on until all the people had said they would build a part, and they all set to work.

There were wicked people on the outside of the wall who said: "You can never build this great wall." But Nehemiah answered: "God is helping us, and we are all working together and we will do this work."

The people outside laughed at them, but one by one the gates were built, one by one the stones were placed, and Nehemiah often comforted the people by telling them of God's greatness and how He would help them, and, in spite of all the things the enemies said and did, the wall grew and grew until, in less than two months, every gate was in place, every stone of the great wall placed. The wall was finished and the city was safe.

Nehemiah and the people marched in a long procession, singing praises to God as they marched. They played harps and other instruments and sang "Thank you" to God for helping them to build the walls. They sang for joy, because each had helped and the great wall was finished.

Oh, what can little hands do
To please the King of heaven?
The little hands some work may try
That will some simple want supply.
Such grace to mine be given.
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BIBLE INSTITUTE IN ROCKY MOUNT

A Bible Institute has been arranged by some of the laity of the churches of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. It is an Interdenominational Institute, and the public is cordially invited to attend these services.

The institute will begin on October, Sunday 22, and continue each day through Sunday, October 29, 1944. It will be held in the CITY MISSION AUDITORIUM, and the services or lectures will be from 3 to 5 P. M., each day. Those in charge of the institute have engaged Reverend Daniel A. Windham, of Greenville, North Carolina, a Free Will Baptist minister, to give the lectures, and hear the discussions.

The courses of study will be based upon prophecies of Daniel, Ezekiel and some of the other prophets of the Old Testament. The plan and purpose of the institute is to help those who attend the lectures and the discussions to gain a more definite knowledge of those Scriptures to be studied.—Ed.

A NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

This is to certify that the First Free Will Baptist Church of McCall, South Carolina, did, on the thirtieth day of September, 1944, elect a new Board of Trustees for the church to succeed Reverend Sheldon Bullard, Reverend O. M. Hilburn and Walter Tender.

The New Board members are as follows: Rev. N. H. English, Chairman; Rev. H. T. Sellars and James Sessoms. This was done by order of the First Free Will Baptist Church of McCalls, South Carolina.

Mrs. Milton Haywood,
Church Clerk

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The Homeland

The Homeland! Oh, the Homeland!
The land of the freeborn!
There's no night in the Homeland
But aye the fadeless morn;
I'm sighing for the Homeland,
My heart is aching here;
There is no pain in the Homeland
To which I'm drawing near.

My Lord is in the Homeland,
With angels bright and fair;
There's no sin in the Homeland,
And no temptation there;
The music of the Homeland
Is ringing in my ears,
And when I think of the Homeland,
My eyes are filled with tears.

My loved ones in the Homeland
Are waiting me to come
Where neither death nor sorrow
Invades their holy home:
O dear, dear native Country!
O rest and peace above!
Christ bring us all to the Homeland
Of His eternal love.

—Hugh Reginald Haweis

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In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3: 6.

Each future scene to thee I leave;
Sufficient 'tis to know
Thou canst from every evil save,
And every good bestow.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. Prov. 3: 5.

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EDITORIAL

VISIT SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

We were privileged to be present for the South Carolina Annual Conference last week, and had the opportunity to speak to the people on the "Relationship of the F. W. B. Press to the Denomination."

In many respects the Conference was a good one. Several of the leading ministers present made splendid talks concerning the orphanage work in that State, stressing the need of raising more money now while the people have an opportunity to make large offerings for this purpose. Much emphasis was placed upon Christian education and missions in the Conference by some of the Brethren. More liberal giving to all of the church causes, and for the advancement of the work of the churches in the Conference was stressed.

We emphasized, in the discussion of the work and relationship of the Press to the denomination, the place of the Baptist in each Free Will Baptist home, and endeavored to show how it is performing a vital function in its circulation for the whole denomination. Many of those present gave us a long list of names and addresses for the Baptist paper to take back with us to Ayden. Quite a large number took receipt books so that when they went back to their churches they could get others to help them to solicit subscriptions for us. We were greatly thankful to each one who manifested an interest in the work of the Press and expressed themselves as being very desirous of seeing it go forward even in a larger way during the coming years.

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BIBLE READING

There are a great many people who do not know what to do to pass the time away during the lengthening fall and winter nights. Many of them do not go to the evening shows, nor gather over to the neighbor's house for pastime or diversion.

Why not form the habit of reading each night before retiring a chapter or two in the Bible and have family prayer? You know, the old family altar is about done away with. The old-fashion knitting, darning and sewing after supper in the home by mother or daughter, or the young wife, have passed into past history. Why not start a family Reading Circle in the home for the youngsters? Start with St. Matthew's Gospel and read on through to the Book of Acts. Then, plan to read certain other books and chapters in the Bible. The time will be spent well, if one hour is given two or three nights each week to careful Bible reading.

The Family Reading Circle may vary the reading, when it is thought best, by selecting some good Bible Story books, as Foster's, Hurlbut's, Egemeier's, and Children's Bible Story books. Much joy and lasting good can result from such Bible reading during the long evenings this fall and winter.

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OBJECTS FOR GIVING

This editor and preacher has been taking notice for the last few years that most church people give more freely for religious purposes when certain definite objects are placed before them by the pastors of the churches.

We illustrate, for example, since the local, State and National religious bodies, or organizations, of the Free Will Baptist denomination have accepted Missions, Christian education, Superannuation, Orphanage work, and some others as essential phases of the denominational work, the church people are becoming more liberal in their support of the church as a whole. Definite objects, placed before the church people, from time to time by the pastor or other leaders of the church, setting forth the need of money to carry on the work of the denomination, arouse interest in greater support of the religious work.

By the use of such methods, many more church people are beginning to realize their Christian duties and responsibilities to the cause of righteousness than was true just a few years ago. Many are becoming better informed concerning what the church is expected to do in a great many ways to spread the gospel, and to keep the work going forward year after year. The movement is for a greater church, both from the viewpoint of service and financial support.

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A REQUEST TO UNION CLERKS

Many of the clerks of the Union meetings wait almost three months before sending in their Union reports for publication in the Baptist paper. Whatever business or news these reports have for the church people to read, they should be published soon after the Unions have convened, so that the reader will see what has been done in a progressive way in the Unions.

We are requesting, therefore, all Union Clerks to mail their reports to the editor as soon as practicable after the Unions have held their sessions. By doing this, both the editor and the Union Clerks will avoid much of the criticism which is being brought against them for late reporting of these matters.

As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations. Isa. 61: 11.

"Behold the Man"

By Rev. W. F. Clark

John 19: 5—"Then came Jesus forth wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said unto them, **Behold the Man."** This chapter gives the story of the crucifixion of Christ. There was a great preparation made for this occasion. They bruised His body with the wicked lash, put a crown of thorns upon His head and a purple robe upon Him.

He now stands before a wicked mob of mad men—many of them members of the synagogue, or church. Then Pilate said, **"Behold, the Man."** I find no fault in Him. They mocked Him and cried, "Crucify Him; let His blood be on us and our children." I think these were the saddest words they could have spoken. I cannot conceive how anyone could make such remarks, but they were making an appeal for the life of the man, Christ. They realized Pilate had power to release Him, but Pilate's weakness was the fear of the people and love of money. He stood high in society, politics, and power. He confessed to the people saying, "I find no fault in Him." Pilate did as thousands are doing today—held to God with one hand, the world with the other; but the tighter grip on the world. He let go the man, Christ, for the world, not considering that he was crucifying his only resource for even the temporal things of life—the channel through which all blessings flow, the giver of life, and possessor of all power.

Pilate, like millions today was full of personal ideas, but never did any serious thinking. He used no consideration at all. He had the Man placed before this mob of wicked men. Please note that not Pilate, but the people, judged and sentenced the Man on trial for His life.

Pilate said, "What shall I do with Jesus, which is called Christ." They all cried, "Crucify Him, crucify Him. Let His blood be on us and our children." Today this question is meant for each individual: "What shall I do with Christ?" Many are using Him for social morals and business reasons, but few are accepting Him as their personal Saviour.

The foolish and wicked men two thousand years ago were brutally crucifying the man, Christ. They thought that would be the last of Him, but, thanks for His holiness, for he is not dead, but alive again. Yes, they killed the man, Christ, thinking it would silence Him, but after they had completed the job, they found it different. They realized what they had done, but, as I fear it will be with many living today, it will be too late, when they come to themselves.

In Psalm 95: 7, God warned them by saying through David, "To day if ye will hear His voice, Harden not your heart." But they crucified the man, Christ, just the same.

Now let's step up the time two thousand years and see how it is with us today. Psalms 95: 7, 8, have to do with our day, the same as it did with their day. We haven't the man, Christ, in person to crucify, but we have His Bride, the Church. By far the majority of people who are called by His name are trying to silence the true meaning of the Church and what it stood for in its origin, by trying to modernize its true worship and worth in the community in which it stands—trying to socialize the church by giving weiner roasts, cake walks, cream suppers, picnics of many kinds and names, socials here and socials there. Brother, it would be as easy to move stone mountains with a broom straw as it would be to socialize people into the Kingdom of God.

Please turn to Amos 5: 20—"Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness and not light? even very dark and no brightness in it?" I hate, I despise your feast days and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies. We are resorting to the wrong thing to Christianize our young people. Conviction, conversion, and salvation come from God through the faithful few by lifting the man, Christ, up to a sin-cursed world, by living a separate life from the world.

The word tells us to come out from among them—the world—and be a separate people. Christ drove the enemy out of the temple. He is our example.

My conviction is that the church must break the shackles of over-organization and get back to the fundamentals of the faith if it is to withstand the forces of Atheism.

Behold the man Christ Jesus! He is our sufficiency. The remedy for our church problems is found in II Chron. 7: 14—"If my people, which are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land." "Now mine eyes shall be open and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place" (5: 15).

Pilate's best friend is also our best friend. What shall we do with Him? Behold the Man! The burden of the restoration of the church rests upon the shoulders of those with spiritual vision and a mind of reason—the twice-born. For He said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." A Christian is a clean person; a clean person is not a filthy person; a filthy person is a foolish person—one without vision. Can you visualize the saints of God in heaven walking the Golden street with a pocket and mouth full of idols? Brother, you will be disappointed if you expect to find them in heaven.

Listen to Paul on the subject of clean living. II Cor. 7: 1—"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting ourselves in the fear of God."

EAST NASHVILLE CHURCH

Sunday, July 30, 1944, marked a red-letter day in the history of East Nashville F. W. B. Church, for it was on that day that the church plant was dedicated, debt-free to the Lord and His cause. On the fourth Sunday in June of this year the final goal had been reached when the congregation responded with an offering of $2,209.00. Plans were made then and there for the dedication service and these plans were carried out the fifth Sunday in July, thus bringing to a climax many hard and discouraging years of labor and toil. We can rejoice greatly in the Lord because only His mercy and goodness made such an accomplishment possible. Following is a portion of a talk delivered by Mrs. J. E. Frazier on dedication day which gives some of the highlights of East Nashville church.

"In the fall of 1923 a small group of zealous women residing in East Nashville, but attendants at Cofer's Chapel church in north Nashville, asked permission of Cofer's Chapel to start an organized work in East Nashville. The permission was granted and the work was launched by Rev. J. L. Welch on January 10, 1924, with twelve members who had assembled at the home of Mrs. Fred Polston at 318 Woodland St. At first this branch work was known as the East Nashville Workers, but on September 7, 1924, it was duly constituted "East Nashville Free Will Baptist Church," with 19 charter members.

For a few months all the services were conducted in the homes of the members. Later a hall located over a grocery store at 12th and Woodland Streets, was rented and worship services were begun there on the first Sunday in September, 1924. Rev. Henry Oliver, a student of S. P. U., located then at Clarksville, Tenn., was the first pastor. He pastored the church until the fall of 1926, when he accepted a teaching position in Eureka College at Ayden, N. C.

Rev. M. S. Harris was the second pastor. He served one year and was succeeded by Rev. Loy E. Ballard of North Carolina. In 1930 the second home, our present building, was purchased, and on the second Sunday in May, 1930, it was formally opened. On July 30, 1944, it was dedicated free of any debt and with a substantial amount left in the bank for future needs.

The same year that our church was purchased, Rev. J. L. Welch, the organizer, accepted the pastorate and remained with us five years, when he accepted a call to Cofer's Chapel Church where he had formerly served as pastor.

The next pastor, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, also served the church five years, then resigned, taking with him thirty members with whom he organized an independent work in northeast Nashville. In January, 1941, Rev. Henry Melvin, of Durham, N. C., and two years later he resigned to return to his church in Durham.

The members of East Nashville church have always and still do "earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints." So all the way the Lord has led us and crowned even some bitter years with His blessings. To Him be all the glory and honor and praise. True, the task has been great and at times quite discouraging even to the faithful few. But the unfaltering faith and the unquenchable zeal of her charter members and those faithful and loyal members added from year to year have resulted in the achievement of this time and other great blessings of the past.

"Faith without works" is just as dead today as it was when James first made the assertion. It is still true that dead things do not grow. The rule in heaven is, you grow or go. East Nashville church has grown from 19 members to 164 members; from an offering of $2.00 on January 10, 1924, to an offering of $2,209.00 given worshipfully on June 25, 1944. She has grown until among her children are members of leadership, ability, initiative, consecration and generosity of time, talent and money. With everyone of these sharing his and her best in the Master's service, East Nashville can expect even greater achievements as the days come.

Before I close, I must say that much credit for this debt-erasure plan is due the official board whose chairman is Mr. E. D. Parker and to the newly elected pastor, Rev. Damon Dodd of Missouri. Both the Board and the Pastor have done a praiseworthy piece of work in the few months given them to work the plan. Rev. Dodd's soul winning spirit, courageous heart and Christian patriotism are in harmony with East Nashville's character of progress and unselfish devotion to truth and to God. The Spirit of God is among us and there are many reasons for rejoicing. Surely there is a glorious day ahead for East Nashville and the F. W. B. cause in Nashville, Tenn.

Work away East Nashville Church
For the Father's eye is on us,
Never off us, still upon us
Night and day, work and pray.
Work, and prayer will be the sweeter,
Pray, and work will be completer,
Love, and prayer and work the fleeter
Will ascend upon their way, Work Away!

—In F. W. B. Gem

KING TRIUMPHANT

Jesus shall reign wher'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
From north to south the princes meet,
To pay their homage at his feet;
While western empires own their Lord,
And savage tribes attend his word.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

—Isaac Watts

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin
Field Secretary Free Will Baptist Association of North Carolina

Why No "Notes and Quotes" Last Week

Due to the fact that I had been in revival services for seven weeks, and no typewriter convenient, together with attending the funeral of my Uncle, Raford Lee Griffin, of Nash County on Saturday, the day that I usually write, the best that I could do was to let the Editor know that I would not have anything but the telegram with which I gave the notice of no manuscript.

A Part of My Life

When I began writing twenty-five years ago to the Baptist it was to help out an over-worked Editor, Eld. E. T. Phillips, who was wearing his very life away to carry the work on. I had no thought of going very long in this field. I was elected by the Board of Directors as an associate editor. But I preferred to write independently without any remuneration, and I chose the "caption" of "NOTES AND QUOTES" after the death of Dr. E. L. St. Claire, who used the same "caption" when he wrote, though he did not write regularly. So, as the need grew greater with the declining health of Elder E. T. Phillips the work became greater and greater a "Part of my Life." So, after these years of writing, solely for the purpose of helping the Free Will Baptist to have the best possible at the least cost, and to further the Cause of my CHRIST and HIS CHURCH, I feel at a great loss when I am compelled to leave off an issue. It is a loss to me, if not to others, when I fail to write.

Criticisms and Blessings

Friendly criticisms, or constructive criticisms, have been a great help to me. I have had such from those whom I could trust. Along with these criticisms I have received hundreds of letters and thousands of assertions from friends at Union meetings, conferences and associations and other religious gatherings, in such words, as "Preacher I enjoy Notes and Quotes" and some times, it is said, "I've received blessings from reading your "Notes and Quotes." I have been informed by some that they had been "brought to Christ after reading Notes and Quotes." These testimonies make me happy.

While there have been some destructive criticisms, perhaps more than have come to me, but the good words outweigh the bad to the extent that I have kept on "keeping on" for the glory of God, realizing of a fact that no one can satisfy everybody. And I have gotten old enough now to not try to satisfy everybody. First of all I want to PLEASE my LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, then if people are satisfied I am glad, and if not I am hurt. But we need not expect all things to seem good, but "All things work together for good to them that love God" (Rom. 8: 28).

Some of Our Revival Meetings

God has wonderfully blessed in our revival work in the eastern part of the State of North Carolina. We have heard from several meetings which have been conducted in the near-by churches which resulted in many confessions of faith and additions to the church. God is blessing the efforts of His servants.

We closed a week's meeting at New Bethlehem, Pamlico County, the fourth Sunday in September with five young people—a newly married couple—were among the five who came to Christ. We went from there to Gum Swamp, where we could only stay for one week. Only one was baptized at this place. From there we came to Black Jack. Rev. J. R. Bennett did all the preaching at this place except the first and one other sermon. I conducted the singing and did pastoral service. There were sixteen added to the church at Black Jack. After arriving at the water for the baptism, Elder W. B. Nobles came with a dozen fine folk from Piny Grove, Pitt County, to be baptized and we had a joint baptism.

Our Churches for the Ensuing Year

According to appointments, and the election as pastor, we are to pastor the following churches for another year.

Holly Springs, Carteret County, first Sundays and Saturday night before. Bridgeton on second Sundays. Spring Hope, second Sunday afternoon and Saturday night before. Black Jack third Sundays and Saturday night before. Gum Swamp fourth Sundays and Saturday at 11 a. m., Saturday evening and Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock. As an humble servant of the Lord Jesus I am asking all that read these lines to pray that God will bless so that I may be worthy to serve such fine people as I am called to serve as pastor, and that many souls will be led to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Free Will Baptist Church

The Free Will Baptist church is a FUNDAMENTAL CHURCH. We believe every word of the Bible from Genesis, the first word, to the last word of Revelation. We believe that every word was written by inspiration of the Holy Ghost. If we have one that preaches a "Salvation without the shedding of blood" I do not know it. If so, he is not an orthodox preacher of the Free Will Baptist Church, for we believe that through the "SHED BLOOD OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AS THE LAMB SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD, THAT WE ARE SAVED FROM DEATH AND HELL."

We do not believe that any man, or set of men are saved out of mere choice of ALMIGHTY GOD without the consent of the person. Man is a "Free moral agent." Man can accept the LORD JESUS CHRIST as his personal Saviour and be saved thereby. Or man can reject the LORD JESUS CHRIST as his personal SAVIOUR and lift up his eyes in a demon's hell, for his willful rejection of the Son of God. Christ commissioned his disciples, we believe, when He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,

he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16: 16).

A Missionary Church

The Free Will Baptist church in DOCTRINE IS SOUND ON MISSIONS, but our big trouble is: too many have failed to live up to the doctrine. Too many have "ROBBED God in tithes and offerings" that the churches have failed to go up where they might have gone up; and churches that have been built, and prospered for a while, have been replaced by other denominations who have been keen enough in thought and activities to take advantage of the opportunity to evangelize thousands that might have been saved through our efforts, if we had been more alert to the SALVATION OF THE LOST. May we repent and place ourselves on the ALTAR OF GOD, and give more time and money to the SALVATION of the LOST AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Superannuation for October

This is the month to specialize in offerings for the old worn out minister.

Associations and Conferences In North Carolina

To all the Annual meetings in North Carolina we urgently appeal that every phase of the program as outlined by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION be considered. We hope that every organization will UNITE its efforts on the UNIFIED PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL. Every organization, that is, every Annual meeting should give at least TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT OF ALL PROCEEDS to the National Unified Program. At the rate that we are going it will be a long time before we get a GOOD, SENSIBLE, WORKABLE, BIBLICAL PROGRAM that is better than the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

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ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

THANKSGIVING AT THE ORPHANAGE NOVEMBER 30

Because of certain information and changes of Thanksgiving Day observance the Board of Trustees authorized the Superintendent to schedule the observance of Thanksgiving Day at the Orphanage as November 30. The public is cordially invited to come and bring baskets for picnic dinner. A program will be sponsored by the children and employees of the home.

James A. Evans,
Superintendent

HE LIVES LONG WHO LIVES WELL

Wouldst thou live long? The only means are these—
'Bove Galen's diet, or Hippocrates':
Strive to live well; tread in the upright ways,
And rather count thy actions than thy days:
Then thou hast lived enough amongst us here,
For every day well spent I count a year.
Live well, and then, how soon soe'er thou die,
Thou art of age to claim eternity.
But he that outlives Nestor, and appears
To have passed the date of gray Methuselah's years,
If he his life to sloth and sin doth give,
I say he only was—he did not live.

—Thomas Randolph

THE ISLE OF THE LONG AGO

Oh, a wonderful stream is the River time,
As it runs through the realm of tears,
With a faultless rhythm and a musical rhyme,
And a boundless sweep and a surge sublime,
As it blends with the Ocean of Years.

How the winters are drifting like flakes of snow,
And the summers like buds between,
And the year in the sheaf, so they come and they go,
On the river's breast, with its ebb and flow,
As it glides in the shadow and sheen.

There's a magical isle up the river Time,
Where the softest of airs are playing;
There's a cloudless sky and a tropical clime,
And a song as sweet as a vesper chime,
And the Junes with the roses are straying.

And the name of that Isle is the Long Ago,
And we bury our treasures there;
There are brows of beauty and bosoms of snow;
There are heaps of dust—but we loved them so!
There are trinkets and tresses of hair.

There are fragments of song that nobody sings;
And a part of an infant's prayer;
There's a lute unswept, and a harp without strings;
There are broken vows and pieces of rings,
And the garments she used to wear.

There are hands that are waved when the fairy shore
By the mirage is lifted in air,
And we sometimes hear through the turbulent roar
Sweet voices we heard in the days gone before,
When the wind down the river is fair.

Oh, remembered for aye be the blessed Isle,
All the day of our life until night;
When the evening comes with its beautiful smile,
And our eyes are closing to slumber awhile,
May that "Green wood" of Soul be in sight!

— Benjamin Franklin Taylor

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WITH THE WILLEYS IN CUBA

I left Miami at 10:45 A. M. on Wednesday, the thirteenth of September, 1944, by Pan American Airways Clipper. Our departure was two hours later than scheduled, due to the uncertainty of a hurricane headed for Miami, which the Lord graciously turned away. The take-off was a little bit rough, but as soon as we got out over the Gulf, it was very smooth fiying; that is, until we got near to the coast of Cuba, and then, although the weather appeared to be beautiful and sunny to the naked eye, the ship tried to do a "rhumba" or something very athletic, as the whole ship bounced up and down, while first one wing, then the tail, then the nose, and then the other wing took alternate turns in showing off how well they could do the swan dive and the "cannon-ball." But it only lasted for the last ten minutes before we landed, and so I lived through it, although in recalling it, I do not see how, except, of course, by the grace of God.

I am definitely not a good sailor, but I am a fair flier if I don't eat any breakfast before I fly, but, although I have flown many times in army and navy planes, that landing was the worst that I have ever made. However, such is not usually the case, and most of the time, the trip is very smooth and pleasant, the whole way. When we were landing, I kept repeating to myself, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," and He truly did. That verse is very precious to me every time I find it necessary to endure anything unpleasant or difficult.

We arrived in Cuba at 12:15 P. M. and had a pleasant ride into Havana, where I was met by our beloved director, Thomas H. Willey. It had been five years since I had seen him. He manifested the same forceful, admirable personality, but the poor man has poured out his life's blood for the Lord's work in Cuba, and not having sufficient helpers, has severely overworked. May the Lord provide us with some more capable assistants.

I first met Mr. Willey in the Balboa Heights Baptist Church, Balboa Heights, Panama Canal Zone, in 1937 in the company of one of "his own people" the Darien Indians. Since then the Willeys have been very good friends of ours.

The Willeys in Panama had their headquarters in El Valle, where they lived in a mud hut, with a corrugated tin roof. Their furniture was very rustic. For example, their clothes-closet was a packing case from their kerosene refrigerator. Mrs. Willey's dressing table, she had concocted from two orange crates and a plank. Their bed was a spring and mattress upon two trunks, and for their spare bed, Mr. Willey occasionally used the two cushions from their old car. They bathed, drank and swam in the creek.

Mr. Willey worked among the Darien Indians who live in the southern part of Panama and the northermost part of Colombia. The Indians are an extremely honest people who have never been reached by the Gospel. They wear "G-strings" and loin cloths, and where untouched by the white people they have very high moral ideals, but they have no one to tell them of Christ since Mr. Willey and his family were forced out of Panama by the Catholic controlled Government, on the pretext that they were starting a revolution. Oh, that the Lord may open this door to this country once again, and lay it upon the hearts of many Americans to go to this needy field of service to Him in Darien.

My first impression of Cuba, after I recovered from the effects of that landing, was very pleasant. It is definitely tropical, and yet the country, as a whole, is very much cleaner than Panama, or any of the tropical countries in which I have been. I was very much surprised upon arrival in Pinar del Rio to find that they have electric lights, tile bath rooms, running water, even sometimes hot running water, sometimes telephones, and quite a variety of things may be purchased in the stores such as scotch tape, kleenix, etc., that even war plants in the United States have difficulty in getting. I do not mean to imply that anything may be purchased here, or very inexpensively, but little luxuries that are hard to get in the States are easy to get here, while many necessities are more difficult to obtain. The price of imported foods and other things is ofttimes prohibitive. Nevertheless, our God is able to supply all our needs according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus. We do have a great prayer answering God, and a wonderful Lord!

I was quite happy to get back to a tropical climate and to the many delicious tropical fruits. Cuba is really quite an improvement over Panama. I am happiest to be in the center of the Lord's will and to have the privilege of winning souls for Him and to train other soul winners in the Bible School. The Cubans are a very dear people. Many of them white, and hard to tell from Americans. THE PEOPLE OF CUBA ARE CRYING FOR THE GOSPEL, and the workers are so FEW! Each of us must carry a heavy load, and our dear director is, by the grace of God, carrying a superhuman load, and doing the work of literally EIGHT men, with oft-times only five or six hours of sleep in the night. Oh, that the people of America would so hunger after God, and not go "whoring after other gods of their own self-made pleasure." The greatest idol and god of America is "Self." Oh, that the Lord may awaken America, and first the Christians, that a mighty revival

may sweep America and the world, that many more precious souls may be saved before Jesus comes! Oh, that Christians at home in the States would awaken to their responsibility to lost souls when they themselves have received the prieless gift of salvation, and that they may, without any reservation whatsoever, give themselves completely to the Lord, "to go where He wants them to go, and to do what He wants them to do," willingly, whether it be to go to the foreign field, or to STAY at home, and to leave self and personal desires out of the decision.

Cuba is one of the most receptive fields, with the most visible results, and yet one of the least reached fields that I have seen any place, for I have lived or been in Central and South America, the West Indies, the South Pacific, the Orient, and the Philippines. One of the greatest needs here now is for several consecrated, Christian nurses, to start an evangelical school of nursing, to train native nurses of which there is a great shortage.

I used to speak Spanish quite fluently, and I have studied it quite a bit in school but have had no real use for it during the last five years, and was afraid that I would have quite a bit of difficulty, but due to the Lord's goodness, it is coming back swiftly, for which I truly do praise His name.

Your Bible School in which I have the privilege of teaching is one of the most important parts of the ministry here, as in it are trained native pastors and Christian workers who are able to reach far greater numbers of their own people than we are able to do. And so their training is very important.

Do not think that we always have the luxuries of electricity, etc., for they are only in our headquarters of the Province in the city of Pinar del Rio. Our other stations, as a whole, are much more crude, but the Lord is blessing the testified word and for that we are thankful.

Christians. PLEASE, pray mightily in INTERCESSORY Prayer for the spiritual and physical health of the missionaries. I do praise the Lord for this privilege of laboring here in your work and with your missionaries. I covet your prayers that I might be used of Him this year to be a blessing and help in whatever capacity I might fill.

May the Lord bless you, dear readers.

Peter I. R. Skanse

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TESTIMONIALS OF YOUNG MR. SKANSE

Peter is twenty years old and a senior at Wheaton College. He felt definitely led of the Lord to spend this year with us on the field to acquire actual experience by which he will know better how to complete his last year of college work.

Peter is the son of Colonel and Mrs. P. E. Skanse who have their home at Wheaton, Illinois. At present Colonel Skanse is commanding the 49th Bombardment Wing, composed of all U. S. A. bombers based in Italy. Colonel Skanse has been in the U. S. A. Air Corps for 28 years. During these years of army life he has faithfully served and testified for the Lord.

Since Peter has known the Willeys in Panama, he has had a desire to labor with them. He has gone to Cuba paying all of his own expenses. While staying at the Bible School he will pay board, and when at the mission station in Pinar he will pay for his days lodging and food as do the other missionaries when they come in for a visit. He will also pay for all of his own traveling expenses while on the field. Outside of help which his Mother and Father will send him from their tithes, Peter is trusting the Lord for his support. Shall we pray with him that needs might be met for the glory of God.

Mrs. T. H. Willey

I was privileged at one time to visit in the home of Colonel Skanse when they were stationed near Detroit. On this visit I became acquainted with Peter. He is a very likeable boy, has a splendid Christian background in the life of his parents, and I am thinking the Lord may use him as a great blessing to our work in Cuba.

Rev. Winford Davis

REVIVAL AT CHRISTIAN CHAPEL

The people at Christian Chapel feel that they were fortunate in having Brother Clifton Rice of Kinston, North Carolina, to hold our revival meeting. It began on Monday night, October 9 and continued through Saturday night, of the same week.

We had with us also Brother Lester L. King of Richlands to help us with the song services, which was enjoyed by all who attended the meeting. He brought some real fine messages in song each evening. The attendance was splendid for each service during the week, and the interest in the meeting was fine.

Brother Rice, in his usual way, brought real soul stirring messages each evening in the power of the Holy Spirit. There were two who came from other churches to take membership with us. One came upon profession of faith in Christ. We feel that the church has been strengthened, though we did not get many members during the meeting. We regretted very much that our pastor, Rev. S. A. Smith, could not be with us for the meeting.

By a Member of the Church

Wanted!

A boy, girl, man, or woman in every community or town to sell my cards for Service Boys, also cards for the Sick. Keep part of money when sold.

Write for free Samples of cards.

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Mrs. Vida Munden Nixon,
Route 2,
Bailey, N. C.

AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT

Alice E. Lupton, Editor

GUM NECK AUXILIARY REPORT

The Women's Auxiliary of the Gum Neck Church met on Tuesday afternoon, October 10, 1944, for its regular monthly meeting. Mrs. J. J. Everton was in charge of the program. The topic of the lesson was on the subject: "Steadfast in the Home Land." The opening hymn was "How Firm a Foundation."

An interesting topic was discussed by Mrs. Amanda Parrisher, Mrs. Caddie Basnight, Mrs. Clara Parrisher, Mrs. C. T. Swindell. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Activities for the Month

Dues collected	$ 6.00
Paid out to Superannuation	6.00
For adopted boy's clothes	25.00
To the Abundant Life Hour Radio Program	1.00
Total paid out	$32.00
Bible chapters read	125
Milk given to the needy (gals.)	10

It was moved and carried that we send to the service boys from our community Christmas cards. The meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Amanda Parrisher.

Mrs. C. F. Swindell,
Cor.-Secy.

WE DESIRE OUR NEW HOME

Elder Colonel Pendleton
29 1-2 Hermitage Avenue
Nashville 10, Tenn.

"For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better" (Phil. 1: 23). Also 2 Cor. 5: 6-8. which reads, "Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (for we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

Yes, beloved, we have the hope of glory which is Christ in us, which causes us to rejoice greatly for we know that the rich and good things that are laid up for us (that is His "Born again" children) in the eternal heavens far surpasses all the good things that we enjoy even in Christ in this life. Let us realize that now we are cooped up in this little old perishing shack, but then we shall put on our house from heaven, our glorified body, and explore the beauties of that heavenly country where all is love, peace, and joy. We read in Rev. 22: 1-5, "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."

We shall talk with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all of the faithful prophets, saints, and apostles and loved ones who have gone on before. To me the most precious thing is, that we shall be like (HIM our blessed Lord Jesus) having been given a glorified body just like His. We shall then walk with Him in white. "We shall see Him as He is" and shall talk with Him, and understand many things that we do not understand now. Please let us realize that the words used in the book of Revelation to convey to us how God sees us as His children in time of trouble and sorrow, for things in this old wicked world are inadequate to express the grandeur and exceeding beauty of the eternal heavenly things. When we look into the starry heaven at night and we see with the natural eyes the twinkling and sparkling of the stars, we are reminded that God looks down into this old sinful world from on high and sees His faithful children in the sufferings and trials of this life standing true to Him. They are being polished and brightened and they sparkle, shine and twinkle in His sight.

He likens us to the most precious jewels. To the world we may be "trash" but to our heavenly Father we are "precious jewels." To the world we may be "public enemy number one," but to our God we are "the elect." Our heavenly Father uses the very choicest words that we mortals can understand to symbolize and convey to us the exquisite beauty that the church (or God's children reflecting back to Him as they hold their integrity and purity, and shine as bright lights in this old sinful world full of darkness, sorrow and suffering. We rejoice for the hope that is in us of an eternal home prepared for us by our Father in heaven. We know that we cannot find words to express the grandeur and beauty of the things we are heirs to, and shall inherit some glad day. In Hebrews 12: 1, we read, "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Yes, dear ones, it is good for us to know that the Lord Jesus Christ, has now, in this present evil age a true, "born again," people who are living, "soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Yes Jesus has bought His people with a great price, even His own blood: and they are a great joy to Him. All who remain faithful

and true to Him through this life will inherit glorified bodies like our Lord and it will be a great and eternal joy for us. And I praise God for this blessed hope that is in us. The grandeur and beauty of the church (or the people of God) here in this world is small in comparison to the glory and exceeding greatness of His children in their glorified state.

Oh! How often we long to be loose from this earthly house that we might enter into our house from heaven, a building not made with hands, a glorified immortal body like our blessed Lord's eternal in the heavens. And now, I say to all Christians everywhere I love you as brothers and sisters and laborers and companions in the tribulations of this life, and as heirs together of the things in the world to come. Now, my dear Christian friends, I would say, let us all continue to be laborers together with our blessed Lord, for we must remember that after all it is God that gives the increase. For after all we are nothing and it is as we allow Jesus to live in us and work through us both to will and to do His good pleasure can we accomplish anything in His great work of leading precious souls to Him. Let us humble ourselves that God may exalt us in due time. Yes, let this be our motto: "Let man be humbled and God be magnified."

Now, I close by saying, with our beloved brother Paul, as written in, 2 Cor. 5: 1-9, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of Him."

To all who are "born again" and are striving to be overcomers that they may inherit all things and have bodies like our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, this article is written and dedicated by your humble brother.

RELIGION AT A PRICE

"Without money and without price." These are the terms upon which God offers salvation to "every one that thirsteth." This has been made possible through the infinite sacrifice of the Son of God so that Paul can write, "The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." One of the commonest and most widespread errors is that man can do something to merit his salvation, but it seldom appears in such a bald form as in the letter from Archbishop Sinnott of Winnipeg to "Dear Catholic Parents" (reprinted by the Gospel Witness and Protestant Advocate, Toronto). He writes that perpetual membership in the Society of the Propagation of the Faith is a "guarantee for any boy exposed to all the hazards of war! A guarantee, should he be killed, that he will go at once to his Maker, to be with Him for all eternity." Apparently sufficient funds were not forthcoming, so the Archbishop makes a stronger plea: "Do you not think, with a little economy and a few less shows, you will be able to set aside one dollar a month, until the full amount is paid up? It is not necessary to pay the $40.00 at once. You can pay any sum you wish, by instalments. You can pay, say, $5.00 a month, or $10.00 every three months. . . . The important thing is to ensure the boy's safety, as far as we can do so,—his safety in time and eternity." Then follow such practical details as the address and telephone number of the office from which such eternal safety can be bought. One recalls Tetzel of the bull-like voice who bargained off indulgences in Luther's day. It is hard to see how intelligent people can be trapped by such chicanery, but multitudes have been caught in this great net and "through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Heb. 2: 15). And how many hearts have been broken by the thought that they have not enough money to buy either their own or their loved ones' salvation! Yes the Saviour came to seek just such helpless and lost sinners as the two debtors in Luke 7, who "had nothing to pay," and who were frankly forgiven. Oh, that we might more and more make known the glorious Good News that the price of our redemption was not "corruptible things, as silver and gold . . . but . . . the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (1 Pet. 1 :18, 19).
—In S. S. Times

COME: TARRY: GO

"Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11: 28).

"Tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24: 49). "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel" (Mark 16: 15).

In these familiar passages of Scripture, we find what we believe to be the three great verbs of the Gospel. As we study the parts of speech, we find that verbs are the very life-blood of language, since they describe action, either being or state.

The first of these is "Come." We are told that the word "Come" appears six hundred and forty-two times in the Holy Scriptures. But the use of the word which interest us especially is Christ's "come", and the most precious of all the verses in which Jesus' "come" is found in Matthew, he said "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "Come"—that was the word Jesus used when calling the disciples. Calling them away from their former activities to him and into a new life. "Come" was the word used in calling John and James, and to Peter and Andrew, calling them away from their boats and nets

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THE CHRISTIAN AND NATIONAL PREJUDICE

(Lesson for November 5)

Lesson: Acts 10: 9-16, 34, 35; 17: 24-28)

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him" (Acts 10: 34, 35).

Christ died for **all** men. God has ordained that every soul that accepts the Lord Jesus as Saviour and Master shall become a member of the Family of God, a son of the Heavenly Father and a brother of the Lord Jesus. He has further determined that all who elect themselves to this holy company and become members of the Heavenly Family, shall also become equal heirs with Jesus Christ in the Heavenly estate. How then could God show favor or kindness to one **group** of these heirs at the expense of another group?

It is true that in one past dispensation of time God did choose the race of the Hebrews to be a chosen, special, and peculiar people, whom He called His own. But this choice was made not because of any difference between them and other races of man, but the choice was arbitrarily made to erect and train a nation through whom the Scriptures could be transmitted to men and preserved for man, and to provide a lineage through which the Saviour of all men could come.

But when Israel proved apostate to her calling, crucified the Christ, steadfastly refused the witness of the Holy Ghost, and continued in a course of stubborn rebellion, God laid her aside for a period, and the great ministry she might have had was delivered to Gentile nations to consummate. But since that mission is the evangelization of the earth, and since it is carried on only through and by the regenerated, it is not even a Gentile mission, speaking strictly within the bounds of the exact meaning of that term. In the new birth we become new creatures, neither Jew nor Gentile, and it is to that elect company that the missionary commission is delivered.

II. Heart of the Lesson

This lesson revolves around the great discovery made by Peter, through his strange vision while engaged in prayer, and the events which followed it. "Of a truth," he said when speaking of this discovery, "I perceive that God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10: 34). He found that God **loved all men,** and through Christ had **provided salvation for all men.** Until this vision was given, Peter thought God was a **respecter** of men, he thought that He respected and favored **only the Jewish race,** that only Jews could be saved. Gentiles to be saved must virtually become Jews by being circumcised and observing Jewish laws and ceremonies. The Jews felt themselves so **superior** to the Gentiles that they regarded them as unclean, and even to eat with them was an act of uncleanness and a grave sin (Acts 11: 3). In his vision, Peter found that God having cleansed foods which he had always regarded as unclean (Lev. 20: 25), he was **forbidden** henceforth to call such food **common,** that is, impure (Acts 10: 15). The full significance of this revelation was not seen until the servants of Cornelius visited him and made known **his vision.** Then Peter's eyes were opened, for as he journeyed to the house of Cornelius he pondered over his vision, and th command of the angel who appeared to Cornelius, to preach the Word in the **house** of this Gentile. He saw now that he would not be defiled by mixing with Gentiles, for God loved them even as He loved the Jews. When he entered the home of Cornelius he told the company that God had shown him he must not "call any man common or unclean" (vs. 28), and this accounted for his doing a thing which hitherto had been **unlawful.** The vision which God had given to him and to Cornelius had convinced him that "in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is **accepted** with Him" (vs. 35). That blessed word **"whosoever"** embraces every nation, every race, every individual, for the great loving heart of God provided salvation for **all** mankind, and desires **that all** may be **saved.** (John 3: 16).—Selected.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Sometimes missionaries are in great danger. Sometimes their lives are laid down for Jesus. Jesus laid down His life for the whole world, and should we be unwilling to suffer, and if needs be, lay down our lives for His sake, and for the Gospel's sake? The Rev. E. P. Scott, while laboring as a missionary in India, saw one of the strangest-looking heathen he had ever seen. Upon inquiry, he found that he was a member of a tribe that lived in the mountain district, some of whom came down once a year to trade. He learned that the Gospel had never been preached to them, and that it was dangerous to venture among them. He went to his room and earnestly prayed for God's direction. Arising from his knees, he packed his hand-bag, took his violin with which he was accustomed to sing, and started in the direction of the tribe. As he bade his fellow missionaries fare well, they said, "We shall never see you again; it is madness for you to go." But he said, "I **must** preach Jesus to them!" For two days he traveled alone, scarcely meeting a human being. At last he found himself in the mountains and suddenly surrounded by a band of savages. Every spear was pointed toward his breast. He expected every moment would be his last. Not knowing of any other thing to do, he tried the power of singing the Name of Jesus to them. Taking his violin, he began with closed eyes to sing and play:

"All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!"

On commencing the third verse, h

opened his eyes to see what they were going to do, when lo! the spears had dropped from their hands, and the big tears were falling from their eyes. They invited him to their homes. He spent nearly three years among them. His labors were so richly rewarded that when he was compelled to leave them, they followed him for thirty miles. "Oh, missionary," they said, "Come back to us again!"

—The S. S. Times

(Note: Please study all the helps in our quarterlies. They are all very good. Let's earnestly try to get the Gospel to the whole world. While a Japanese will be saved if he repents and accepts Jesus Christ, yet there are good reasons why it is best for him to stay in his own country rather than to emigrate to some other country where customs are different from his own.

PROGRAM

Following is the program of the Alabama State Free Will Baptist Association which will meet with the Cordova Free Will Baptist Church at Cordova, Ala., November 9, 10, 11, 1944.

Thursday Night

7:30—Devotional by local Pastor
8:00—Sermon by Rev. Harry L. Mitchell, Birmingham, Ala.
—Appointment of Credential Committee

Friday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Rev. I. K. Boyett, Hamilton, Ala.
9:20—Welcome Address by Rev. V. F. Boner, Cordova, Ala.
9:30—Response by Mrs. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.
9:40—Reading of Letters and Seating of Delegates
10:00—Partial Report of General Business Board
10:20—Moderator's Message
10:40—Report of Christian Workers' Institute by Rev. K. V. Shutes
11:00—Devotional by Rev. George Kelly, Iron City, Tenn.
11:15—Sermon by Rev. Damon Dodd, Nashville, Tenn.
12:00—Dinner

Friday Afternoon

1:30—Devotional by Rev. J. E. Hodgens, Chelsea, Ala.
1:45—Women's Auxiliary led by Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Cordova, Ala.
2:45—Partial Report of Credential Committee
3:00—Our Greatest Needs as Free Will Baptists, by Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn.
3:30—Gathering Orphanage Funds, by Rev. P. J. Box, Addison, Ala., and Rev. H. M. Black, Adamsville, Ala.
4:00—Report of all Boards, Unified Program: Superannuation and Missions

Friday Night

7:30—Pictures of Our Mission Work in Cuba, by Rev. Kenneth Turner
—Missionary Appeal by Rev. Winford Davis

Saturday Morning

9:00—Devotional by Rev. Vester Burkett, Townley, Ala.
9:15—Final Report of General Business and Statistician
10:00—Final Report of Credential Committee
10:20—Election of Officers
11:00—Devotional by Rev. John Golden, Eufaula, Ala.
11:20—Message by Miss Laura Belle Barnard, Missionary
12:00—Dinner

Saturday Afternoon

1:30—Financial Report of Orphanage by V. C. May, Vernon, Ala.
2:00—Report from National Association by Rev. J. B. Bloss, Columbia, Tenn.
2:30—Appointment of Committees and Delegates to National and Sister Associations

Rev. J. J. Staab,
Moderator,

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
Vice-Moderator,

Rev. W. H. Ryland,
Secy. and Treas.

SNEED'S FERRY CHURCH

We have had a happy privilege of helping Brother L. J. Potter in another revival meeting in his church, Sneed's Ferry. To say the least, for me to know Brother Potter is to really love him. For one to see a man of his age and ability, and to get right out to live the gospel and build a new church is simply wonderful. He is certainly working for our heavenly Father. He is a challenge to us younger ministers.

There is no wonder that we can have such fine services when a man as he is has laid the ground work. God will honor it we are sure through the coming years.

We believe that there was much good accomplished during the days of the meeting. We are expecting this church to become one among the best in the near future in our denomination.

Rev. W. L. Jernigan,

Bladenboro, N. C.

MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That tho' the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world. The battle is not done.
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one.

This is my Father's world. Should my heart be ever sad?
The Lord is King, let the heavens ring,
God reigns;—let the earth be glad.

—Maltbie D. Babcock

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil. 2: 12, 13.

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

CARY. James W. Cary, age 66, died during his sleeping hours Monday night, September 19, 1944, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Grady Winstead near Elm City, North Carolina.

He had been a faithful member of People's Chapel for some time, and we deeply feel his absence in the services of the church, but still we know his spirit is with us.

The funeral services were held at five o'clock on Wednesday afternoon in the church, with Rev. J. F. Parrish in charge. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are one son, W. M. Cary of Rocky Mount; two daughters, Miss Katie Cary of Rocky Mount and Mrs. Grady Winstead of Elm City; two sisters, Mrs. N. Winstead of Spring Hope, and Mrs. Allie Horner of Burlington; four half-brothers, and two half-sisters. He also had several grandchildren.

May the survivors rest at ease, for we sincerely believe that our dear friend is at rest with God.

Mrs. Paul Joyner,
Rev. J. F. Parrish

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has called to his heavenly Home our faithful member and minister, Elder Solomon Duff, we the Eastern Conference do bow in humble submission to His Holy Will. We feel keenly our loss, yet our loss is his eternal gain. We miss him, but his Christian character will ever be an inspiration to us.

We extend to his children and friends our sincere sympathy and commend them to the God of Love and mercy.

We wish to have this expression of our sympathy to the children, and friends, and sketch of his life inserted into the minutes of the Forty-Ninth Session of the Eastern Conference in respect and gratitude.

Elder Solomon Duff was born in Pender County, Burgaw, N. C., on December 18, 1848. He was an orphan at the early age of eight years, losing both father and mother. During the Civil War he was only fifteen years old and realized the dreadfulness of those days.

In 1873 he married Miss Alvenie Alplin, who preceded him in death a few years ago.

The year of 1895 he joined the Methodist church, later deciding to take membership with the Free Will Baptist. He was highly recommended by letter to our brotherhood. About 1904 his membership was moved to Myrtle Grove Free Will Baptist Church, later to become what is now Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church. He was licensed during this same year to preach the Gospel. The Fall of 1905 he was ordained to the full privileges of a minister, and served several of our churches as pastor during the years of his active life.

About 1917 he moved from Beulaville, N. C., to Folkstone, N. C., from there he continued his work as minister. The year of 1925 when old age had come upon him and his wife, they went to Florida to live with their daughter. Coming back to North Carolina during the year of 1933, making their home again at Folkstone, N. C. During the year of 1934 his wife died.

Then making his home with his son, John Duff of Deep Run, N. C., until the time of his death. During this time he had moved his membership from Beulaville Free Will Baptist Church to Gray Branch Free Will Baptist Church near Deep Run, N. C.

About the year of 1938 his name was placed on the list of retired ministers, but he remained active in the services by holding prayer services when opportunity afforded.

On March 18, 1944, while on a visit to see his son, Charlie Duff, at Folkstone, N. C., God decided in His infinite wisdom to call him Home to rest. God allowed him a long and useful life on earth, he having reached the ripe age of 96 years. He was laid to rest beneath a beautiful mound of flowers near Whaley's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Jones County.

He leaves to mourn his passing seven children, 39 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren.

Sleep on our Brother
We hope to meet you some day
In that bright and happy Home
That is in Heaven far away.

Committee:

Rev. David W. Hansley

I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. John 10: 28.

His honor is engaged to save
The meanest of his sheep;
All that his heavenly Father gave,
His hands securely keep.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10: 27.

COME: TARRY: GO

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to become fishers of men. This was the word to Zacchaeus the publican, to the rich young ruler, and many others mentioned in the Scriptures. This is the initial act, the first approach to a life companionship with the Saviour. The process of this coming is usually spoken of as conversion; sometimes, and inaccurately, as "joining the church." The process of this coming, as recorded in the book of Acts, is by way of faith and penitence, and by confession in word of mouth, and by baptism. The invitation is from Christ himself, and is extended to all who have not yet made him the Christ of their souls.

The second great verb of the Christian life is "Tarry."

Having called his disciples to him, Jesus' next word to them was to abide with him, to tarry, to remain, for a season at his side, that he might instruct and train them for the great work they were to carry on. They were going to school to the

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Master of them all. The tarrying process then is that of learning. Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me." The disciples tarried with Christ that they might learn of him. No one can be a teacher without first being a learner. It is not enough to come in the great, initial act of allegiance to Christ; but having come, we must tarry and learn of him. How may we learn of him? By reading the Scriptures and by praying in private. To meditate upon the teachings of Christ, by faithful attendance at church services, in doing this we tarry with Christ. Through tarrying with Christ comes power. Power with God and man. The first invitation of Jesus is "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." The second is, "Tarry ye until ye be clothed with power from on high."

The third is "GO."

To come to Jesus is not enough. To tarry with Him is not all. Notice Christ, after having called his disciples to him, they accompanied with him for a season; then Jesus sent them out. The Twelve were disciples or learners before they were apostles or missionaries. They were called to him that they might be trained of him in order to be sent out by him. The parting command of Jesus to his disciples and to all who become his disciples is: GO, make disciples of all nations, preach the Gospel to every creature. The early Church was very slow to heed this command, "GO." Its members had heeded the first command, "Come." They had obeyed the second, "Tarry," but not the third "GO," because they refused to heed the command go, persecutions came and scattered them to the four winds. These persecutions were blessings in disguise, because the members went every where preaching the Gospel. Many of our modern churches resemble the mother church in that we are not willing to heed the command GO. Christians are called together in the church service in order that they may make disciples of the community, the state, and the world.

Come, Tarry, Go. They are commands. They are to be obeyed by loyal disciples everywhere. Come to Christ. Tarry to learn of Him. Then Go, tell others of the Saviour of the world.

Rev. R. W. Allman,
Route 3, Box 617,
Kannapolis, N. C.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. Isa. 60: 10.

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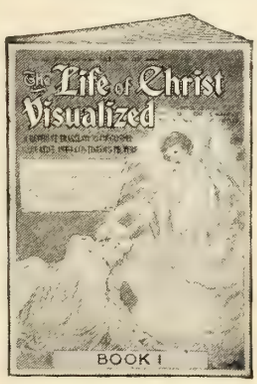
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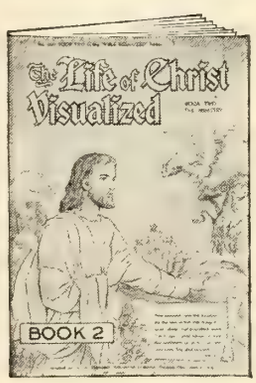


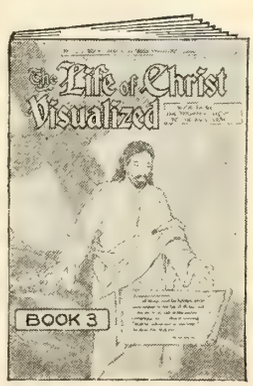
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ONE'S LIFE WORK

By Geo. Matthews Adams

That one who has found his work—that which he can do best and be happiest in doing—is indeed fortunate. The one thing that keeps so many young people from being happy and satisfied in what they do, is that they are not willing to do the thing for which they are best suited, by nature and background.

Too many aim to do something that has appealed to them because the success in such a thing by someone else for whom they may have admiration or affection. There is no stigma attached to any sort of work that is honest and of use.

Nearly all of us are called upon to do many unpleasant things until we reach that for which we are best suited and from which we can gain the most personal happiness. It all takes time. It's not a matter of years. Many have done their greatest work before 30, and many have only started it at 40. It isn't the starting that counts most, but the finish! So, it doesn't pay to get discouraged because the progress is slow and discouraging.

One's life work is a thing of personal choice, but that choice should be made with great reservations. Not merely to make money, not merely to get attention and court the deceptive smile of fame, not merely to beat another at a game—but to soothe and satisfy the one within, to serve faithfully one's highest resolves, to be true to one's own self, and to glorify life by choosing to do the thing that counts most for happiness and usefulness.

To truly live is a serious under taking, but it should entail enthusiasm and joy, and all efforts should be attempted with courage and high resolve—many things being done just for the pure pleasure of having done them well—and many of them having been performed just a little better than anyone else before.

Without rancor, without jealousy, in a free spirit, all work in life should be done. Whether humbly in the minor parts, or in the more responsible calls, credit is proportional to the heart that is put into one's work. But as Stevenson once wrote, **"to miss the joy is to miss all!"**

—Selected

PROGRAM

This is the program of the North Carolina Central Conference which is to be held with Sweet Gum Grove Church on November 8, 9, 10, 1944.

Wednesday Morning

10:00—Devotions by Rev. Dan Beamon
10:15—Address of Welcome by Sister C. H. Briley
10:30—Response by Sister Ethel Moye
10:40—Remarks by the Moderator, Rev. L. B. Manning
10:50—Ministers enrolled and visitors welcomed
11:00—Business, appointment of committees, etc.
11:30—Song service, led by Rev. R. P. Harris
11:45—Sermon by Rev. L. B. Manning
12:30—Dismission for lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions by Rev. C. D. Hamilton
2:00—Business period
3:30—Adjournment

Thursday Morning

9:30—Devotions by Rev. Albert Harris
9:45—Special music, arranged by Mrs. Ethel Moye
10:00—Business session
11:00—Memorial Service by Rev. D. W. Alexander
11:30—Sermon by Rev. J. C. Moye
12:30—Dismissed for lunch

Thursday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions by Rev. D. W. Alexander
1:45—Business session
3:30—Adjournment

Friday Morning

9:30—Devotions by Rev. R. N. Hinnant
9:45—Business session
11:00—Song service, led by Rev. Albert Harris
11:30—Sermon by Rev. Bruce Barrow
12:30—Dismissed for lunch

Friday Afternoon

1:30—Devotions by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
1:45—Special music by Rev. R. N. Hinnant
2:00—Business and adjournment

The Committee:
Rev. L. B. Manning,
Heber Whichard,
E. C. Hines

SAINT LOUIS REVIVAL

We would like to report a wonderful revival meeting at the 3rd Free Will Baptist Church in St. Louis, Mo.

The meeting began the fourth Sunday in September, and continued until October 15th—three weeks all told. The Lord blessed from the very beginning. There were thirty-eight precious souls saved, and twenty-five of these united with the church. The blessings of the Lord were manifold. The attendance was exceptionally good. Working conditions here are very strenuous, but the people responded to the call for service in a marvelous manner.

Rev. Ralph Lightsey was the Evangelist. We surely do appreciate Bro. Lightsey as a man of God, and a messenger for the Lord. We found him to be earnest, consecrated, and with a burning compassion for the lost. He is willing to labor for the salvation of condemned souls. We can truly recommend him to any church considering an evangelist.

Pray that the revival spirit may continue on in the church, and that the meeting may still live, and be the means of many more souls finding the Lord.

Yours in love,

Rev. Mark Lewis, Pastor

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Break, Break, Break

Break, break, break,
  On thy cold, gray stones, O sea!
And I would that my tongue could utter
  The thoughts that arise in me.

Oh, well for the fisherman's boy
  That he shouts with his sister at play!
Oh, well for the sailor lad
  That he sings in his boat on the bay!

And the stately ships go on
  To the haven under the hill;
But oh, for the touch of a vanished hand,
  And the sound of a voice that is still!

Break, break, break,
  At the foot of thy crags, O sea!
But the tender grace of a day that is dead
  Will never come back to me.

—Alfred Tennyson

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TO WHOM SHALL THE WORLD HENCEFORTH BELONG?

To whom shall the world henceforth belong,
And who shall go up and possess it?
—To the Great-Hearts—the Strong
Who will suffer no wrong,
And who shall go up and possess it.

—To the Men of Bold Sight
Whose souls, seized of Light,
Found a work to be done and have done it.

—To the Valiant who fought
For a soul-lifting thought,
Saw the fight to be won and have won it.

—To the Men of Great Mind
Set on lifting their kind,
Who, regardless of danger, will do it.

—To the Men of Good Will,
Who would cure all Life's ill,
And whose passion for peace will ensue it.
—To the Men who will bear

Their full share of Life's care,
And will rest not till wrongs be all righted.

—To the Stalwarts who toil
'Mid the seas of turmoil,
Till the Haven of Safety be sighted.

—To the Men of Good Fame
Who everything claim—
This world and the next—in their Master's great name—

—To these shall the world henceforth belong,
And they shall go up and possess it;
Overmuch, overlong, has the world suffered wrong,
We are here by God's help to redress it.

—John Oxenham

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EDITORIAL

NOT PESSIMISM BUT TRUTH

From our conversations, here and there, with church people, and others in general, together with many thoughts which we have gleaned from our readings in periodicals, magazines and church papers, we have discovered that a great many people have come to believe candidly that corruption, immoral practices and vile wickedness are becoming worse and more worse in this country as time passes. They say, such types of evil practices are becoming quite evident almost everywhere one travels from one populated center to another. In fact, an increasing number of people, everywhere, are becoming alarmed at the terrible situation, they are saying, and are expressing fear of the situation becoming even more grave as the months pass.

Almost everyone, who will think sensibly and seriously over the matter, will have to admit that present conditions in most places of dense population in this country are growing more serious all the while. But what is the cause for such appalling conditions? And what is the remedy for the removal of the growing evils in our country? As an evident fact, some people are prone "to let down" their moral standards of living and acting because war and its results bring about a dampening or weakening psychological effect upon the thinking and the responses of a great many people. We believe this is particularly true with many who become directly involved in the war efforts, its responsibilities and also its havoc or carnage. In many instances, there seems to be a turning to, and a falling in with the carnal and baser nature of man because of what war means, and what it does to man. While this type of thinking or acting is not true with a great number of people who are directly and personally involved in the war effort, it has become true with tens of thousands of others. Accordingly, on the basis of their thinking and acting, in a great many instances, upon the carnal and lustful nature of man, they are committing acts unbecoming to good citizenship and to high moral standards. Hence, they are adding to and spreading corruption in the land.

Then again, there are tens of thousands of individuals in this country, who are not directly nor personally involved in the war effort, in so far as working in war plants, or being in the Armed Forces of this country are concerned, but who are greatly concerned about making "big money," and having a good time. They are too busy working, spending and enjoying the lustful pleasures of this life to sit down and think sanely and meditatively just what they are doing and how they are living. They have no time to do this. They must make more money, and enjoy greater pleasures while the "flush-period" is over the land. How true are Paul's words, "The love of money is the root of all evil," and this very evil is being seen today by most of us who try to view the situation sensibly. Thousands upon thousands of these "money makers and pleasure seekers" do not find the time to go to church, nor to meditate upon God's blessings which He showers upon them day by day. They have turned to the god of mammon and to the "goddess of gay living." As a result, too many people in this country are looking for material gains, senseless satisfactions and frivolous pleasures of the flesh. Christ and righteousness, the Church and the faithful ministers and laity are producing very little effect upon this class of people today, so a very great many of the Christian people think.

But, What is the remedy for this situation? We think there are three remedies, in the main. The closing of the war, and the settling down to peace, quietness and the regular vocations of life over the land will greatly relieve this present bad condition of the country. In the next place, the ending of the "flush-period," that is, the high prices, high wages and the plentifulness of money everywhere will bring some relief to the abnormal conditions in the United States. Remember, in the "high days" of Israel of old, they forgot God and turned to the gods of mammon and pleasure. Good times were too much for them to remain true to the One who had blessed them, and so is it with a great many people today in our own country. How tragic it is, too many people lose their sense of humbleness, good judgment or reasoning, and their proper conception of appreciation of the good things of life when times become greatly prosperous over the land. Their sense of thanks and appreciations to Allighty God for His blessings, in a day like this, seem to leave them entirely. How true is the old axiom: "Many men cannot stand prosperity." It is quite evident that many have become self-determined, egotistical and independent, really manifesting the spirit or attitude of seld-sufficiency. So long as they are running well, and are able to do what they most desire, they will most likely continue in the evil of their way. But there is a remedy, we think, still better for the cure of many of the ills of this country.

This remedy is Christ Jesus the Lord. Men must find Him precious to their souls before they will cease from running after the gods of this world. They must discover that they and the things of this world are not self-sufficient for the life to come. They must come to realize that wars and "big money," and gay living serve only to corrupt nations and to destroy the noble ideals of men. Christ Jesus is the only **Healing Balm** for the nation, and He is standing ready to heal the nation of its present evils when men and women will see their mistakes and will freely turn to Him for peace and happiness. His atonement on the cross is all sufficient for everyone, and His sacrifice covers all ills of a people if they will but follow His holy teachings. Christ is the great need for the cure of a corrupt world.

Free Will Baptist Bible College

OUR COLLEGE PERSONNEL

By Rev. L. R. Ennis,
Acting President

Since so many friends of the Free Will Baptist Bible College find it either difficult or impractical to visit the institution, it seems appropriate that we employ the columns of our denominational papers as a medium by which we may introduce the College personnel. Our procedure may appear to some rather formal—certainly none would term it arrogance—but what we are really eager to do is to promote a warm fellowship between Free Will Baptists and their Bible College. This quality of fellowship will bless our educational training program because it abounds in a mutual understanding of the functions and aims of the institution.

Our Bible College is dedicated to the gracious work of training those who are called of God for Christian service as Free Will Baptists; and to this glorious ministry the entire personnel of the College is consecrated. It is in the atmosphere of this ideal that our students "grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord," while they learn how to praise God most with their best service.



Rev. L. R. Ennis, *Acting President*

Graduate, Moody Bible Institute, 1922; Instructor in Bible, Eureka College, 1925-26; Student, Duke University, 1927-28; Summer School, 1928; President, Eureka College, 1928-29; Pastor, 1930-40; Executive Secretary, National Association, 1940-43; President, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 1944__.



Miss Laura Belle Barnard, *Instructor, Worldwide Missions*

Summer School, South Georgia Teachers College, 1924; The Business Institution of Michigan, 1924-25; Summer School, Wheaton College, 1932; A. B., Columbia Bible College, 1932; Summer School, Columbia Bible College, 1944; Missionary to India, 1935-40; Missionary Deputation Service among Free Will Baptists of the United States, 1940-42; Instructor, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 1942-43; Instructor in Bible, Public Schools, Glennville, Georgia, 1943-44; Instructor in Worldwide Missions, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 1944__.

Miss Barnard Returns to India

The College considered itself thrice blessed in the prospect of having the efficient service of Miss Barnard as teacher of Worldwide Missions this year; but when God intervened and presented our missionary with her passport to India, we were both disappointed and happy. We are expecting to lose her service here in the College very soon but gain the joy of her missionary victories in India. The preliminary details to her departure are complete save one—the date that passage is made available.

Miss Barnard came to the College at the opening of the present school year and, for the succeeding two weeks, led us in a gracious missionary revival. She will continue here as an instructor until her passage to India has been made available. We are happy in her service and feel that the present conclusion of her ministry among Free Will Baptists in the United States could not have been placed at a position of greater advantage to the cause of foreign missions.

Our students love and respect her most highly and will follow her with earnest intercession back to her chosen field of service. It is also our hope that someone, or more, of our students will soon join Miss Barnard in India; and to that end our prayers are constantly uplifted to God.

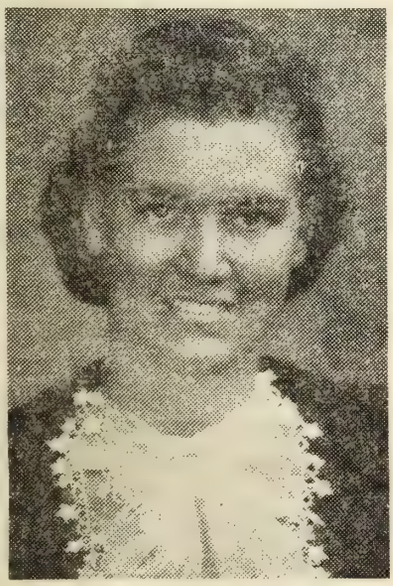
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Rev. Jesse P. Barrow, *Dean of the College*

Graduate, Moody Bible Institute, 1924; Th. G., Northern Baptist Seminary, 1928; Th. B., 1929; Ph. B., Wheaton College, 1934.

Rev. Jesse Parrotte Barrow has accepted the position of Instructor in Bible and related subjects. Brother Barrow is a native of North Carolina, a son of devoted Free Will Baptist parents, and a faithful student and teacher of the Word. As a Free Will Baptist minister, he is loved and respected. His gentle and quiet spirit is rarely equalled among Christians. Brother Barrow began his long and well defined training program in the Free Will Baptist Seminary, of Ayden, North Carolina. He later entered, as a Biblical student, the Moody Bible Institute, of Chicago, Illinois, from which institution he graduated in the year 1924. Feeling the need of further training, Brother Barrow continued his work in the Northern Baptist Seminary, where he received graduate and bachelor degrees in theology in the years, 1928 and 1929, respectively. By this

time, training for Christian service had evidently become exceedingly fascinating to Brother Barrow; so he next enrolled in Wheaton College and remained until the year, 1934, when he received the Bachelor of Philosophy degree. Free Will Baptists are blessed of God in the life and qualifications of this good man, and it is predicted that his employment by the College marks the beginning of an excellent teaching ministry.



Mrs. Homer E. Willis, *Instructor in English*

Student, Owosso Bible Seminary, 1931, seven years; Trevecca Nazarene College, 1944__.

Mrs. Willis is the wife of Rev. Homer E. Willis, one of our fine young ministers from the state of Michigan. Brother and Sister Willis came to Nashville for further training in preparation for a pastoral and evangelistic ministry. While Brother Willis studies in the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Mrs. Willis is pursuing an English major in Trevecca Nazarene College. It is accepted as an act of divine providence that God directed this fine young couple to Nashville at this time. Mrs. Willis has kindly consented to reduce her schedule at Trevecca that she might teach two classes in English for us—one pre-college and the other on the college level. The personality, culture, and devotion of this fine Free Will Baptist woman inspire predictions of a useful if not indispensable service.



Mrs. Elizabeth Williams Sawyer, *Instructor in Piano and Voice*

B. A., Ward Belmont College, 1933; M. A., 1937; Certificate Music Evangelism and Choir under Edwin E. Young, American Conservatory, Chicago, Illinois; Voice and Chorus, seven years, Helen Todd Sloan; Instructor in Piano, fourteen years; Instructor Public School Music, six years; Instructor in Piano, Voice, and Church Music, Free Will Baptist Bible College, 1943__.

It is remarkable how God has provided for this young institution. At the time the College property was purchased, and even at the opening of the school, September 15, 1942, no one of our connection suspected that there resided next door to the College a master of music of the highest Christian character and consecration. A humorism goes about the school that "we bought the property and thereby inherited Mrs. Sawyer."

In addition to instructing voice and piano pupils, Mrs. Sawyer teaches the classes in the Rudiments of Music, Hymnology, and General Chorus. Young men and young women who come to us for training for Christian service find our Music Department to be a source of great inspiration and joy. It is expected that many will be attracted by this specialty in the field of Christian training, and that they will avail themselves of the preparation which they may receive as an equipment for a ministry of music.



Miss Lillie Herring, *Household Supervisor*

Miss Herring is a native of Greene County, North Carolina. She united with Hull Road Free Will Baptist Church at the age of fourteen under Elder A. E. Rouse. This great church is near Snow Hill, North Carolina, and has been regarded as the home church of the Herring family for many years.

Miss Herring attended the Free Will Baptist Seminary, of Ayden, North Carolina, and East Carolina Teachers College. After her training period she taught in the public schools of her native county for several years. Being recognized as a Christian lady of culture and ability, she was employed as household supervisor and instructor in her Alma Mater, the Ayden Seminary.

On leaving the Seminary, Miss Herring turned to the field of business for a number of years, during which time she was employed by the Branch Banking and Trust Company and the National Bank, of Greenville, North Carolina, and subsequently by Hay Brothers and Reynolds, of Raleigh, North Carolina.

But native endowments, education, and Christian devotion seemed to forbid a business career of indefinite duration; consequently Miss Herring turned to orphanage and social rehabilitation work where she found congenial employment with the Methodist Orphanage, of Raleigh, North Carolina; Vashty School, of

Thomasville, Georgia; and the North Carolina Industrial School for Women, of Kinston, North Carolina. It was from this latter institution that Miss Herring came to the Free Will Baptist Bible College as Household Supervisor.

We are assured of an indispensable service in Miss Herring to the faculty, student body, and guests who may from time to time pass in and out this institution. Her character, disposition, training, and experience equip her for the place which she holds and—may I say—dignifies.



Rev. J. R. Davidson, *Treasurer and Business Manager*

Brother Davidson is a native of Wilcox County, of the state of Georgia. He united with Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church at the age of fourteen. He is of Free Will Baptist parentage and has continued steadfast in the faith and service of Christ to this day. He attended Eureka College, of Ayden, North Carolina, 1926-30. Brother Davidson was ordained to the ministry at twenty-nine years of age and has to the highest degree fulfilled the confidence and expectations of those who set him apart for the work of the gospel. Subsequent to his completion of a training course for the ministry, he began a very prosperous pastoral and evangelistic work, which continued for the succeeding twelve years. In the year, 1938, Brother Davidson was elected chairman of the National Board of Education and, in the discharge of the duties of this office, led Free Will Baptists in the establishment of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Upon the opening of the College, September 15, 1942, he was called to Nashville to assume the duties of treasurer and business manager of the institution, which position he still holds. Due, however, to the increasing obligations and responsibilities of his office as Treasurer-Business Manager, he resigned as chairman of the College Board at a called meeting in Flat River, Missouri, during the sitting of the 1944-session of the National Association.



Mrs. John L. Welch, *Secretary*

Competent secretarial service is of major importance both to the business interests of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and the promotion of public respect and confidence. Mrs. Welch is well adapted to this service and abundantly capable of keeping the books of the College in strict business order. She came to the office at the opening of the present school year, and those who communicate with the institution from time to time are by her service assured of competent and immediate consideration.

Mrs. Welch is a native of the city of Nashville. She was educated in the schools of the City, including Scarritt College. She united with Copher's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at the age of sixteen, of which Church, exclusive of six years, she has remained a member to this time. At the age of twenty-two, Mrs. Welch was married to the Reverend J. L. Welch to whose ministry she has remained a continuous source of inspiration and help.

Much of the early history of Woman's Auxiliary work is connected with Mrs. Welch. As First Vice-president of the National Auxiliary Convention, she published the first "Year Book" for use in auxiliary work throughout the Convention; and for eight consecutive years thereafter continued its publication, when she was succeeded in office by Mrs. J. E. Frazier. Mrs. Welch is not only acquainted with Free Will Baptists and their work; she is a devoted friend to their common cause.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

By Thos. E. Beaman

FREMONT, N. C.—Dr. William H. Carter, Pastor of the Evangelical Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N. C., recently held a community wide revival in the Free Will Baptist Church. This church loaned to the people of Fremont their building for use of the Community wide revival. A larger crowd attend this meeting than has attended any revival meeting in this town in the past fifteen or twenty years. All churches were benefitted and blessed by this meeting. Rev. Stedman C. Davis led the singing.

LaGRANGE, N. C.—Daly's chapel church has recently purchased an additional acre of land. This additional land will be used for an addition to the cemetery. It will be laid off with drives, walkway, etc., similar to city cemeteries. The building will be remodeled, and the grounds will be beautified. Thos E. Beaman is the pastor.

GOLDSBORO, N. C.—St. John's church, near here, has recently launched a campaign to remodel their church building, install new pews and furniture, and to beautify their grounds. Seven hundred dollars have already been raised, and the order let for manufacturing the pews.

Work on the building is already underway. The writer is the pastor.

KINSTON, N. C.—Mrs. Lizzie McAdams visited the Bethel Free Will Baptist Church during the week-end. She conducted services Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. Large crowds attended the services. The building was over-run at each service.

DUNN, N. C.—The Cape Fear Union Meeting convened Saturday 28th with Lee's Chapel Church.

SPRING HOPE, N. C.—The writer has just closed a very successful pastorate with the Free Union Church, Nash County. Every department of the church increased three hundred percent and above. We voluntarily left this church to accept the pastorate of St. John's, near Goldsboro. Rev. C. H. Coats succeeds us at Free Union. These are wonderful people. We wish them and their new pastor much success.

SMITHFIELD, N. C.—The Semi-annual meting of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention recently held the fall session with the Johnson's Union Church. The reports showed that much progress had been made during the year.

GOLDSBORO, N. C.—Rev. Albert Harris, Enfield, N. C., will begin work with our Goldsboro Church on November 5th as supply pastor. The Rev. W. K. Jordan, retiring pastor, has not yet announced his future plans. Rev. Mr. Jordan is on the staff of the ABUNDANT LIFE HOUR, and his messages in song may be heard over the station carrying this program.

KINSTON, N. C.—Rev. D. W. Hansley closed a series of meetings at the Kinston Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday night, October 29th. Rev. R. P. Harris, Enfield, N. C., led the singing.

Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. John 4: 14.

HOW TO GET TO ALABAMA STATE ASSOCIATION

The Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists will convene with the Cordova Church in Cordova, Alabama, on Thursday night, November 9, and continue through November 11, 1944.

Those arriving by the Frisco train will leave Birmingham at 10:20 P. M. and arrive at Cordova at 11:45 P. M. The train from Memphis arrives at 5:45 A. M. The Southern from Columbus, Mississippi arrives at 9:00 A. M., and the one from Birmingham at 5:30 P. M.

The Miss.-Ala. Bus arrives at 8:30 A. M.; 12:45 P. M.; 4:45 P. M., and 8:30 P. M. The Miss.-Ala. is the Stage from Birmingham to Columbus, Miss.

We are expecting the largest and greatest session of the State Association in years to be held this time at Cordova. It will do your heart good to know how the Lord has blessed our work this year. Please come and see, so that we will not have to tell you about it.

Rev. K. V. Shutes,

Cordova, Alabama

COMFORT

By H. Cockrell

Four things, I find, can comfort me when sick,
Four very simple things I'm bound to say,
But that is what you need when "in the thick,"
Some simple thing to help you on your way.

A tender smile that comes from those I love,
A kindly word, whispered by those who care;
A gentle touch—as gentle as a dove,
And last, but never least, a little prayer.

It is the Lord who ministers this grace,
His children speak the word, but 'tis His voice,
The tender smile I see upon His face,
The touch is His—in this I can rejoice.

SOUTH NORFOLK BUILDING FUND DRIVE GETS UNDER WAY

We wish to remind the readers of the Baptist paper that we have begun our Building Fund drive. Our first offering came from the Ladies Auxiliary of Hansley Chapel, Durham, N. C. The amount was $5.00. We think this was a fine offering to begin our drive.

We have mailed some 180 letters to different Church Clerks in Eastern Carolina, and we had a **Special Prayer** before they went in the mail. We are pleading with the churches to render us a **Thanksgiving Prayer.** Brother and Sister this is the Lord's work, and may we never cease to work for the Master. He has been mighty faithful to us in our time of need, so let us be faithful to him in return.

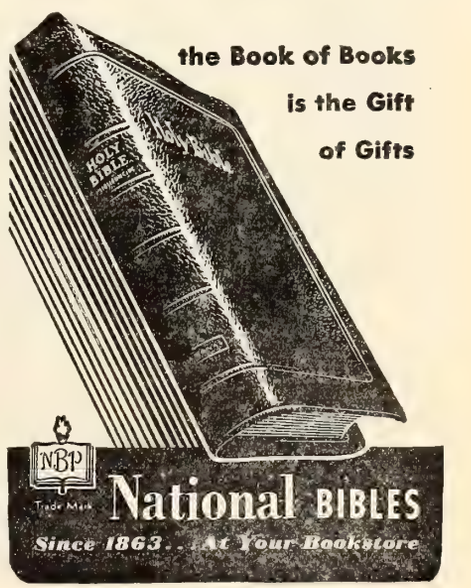
I wish to make some corrections at this time on our building fund offerings that were overlooked in our last report. They were as following:
Mrs. Nann Worthington,

Winterville, N. C. _____$5.00
Belhaven F. W. B. Church ____ 5.00

I am very sorry this was overlooked in the last report, but am glad at all times to make corrections.

May the Lord repay the gift and giver are our prayers.

Wilton H. Dail, Treasurer



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

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REV. ROBERT B. CRAWFORD
Executive Secretary
3609 Richland Avenue Nashville, Tennessee

ONE CHURCH BREAKS ALL PAST RECORDS WITH AN OFFERING FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

There is not a gift to this worthy work even to the very smallest amount that is not duly recognized and highly appreciated. But there are some outstanding gestures to the support of the foreign missions cause which are surely worthy of honorable mention. The mention of which should inspire others to fall in line and do likewise. The church I especially have in mind is the Rescue Church of southern Illinois. On the 76th of this month, October, I was pleased to receive a check from the Rescue Church to the amount of $650.00. I am quite sure the like was never done before any where in the bounds of the Free Will Baptist denomination. This church makes an offering quarterly to the foreign mission cause. June 29th we received a check from them to the amount of $450.00. Then when the writer was with this Church in the month of July they laid down another nice offering to the amount of $154.-10. And now their last quarterly offering has reached a new high above anything they, or any other organization, either local, state or national, has ever done throughout our denomination. Rescue is just a rural church. Rev. W. R. Burton is their faithful pastor. They are not so large in membership as some churches; but they with their pastor have a deep passion for souls and a world wide vision. It is marvelous what we CAN do if and when we WILL. The Rescue people will realize I am not writing this just to praise them above other supporters. The praise is all due the Lord; but we do thank the good people of Rescue Church and Sunday School that they are willing to obey the word of the Lord as given in the great commission. This church is certainly living true to its name. Surely this consecrated money will be the means of "rescuing" precious souls from sin in foreign lands.

Another church which has been a very unusual supporter to the foreign mission cause is the Amity church of Missouri. This is another country church with a very small membership comparatively speaking. They give a monthly offering. Their offering for this month, October, was to the amount of $40.00. At one time this church was giving only $2.00 per month to foreign missions. But under the leadership of their faithful pastor, Rev. Frank Linton, they began to raise their offerings for this good work. First, it went up to twenty and twenty-five, then to thirty, then thirty-five, and now in this month an offering of forty dollars ($40.00). Such increased giving as this is going to reach that figure of $40,000 in spite of all the Devil can do. The Devil doesn't want money to go into the Lord's cause. No, indeed not. But, thank the Lord, some of it is going there.

There are a number of other churches and organizations for whom we could certainly speak a very favorable word of commendation for what they are doing for foreign missions if we had the space; but, after all, the Lord knows what we all are doing, and you may rest assured your faithful support is appreciated with all the appreciative ability we have as a Board. My mind goes to the Hazel Creek Union church, the Independence and Neola churches, the Flat river and Desloge churches, also other churches in Missouri, the many churches in North Carolina which I do not even know, the loyal supporters in Michigan, others in Illinois, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, especially the Tulsa church, and some fine support from Ohio, the recent upward trend in Arkansas, and everywhere. Praise the Lord for the general awakening among our people in the interest of missions. The Lord is opening in a marvelous way new doors before us in our missionary department. May we not fail to meet the challenge. Why not let us hear from you dear readers with a nice offering for missions.

Winford Davis, Chm.-Treas.,
National Foreign Mission Board
of Free Will Baptists

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
North Carolina State Association

The Eastern Conference

According to appointment, the Eastern Conference convened with the church at Warden's Grove, Pamlico County, October 25, 26, 1944.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. Alford, as per election of the 1943 session.

Rev. Lloyd Vernon, Moderator, preached Wednesday evening, and Rev. James A. Evans, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, preached the 11:00 sermon on Thursday.

In general the reports were good coming in from the various churches. However, the increase in membership was far below what it should have been. When there has been no "in-gathering of members into the congregation" something is wrong.

The finance was about twenty-five per cent above that of last year. Union Chapel, Beaufort County, led with Core Creek, and St. Mary's following closely.

Every part of the State program, along with foreign missions and the F. W. B. Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee, were remembered in the apportionment of the funds.

The next session of the Conference is scheduled to convene with the church at Wintergreen, Craven

County, Wednesday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1945. Rev. S. A. Smith was elected to preach the introductory sermon.

Warden's Grove and the community cannot be excelled in hospitality. They really "went over the top."

Our Prayer

"Dear Heavenly Father, day by day we are looking to Thee, for the help which Thou hast promised to those who are Thine by the New Birth through faith in the crucified Son of God."

"We know that in the days to come that there are trials, temptations and disappointments, such as have never come to this world. Jesus described them as a day when 'men's heart" should "fail for fear of those things coming upon this world," and as a day when "many should wax cold," and as a day of "great trouble." But Thou has promised, that, "he that endureth unto the end shall be saved." Therefore, our Heavenly Father, "help us to be faithful."

"Our boys are fighting on foreign soil for what is called 'Four Freedoms,' which freedoms may never mature, but we praise Thee our Heavenly Father for a FREEDOM which Thou hast given to us, that the world cannot take away. 'If the Son shall make you free ye shall be free indeed.' We know that wicked men cannot give us a lasting peace. 'They cry peace when there is no peace.' But Thou, oh God, hast promised to us a lasting peace. We are praying our Father in the Name of Jesus Christ to send us such a peace. That time when 'Nation shall not rise up against nation, and war sholl not be known, any more.'" Amen.

The Meanest Women On Earth

"The meanest woman on earth is the woman who will not be true to her husband, who is on the battle front fighting for the very life of that woman. She is too mean to live under the protection of the stars and stripes," said Rev. J. R. Bennett, in a burning evangelistic sermon delivered at the Black Jack F. W. B. church a few nights back. I am just wondering how many of those "mean women" that there are in the United States of America. There is not one I am sure among those who are true Christians. But it is the woman who married for the lust of the flesh, or perhaps for the $50.00 per month" that she expected while she strolled up and down the streets, and with some low down service man, or civilian, who is kept here at home.

Because of the sinful and lustful desires of both men and women, who marry and run around with others and commit adultery, are flooding the divorce courts, and are destroying homes and breaking hearts.

It is a shame when cities have to close their doors to service men because of the low down harlots that flood these towns. It is a further shame that service men, who claim to love their country sufficiently to lay down their lives for that country, will allow these common women to rob them of their reason and often rob them of their health through the channel of sinful lusts.

Woe to Woe

The destruction of the EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT, which allowed the bar rooms, and liquor stores, and beer-joints to come back, has added woe to woe in the committing of sin and disgrace. And our GOVERNMENT is largely the blame for the delinquency of both young and old. Our GOVERNMENT has made it possible for the service man to have all the convenience possible in getting liquor. Every effort to keep it out of reach of the training camps has been downed by the GOVERNMENT. They promised that the "bar-rooms would not come back. But go into many of the cities and you will find bar-rooms, if not of the old style, places that are just as corrupt as Satan can make them. They promised that "taxes would be lowered," but taxes have gone up year by year for the last ten years.

They promised us that bootleggers would be put out of commission, but bootleggers are going in high-gear, hitting on every cylinder, all over the nation. If you don't believe it just visit the courts. It is just as bad as it was before the EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT was destroyed by "hood-winked," hypocritical politicians, who were backed with the votes of a great number of professed Christians.

Hear me, but unless America awakens to a realization of its danger, AMERICA is doomed. Unless the CHRISTIAN CHURCH arises and "Puts on the whole armor of God," Comomunism will dominate the United States. We, are fools to ask "God to bless America" and go on in sin—in every known form of sin and corruption and adding woe to woe. What we need to pray is, "GOD SAVE AMERICA FROM THE SIN THAT IS DAMNING THE WHOLE NATION."

Compromising Preachers

Many of the preachers who fill the sacred stand, claiming to be a "mouth Piece" for the cause of Christ, are compromising parasites, preaching a plastic religion, and have filled the pews with synthetic, beer, and liquor drinking, card playing, theater going, world loving church members, who know nothing of the TRUE RELIGION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. Therefore, there are drunkards in the church. There are harlots in the church. There are liars in the church. There are libertines in the church. There are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God in the church." When I say, "church," I mean the visible body.

Hypocrits Out of the Church

All the hypocrits in the world are not members of some church. The man who will not accept, confess, and obey the Lord Jesus Christ, because there is some old moss-back hypocrit in his, or her way, in the church, displays as much hypocrisy as can be found anywhere. They may not be aware of the fact, but it is true. Who wants to go to hell with a hypocrit?

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulations. 2 Cor. 1: 3, 4.

ORPHANAGE NEWS

Middlesex, N. C.

MOTION SUSTAINED BY ORPHANAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the October 5, 1944, meeting of the Orphanage Board of Trustees, a motion was sustained that the Superintendent, staff, employees, and friends be given a rising vote of thanks for their faithful services rendered to the Institution for the year of 1943-44, and that a copy of this motion be run in the Young People's Friend and the Baptist paper.

Signed by the Board of Trustees:

W. A. Jackson, Chairman,
Rev. J. C. Moye,
Mr. Levi Hill,
Mr. H. C. Wood,
Dr. M. Hinnant

THEY THAT BE WISE SHALL SHINE

By Mrs. LaRue Dowless,
Bladenboro, N. C.

There are many things in this world that are beautiful. How beautiful is the rainbow when we see it stretching its great arch across the dark clouds after a storm! How beautiful the flowers are when they come out some bright spring morning with all their fragrance! How beautiful it is to look at the western sky when the sun is setting and his beams light up the clouds with glory. Yet how much more beautiful it is to go out some clear night, and look in the heavens and see the stars all glittering, shining like diamonds far off in the blue firmament.

We are told that Queen Elizabeth of England, when lying dying, that she cried out in these words, "An inch of time; millions of money for an inch of time." She might have been dying on the best of beds, and with a thousand dresses in her wardrobe, and a kingdom at her feet, but with all this she had lived seventy years without making preparations for eternity, it is said.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my words, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but has passed from death unto life." Those of us who are saved look back to the cross where we received life and light, and we look forward to the great white throne to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. We shall receive our rewards for the Christian life we have lived and for the good deeds which we have performed. Every good deed we have done, from the time we were saved until the time when death comes, we shall receive a reward from the heavenly Father.

There are some ministers, through some sin, lose their usefulness and power with God. A true child of God should fear sin more than death, and should think that by his spiritual living he will be able to overcome the evil tendencies that may be in his heart. The Apostle Paul knew that before he left this world he had gained his crown, and would receive it when he should cross the river of death. He knew that he would hear from the lips of the blessed Saviour these words, "Come thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." If we wish to have a bright crown on that great crowning day, we must follow Christ, and keep ourselves in the sunlight of His love.

As I think of a mother who was true to her children, and who led them to Christ about the family altar, my heart does rejoice, for she will be able to pass by the great White Throne with stars in her crown to represent each child she led to Him. I believe heaven will ring with music in that great day. Some ministers who have been true and faithful to the Lord in their daily living and in preaching the Word of God will pass by with a thousand stars in their crowns, and the great host of heaven will shout with joy. There will be no jealousy there. The great ministers as D. L. Moody and others will pass by wearing their crowns decorated with many stars of glory. The saints in glory will say **Amen,** and shout praises to His great Name.

I read of a girl who said that she dreamed how she was in heaven, and saw the saints wearing their crowns, and some had many stars, and others but few. She asked what was the meaning of these stars, and she was told that they represented the number of souls they had led to Christ while on earth. Then the girl took off her crown to see how many stars were in it, and she saw none. She became frightened and awoke from her sleep, and thanked God that she was not in heaven. But that day she started out to lead the lost to Christ.

Oh, let us shine for Christ now! Then, away off in that far eternity we will be able to shine as the stars in glory for ever.

INTEREST IN RADIO MINISTRY INCREASED

(By Thos. E. Beaman)

From all over the listening areas of the Radio Stations now carrying the programs of the ABUNDANT LIFE HOUR come reports of hundreds of people who are being blessed and helped by this radio ministry. Many people are being saved and they write in to tell us they have been led to accept Christ.

From Camp Lejune, an officer writes in to tell us of his salvation, and we quote him as follows:
The Abundant Life Hour,

P. O. Box 120,
Goldsboro, N. C.

I have just heard your service over the radio and my heart and soul was greatly touched.

I am a marine, taking my over--sea training here at Camp Lejune.

I have a wife and two sons waiting for me back at home when its all over, over there.

I know that my wife prays for me, and as you spoke this afternoon, I realized that I should give my heart to God and that is what I did.

I hope you will pray for me in my new victory and that God will guide me and protect in my duties to come.

Enclosed you will find a dollar bill, which isn't much but maybe it will help some other service man.

My wife is in bed sick, I would appreciate it if you will pray for her.

Thanking you kindly,

Signed:

Corp. James C. Bibber

From a lady near Dunn, N. C. comes a flowing report of spiritual blessing received from this ministry.

"My husband and I have listened regularly each Sunday to your broadcast, and you will never know how much they have meant to us. I cannot begin to tell you. My husband has recently gone on to his reward. Your programs and your preaching were a wonderful blessing to him."

Literally hundreds of others are being blessed by this radio work which proves its worth and value to the Cause of Christ as represented by the Free Will Baptist Church. Many letters and cards come into this office each week telling us they have been benefitted by our programs.

We have a volunteer staff who help us put on the program. No one gets any pay. All time and talent are donated by the staff as well as by your director. Therefore, every dollar you give goes directly to purchase time on the air, and to otherwise defray expenses incidental to the work. It has been estimated that for every $1.00 spent on a religious broadcast it makes it possible for the gospel to be heard by 1,500 people. In what better way could you invest a dollar? Send us your dollar today, won't you?

We now have the opportunity of going on three more stations. Our option will runo out on November 12. It would seem a shame for the Free Will Baptist to let this opportunity to go by; for it is now very difficult to get a religious program on the air. One-half of the amount for one of these stations is already subscribed. Let us have the other quickly please. Let's get one of these stations if no more.

Many Sunday Schools, Auxiliaries and churches, and Sunday School classes have made monthly pledges, and sent along a cash donation with the pledge. Won't you do so too, take it up with your organization Sunday? Get a cash donation and a monthly pledge, and report to us the first of the week. Unless we act quickly we will lose the opportunity of securing a yearly contract with these stations.

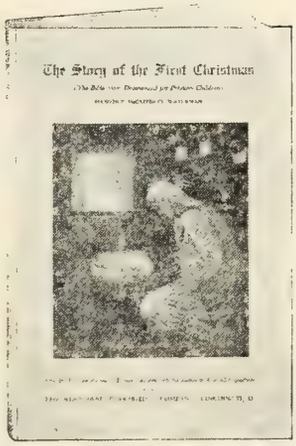
Make all remittances payable to Miss Katherine Beaman, Treasurer, and mail to THE ABUNDANT LIFE HOUR, P. O. BOX 120, Goldsboro, N. C.

Special Day Helps

Christmas Greetings and Programs

The Story of the First Christmas

By Florence McCafferty Waterman



This dramatization program is especially arranged for presentation by Primary children with the assistance of an adult quartet or Junior choir. The program comprises three divisions as follows: Part I, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," sung by quartet. Part II, "The Story of the First Christmas," told by one child or a succession of Primary children. Part III, the play. Price, per copy, 25c.; per dozen, $2.00.

Unto One of the Least

A Christmas playlet with a plot and a story that bring out strongly the Christmas spirit which true Christians know and love. Price, per copy, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

The First Christmas

By M. M. Sturgis

A complete service included in the "Standard Christmas Book No. 2," in sixteen pages, based upon the experiences of the shepherds in the Judean hills. "The Glorious Message," "The First News," "The Babe in the Manger," "Go Ye" and "Approval," including music and complete instructions for presentation, preparing costumes, etc. Price, each, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

The Spirit of Christmas

Edited by J. E. Sturgis

A simple, but effective, service pageant for the Christmas season. Quotes liberally from the New Testament. Full instructions are given for production, including suggestions for stage setting, costumes, music, etc. One act, twelve characters. Time, ten minutes. Price, per single copy, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

The Christmas Quest

By Ora Winifred Wood

The plan of this playlet is arranged in three parts; namely, Part I: Prologue, "The Christ-child's Birth"; Interlude, "The Christ-child's Quest." Part II: "The End of the Quest." Part III: "Where the Christmas Spirit Shines." Price, per copy, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

Christmas

A Fifteen-minute Pageant by Henrietta Heron

This pageant provides a unique and effective feature for any Christmas celebration service. It has been prepared to meet the need expressed by leaders of young people for a program feature that will utilize the talent of older boys and girls and thus enlist their interest and service. Price, per copy, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

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A beautiful Christmas exercise that keeps the audience in an attitude of reverent expectation which reaches a satisfying climax in the closing poem, "The Best Gift of All," and closing song, "The Gift of Love." The service is in two parts, and each part may be given in from fifteen to twenty minutes. The setting is simple, and the costuming easily prepared. Price, per copy, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

Greeting Cards with Envelopes

Here is an assortment of Christmas greeting cards, every one of which is exquisitely illustrated in lovely colors. Each card has a friendly greeting or a Scripture verse or a combination of both. Envelope included with every card. **Order by number.**

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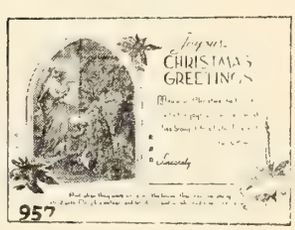
Price, 30c. a dozen; $2.50 a hundred











St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

THE CHURCH DURING WAR AND PEACE

(Lesson for November 12)

Lesson: Matthew 5: 43-48; Romans 13: 1-7.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Mat. 5: 9).

Certainly the world could use a few "peacemakers" in times like these. The prophecy uttered by Jesus warned of wars and uprisings from the day of His ascension to the very hour of His Return and all history has molded itself to the shape of His utterance. Rivers of blood would never have flowed and millions of lives would not have been thrown away upon the battlefields of history, if there had been effective "peacemakers" in past generations. Our own dark day would never have dawned to appall the world with the recent conflicts if there had been men of persuasive power to induce aggressors to maintain peace.

Right in our own circle of friends there are quarrels that need to be patched up: what effort are you making to heal these breaches between one-time friends? If you could get the Joneses and the Smiths to bury the hatchet, or could persuade the Blacks and the Whites to forget their feud, in their new happiness they would probably look upon you as a veritable child of God, bringing joy where anger has reigned. Perhaps in your own church there is a schism that is causing heavy hearts among the devout: can you figure a way to heal this wound and bring God's people together in mutual forgiveness and love? You will be called "blessed" indeed, if you can effect peace in your own church family.

I once conducted a four-week campaign in a certain large city where we had very few converts, but that meeting remains in my own memory as one of the greatest I have ever led. The town had been split for five years into two major factions so violently opposed to each other that the state police had twice been called in to establish order. We got the opposing factions to pray for each other and the war ended in a few days. The city still commends me and seems to have a sincere affection for me even after these years.

—Harry Ribber

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The true friends of God always will find that he has enemies in this world.

2. The quality of a Christian's character is revealed by the kind of enemies he has.

3. Enemies may be defeated by conflict, but they can be conquered and overcome only by love.

4. Failure of favorable response from our enemies does not authorize us to discontinue the love treatment.
5. A Christian's dealings with his fellow men always should be on a higher plane than that of other people.

6. It is a mistake to seek for perfection by following an imperfect ideal.

7. Governmental power is above many of our individual wishes by the will of God.

8. Breaking the laws of the country is usually also an act of disobedience toward God.

9. Properly-conducted government always is against the evil and for the good.

10. It is unchristian to enjoy the benefits of human government but to be unfaithful in supporting it.

11. Study carefully what our Advanced Quarterly has to say about **Love for Enemies** and **Christian Loyalty** to government.

12. In our **Senior Quarterly**, we call attention to the comment on verses 43 and 48 as indicating the high standard maintained in this lesson help.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

1. Turning the Icy End to Our Fellows

One day, when I was serving my apprenticeship in a factory on the banks of the Merrimac river (says the Hon. N. P. Banks, late Governor of Massachusetts), a party of the hands saw a man a quarter of a mile down the river struggling among the broken cakes of ice. Of course the first care was to rescue him; but twice the victim slipped from the plank that was thrown him. The third time it was evident to our inner hearts that it was the man's last chance, and so he evidently thought; but as he again slipped from the board, he shouted, "Give me hold of the wooden end of the plank this time." We had been holding him the icy end! How often do Christians make the same mistake. We turn, the icy end of the plank to our fellows; and then wonder why they do not hold on, and why our efforts do not save them.—Preacher's Lantern

2. Loving Enemies

As truly as the Apostle Paul heard God's call, "Come over into Macedonia, and help us," so did John G Paton hear God's call to go with the message of life to the South Sea Islands. Said he, "I continually heard the wail of the perishing heathen in the South Seas, and I saw that few were caring for them. Without revealing the state of my mind to any person, this was the supreme subject of my daily meditation and prayer. The Lord kept saying to me, 'Since none better qualified can be got, rise and offer yourself.' Almost overpowering was the impulse to answer aloud, 'Here am I; send me'." Paton's friends discouraged his going as a missionary. Among them was a dear old Christian man, who said, "The cannibals! you will be eaten by cannibals!" To this, Paton replied, "I confess to you, that if I can but live and die serving and honoring the Lord Jesus, it will make no difference to me whether I am eaten by cannibals or by worms. In the great day my resurrection body will arise a

fair as yours in the likeness of our risen Redeemer!"

—Selected

RELIGIOUS WITHOUT LIFE

Can one be religious and yet be without life?

"Ye will not come to me that ye might have life," (Jno. 5: 40) were the words of the Lord Jesus addressed to the Jews, and were they not religious?

He had just said to them, "Ye search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life;" (Jno. 5: 39 R. V.) and they did indeed search them and reverence them, too.

They were strict Sabbatarians, they had just condemned the Lord and sought to slay Him because they believed He had violated their Sabbath day.—Jno. 5: 16.

They had a God-given ritual, and institutions, and days of which they were the strictest observers.

They were God's chosen people to whom He had given great promises, and with whom He had made great covenants, for the fulfillment of which they were sincerely looking.

Some of them could honestly "thank God that they were not as other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican, (Luke 18: 11), that they fasted twice in the week and gave tithes of all they possessed." And yet it was to them that the Lord Jesus said "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life."

Religious? Yes, very religious, but without life; "dead, dead in trespasses and sins."

Could there be anything more appalling? One may be devoutly religious, constantly go through an ancient and impressive ritual, keep what are considered wisely appointed days and ceremonies, (Col. 2: 23) have a blameless life, be full of good works, and benevolent deeds, be separated from the world, be an advocate of and a worker in all reforms, and identified with all that men call pure, and good, and uplifting, and stand high in the synagogue and church, and yet be entirely destitute of eternal life. And the reason which the Lord Himself gives is "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life." It is only through Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ of God, that we can have eternal life.

The greatest "must" in the whole range of Scripture is in John 3: 14, where the Lord Jesus says, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness even so must the Son of Man be lifted up that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have eternal life."

The sacrificial death of Christ on the cross was absolutely necessary in order that the grace of God might reacch every one who will believe on Him for forgiveness of sin, for eternal life.

This is the universal teaching of Scripture, in plain statement, in promise, in prophecy, and in type.

No shedding of blood—no remission. No sacrifice—no salvation. No death of the divine—human Redeemer in the Scripturally foretold and appointed way—no eternal life for man.

What an unutterably sweet and blessed gospel it is to the man who in any measure sees himself to be the spiritual bankrupt which the Bible (Rom. 3rd chapter) says everyone is before God, to be assured upon the authority of God's word, that the Lord Jesus Christ has so suffered for human guilt, at the hands of God Himself, on the cross, as that now it is a pleasing thing for God and a righteous thing for Him, to pardon, to justify and to give eternal life to every one who will believe on that blessed Saviour.—1 Cor. 1: 21.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

Believing on Him implies the hearing of the gospel, and instruction in the same.

It implies one's felt need of Him as a Saviour.

It implies the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart in such a way as that there is a real turning from all self-dependence, from all mere religiousness, from all personal righteousness, and goodness, and badness too, with thankfulness, in simple and hearty confidence to the Lord Jesus Christ, as being all that the gospel says He is. This is the truth as to every one who has life.

Man's greatest sin is, that he will not come to Jesus alone for life. "Ye will not come to me."

This is the sin of the Jews, and always has been.

In spite of His spotless life before them. His authoritative testimony, His convincing miracles, they chose Barabbas the robber, and clamored for the crucifixion of Jesus. They preferred their religion to Him, and thus missed eternal life. They are the same to-day. After the centuries of accumulated proof of His Messiahship, after the centuries of suffering as a nation because of their wicked rejection of the Christ, they are still His enemies.

There have been numerous beautiful individual exceptions to the national unbelief, and we know from the word of God that there will be a considerable remnant of them eventually who will be just as suddenly and soundly converted as the Apostle Paul, and that like him they will just as earnestly and successfully preach the gospel to the Gentiles. Unless we are very much mistaken in our understanding of prophecy and the signs of the times that day comes apace rapidly.

But the rejection of Jesus of Nazareth as the only Saviour and Life Giver, is the universal sin, and the Christ rejecter is not only found among the Jews, and in the places, of sin and haunts, and hospitals, but even in the churches. A Christian said to us recently "I am afraid that there are a lot of people in our church who have nothing but religion, they have no life."

Think of it! People in that which bears the name of the blessed One and yet they do not know Him! They have never had any real experience as to their soul's needs!

They have never seen themselves as lost!

They have never asked "What must I do to be saved?"

They were never asked "Have you been born again?"

They can talk much about their doings for their church, but they cannot talk about Jesus!

They have nothing to say as to what He has done for them!

He is not precious to them!—1 Peter 2: 7.

They are religious but dead spiritually, going on to eternal death.

Who is to blame?

Are their pastors like them?

Their Sunday school teachers and their parents too?

It is an awful thing to think of any one as lost forever, but it is unutterably awful, to think of religious people as lost forever!

"Ye will not come to ME that ye might have life."

Are you one of them?

M. S.

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"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which He hath testified of His Son.

"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made Him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of His Son."

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in His Son."

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."—1 Jno. 5: 9-12.

"And this is the will of Him that sent Me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day."—Jno. 6: 40.

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Boys and Girls Corner

SOME TINY BUILDERS

The children were having a tea party out in the yard. Sylvia, with her two dollies, and Sewall, with his teddy bear and boy doll. Sylvia poured the tea out carefully, and suddenly saw a little black creature run across the table.

"Oh, there's an ant come for tea," said Sylvia.

"Let's see if we can find its home," cried Sewall, excitedly.

The children hunted, and soon found a little mound. As they watched, many little ants ran back and forth over the ant-hill.

"Let's get grandma to tell us a story about them," said Sylvia.

So she poured out a cup of tea for each doll and told Teddy to watch them carefully. Then both children ran into the house.

"Grandma, grandma!" they called. "Won't you tell us a story about ants? Just now a little ant ran across the table where we are having a tea party."

"Very well," said grandma. "If you will sit down, I will tell you a story about them."

"She was just a little ant," said grandma, "but she had ever so much work to do. There were babies to feed and take out in the sunshine. There were cows to milk. There were tiny ants to help out of their cradles. There was honey to find and bring home. There was the house to make neat. But the little ant just went right to work.

"She didn't live in a house like ours. Her house was under the ground. She had helped to build it. First she and her sisters had cleared a place for it. They didn't have to cut down trees as people do. But they had to cut down grass instead. And I think that it must be as hard for a tiny ant to cut a blade of grass as for a man to chop a tree.

"This little ant did not have an axe with which to cut, but, instead, she used her mouth. She and her sisters cut down one blade of grass after another, until they had a round space. From this they made roads leading in different directions.

"In the center of this open space they made a gate to their house. Then they dug down into the ground. They had to take out the sand, and each little ant could carry only one grain of sand at a time. But they worked and worked, bringing up the grains of sand and leaving them above the ground.

"As these grains were piled one on top of the other they made quite a mound, or little hill. The little ant and her sisters made rooms and halls in their underground house. They worked hard day after day until the house was all nicely made.

"One summer day the ants had a meeting. One of them said: 'It is summer now, and there is plenty of food, but when winter comes we can not find much. Let us bring the grain into our storehouses, so that we may have plenty when cold weather comes.'

" 'That's a good plan,' said the others. 'We will all help to get the grain.'

"Many, many ants worked hard to gather these seeds, and they filled one storehouse after another. When winter came there was plenty of food for all these busy workers, and for the queen that laid the eggs from which the babies came. The ants were happy together because they had all learned to help."—Adapted from two stories by Laura E. Cragin, "Sunday Story Hour." Copyright by Geo. H. Doran Co. Used by permission.

Yes, all things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
And all things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

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Godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Tim. 6: 6.

HOMECOMING DAY AT ARAPAHOE

The Annual Homecoming Day celebration of the Arapahoe Free Will Baptist Church was obeserved on Sunday, October 22, 1944. The Reverend Clifton Rice, the pastor, filling his final appointment, chose his subject from the words of the Apostle Paul, "Finally Brethren, Farewell." It was a very interesting sermon. A very interesting part of the service was the dedication of the Christian and American flags. The pastor, being assisted by representatives of the U. S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Army Air Corps, led the dedication service.

The church was filled almost to capacity by an attentive audience from the community and visiting friends from New Bern, Ayden, Washington and other communities. The program of the day ended with a bountiful dinner which was served on the church grounds to a host estimated at six hundred and fifty persons.

The Sunday School report for Sunday, October 22, 1944, was as follows: Attendance, 161; offering, $42.50; offering a year ago today, $18.90.

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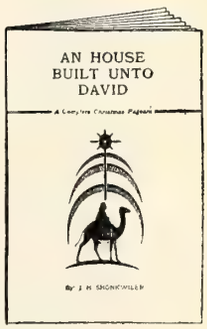


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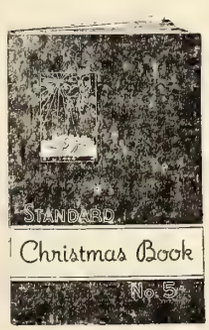
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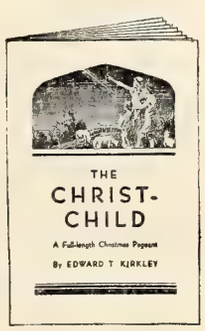
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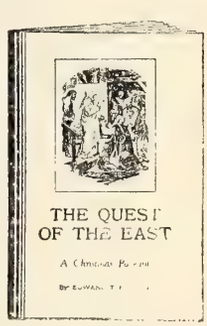
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THE HEART

"A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment" (Matt. 12: 35, 36).

Dear Readers, we must remember that the heart is known by the life we live. It is the place where the desires and the purposes of life are formed. Thoughts are seeds which result in our words and deeds. We find that sinful desires begin with covetousness which defile, disgrace and stain our souls. But if we defile not the body, then the soul is the true man.

Now, my dear friends, if we see the evidences of sin in the lives of men and women, we at once realize that within the heart there is evil. We find that in the beginning of Moses' leadership of the people in the wilderness that it was marked by acts of kindness. The object of his administration seemed to be the good of his people. When the people sought to praise him, he asked them to keep their praises, and not to shower them upon him. Give them to God who was directing the journey.

Nero set fire to Rome and destroyed many people, and placed the blame on the Christians for the cause of the fire. It was a sign of what sin did for a wicked people. This is what sin will do for us, for we find that there are many hearts that are deceitful and wicked. But who can know the heart?

Let us read what Proverbs says in chapter one, verses five and six: "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise and their dark sayings." We are to understand that the way of salvation shows us that the first step is to acquire the higher knowledge, understanding, and the fear of the Lord. Those who fear God will study to know the best things. They will study them well.

Evil communications and evil companionship are forbidden by the Lord. Divine wisdom and knowledge are precious treasures which we should seek to acquire, and the Bible is the field in which we can find this wisdom and knowledge. The Lord giveth wisdom, and out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. He lays up sound wisdom for his righteous people. The righteous people are to be in the right mind and heart, for God gives it out of his mouth, and not by unknown agencies. Good people are to walk uprightly before God, for God has marked the right way to eternal life.

Kind friends, God's wisdom will keep us from the society of the unrighteous and from their snares. He will guide our feet in the path of righteousness and peace. We are to let wisdom have its full operation of our lives. In Proverbs 2: 10, 22, we find that wickedness in its nature is corrupt, and wields a corrupt influence on others. But wisdom guards the innocent and delivers the fallen from condemnation. We must know that divine revelation has all the attributes of Christ for the salvation of lost souls.

Rev. J. A. Ringgold

WHY NOAH LET THREE CAMELS INTO THE ARK

The original plan was that only two of a kind—one male and one female—should be allowed to enter the ark. But one exception, according to late discoveries, was made in the case of camels.

When the ark was being loaded in preparation for the big rain that was near at hand, three big camels hove into sight.

Noah was surprised to see three camels coming up the gangway. "Hey!" he shouted, "one of you will have to stay ashore."

"Not me," said the first ship of the desert. "I am the camel so many people swallow while straining at a gnat."

"I," said the second, "am the camel whose back is broken by the last straw."

"And I," said the third, and last, "am the camel which shall pass through the eye of a needle sooner than a rich man shall enter the kingdom of heaven."

Noah scratched his head in perplexity. Finally, deciding that posterity could ill spare any of these and would be lost for illustrations without them he let them come aboard.

—Clipped

A MESSAGE FROM A SOLDIER BOY

Dear Baptist Readers:

I should like to write concerning the young converts who have entered the Armed Forces of our country. I have been in many cities and towns since I entered the service. Many months ago I met some very good people, and some Christian friends, but there is much evil in the land. Satan is surely out to see whom he can devour.

Concerning myself, I have been a Christian for many years, and it grieves my heart to see so much evil in our land. I am writing to the paper because I have seen so many young Christians fall from the right way. They are the boys from your church, your Sunday School. They are the boys who, just a few months ago, sat beside you in your Sunday School and church, but they are not now under the tender care of their churches and Sunday Schools. They are out where every temptation is thrown about them on every side. One can talk to them about their souls, but have you written to them about this all important matter? If you have not, please start today; they will read anything you write to them. They will be thrilled to hear from you, when they won't read the Testament.

If you will do this, you will be doing a Christian act just as important as teaching a Sunday School class, and by so-doing you may save a soul from eternal damnation.

Yours in His name,

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That our Father, God, is love?
By this world which he hath made,
By the songs of grove and blade,
By the brooks that singing run,
By the shining of the sun,
By the breeze that cools my brow,
By fresh odors from the plow,
By the daisy's golden head,
Shining in the fields I tread,
By the chorus of the bees
In the flowering willow trees,
By the gentle dews and rain,
By the farmer's springing grain,
By the light of golden eyes,
By the sheen of forest leaves,
By the sweets of woodland springs,
By the joy right-doing brings—
By a thousand, thousand things!

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On the 1st Sunday in September we enjoyed our first services in the new location. We were blessed with having Rev. Bert Rogers, Pastor of the Drumright Free Will Baptist Church of Drumright, Okla., to bring the messages of the day.

The church has enjoyed an increase in attendance in both Sunday School and worship services. This in itself is a substantiation of the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

We have not experienced here in the Houston Church a rapid increase in membership, but a continual growth having begun the organization with 14 charter members. We now have a membership of 65. The Lord is blessing us with those desiring to receive the "milk of the word" to the end of satisfaction and salvation to their soul.

It makes our heart rejoice to witness the working of the Holy Spirit among our people. A spiritual, God fearing people that will enjoy the day of return, and the words of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the final judgment. Our Saviour will be welcomed with gladness.

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The Five Points of Calvinism Are: election or predestination, limited atonement, total depravity, irresistibility of grace, and the perseverance of the saints. Calvinism especially emphasizes the sovereignty of God in the bestowal of grace.—Webster's New International Dictionary.

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The Apostle Paul wrote these words to the brethren of the Church at Philippi: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (ch. 4: 13). A parallel reference of these words is given in Saint John's Gospel, chapter 15, verse 5, which reads as follows: "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." Another is given in Second Corinthians, chapter 12, verse 9, which reads as follows: "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

The Apostle Paul placed, it is shown, complete confidence in the divine power of Christ. He trusted Christ to give him the strength and power to carry the gospel unto the heathen people in Asia Minor and Europe, and even in other places. He knew Christ would be with him in the work, and would bless him in winning lost souls to the way of eternal life. With Christ as his Guide and Leader, Paul was able to endure hardships, suffer scourgings, withstand the arguments of heathen worshippers, and to stand resolute to the teachings of the Gospel, and to preach the Word with all boldness. The "all things" which Paul had reference to were those things which were needed for him to do in order to be able to serve Christ to the fullest extent. He knew that so long as he confided in Christ and labored faithfully in his vineyard, Christ would enable him to do all things needful of him in taking the Gospel to lost souls. He knew that Christ would not fail him in the least, therefore, he said, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Ministers of the Gospel, today, are to be like Paul—have complete trust and confidence in the power of Christ: not to trust in their own strength and capabilities to take the Gospel to lost souls. But, realizing their limitations and infirmities as mere human beings, they are always to rely upon Christ and His power to enable them to do the things needful for success in the spreading of the Gospel. While the Apostle Paul exercised his native capacities and abilities in the work of the ministry, still he knew that without Christ's help he could do nothing in the way of achieving the success which was so needful to be wrought among the heathen people. In the power and strength of Christ, gospel ministers are to go forth, laboring faithfully and patiently for the salvation of sinful people.

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The Evangelist Philip was a great believer and follower of Christ. He believed in the gospel plan of salvation; and, when the angel of the Lord appeared to him, and told him what to do, he obeyed. He went until he overtook the eunuch of Ethiopia, and preached to him the truth of the Word of God, as the Spirit directed. When he had preached Jesus unto the eunuch, making known to him the plan of salvation, the eunuch was converted and was baptized. Great joy came to his heart, and "he went on his way rejoicing."

Philip did a good work, not only in this case but also in other cases, as is shown in the book of The Acts of the Apostles. He brought great joy to many hearts through the preaching of the Gospel of Christ. Many gospel ministers today bring joy to the souls of men by telling them the story of Jesus and His love for lost souls, and leading them to accept Christ as their Lord and Master. Though they never know the ultimate good they do, yet the heavenly Father will reward them in that great day for their patient labors in His kingdom work here on earth.

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According to Reverend Winford Davis' reports, concerning the support of foreign missions, a great many of the church people in the various states are becoming more and more aroused in making more substantial offerings for this work of the denomination. One offering for one church amounted to more than six hundred dollars. Others, according to his statements, have made just recently noteworthy offerings for the same purpose.

It is the fact, now is a good time for the church people to support all of the church work by making large offerings from time to time. We are hearing that, in our section of the State of North Carolina, the Parent-Teachers' local organizations have put on drives for funds for the local school purposes, and some of them raise from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars at an evening's play or festival. With a little effort, certainly each local church can raise hundreds of dollars for Missions, Christian education, Superannuation, Orphanages and for other church purposes.

New Evidences of Home Mission Work

Walter E. Bond

I know that most Free Will Baptists are not accustomed to hear from this neck of the woods because until recently there were no Free Will Baptists in this section of the State. However, it is true, that there were a few of the Holiness element who called themselves Free Will Baptists; but, in the true sense of the term, there were none of the old-time seventy-five years ago Free Will Baptists, because it has been a little less than a half century since the holiness idea, as some have it, gained any great importance.

A little more than a half century ago, eastward of Willow Spring was predominantly Primitive Baptist. On the north Terrible Creek seemed to have been for a long time a line which divided our community from that lying to the north of us which was largely Missionary Baptist. Five miles to northwest of us around Wake Chapel lay a Christian community. Seven miles to the southwest, lying around Piny Grove, was a very strong Missionary Baptist section. Then just a little farther toward the south, around Harnett Chapel, lay a Methodist section. Southward the people were mostly Primitive Baptist.

It was perhaps a little less than a half century ago that the very ground upon which our little village now stands was a virgin forest. The woodland was mostly dogwood, gum, oak and hickory trees. Then there stood scattered all over the woodland tall and stately long leaf pines, standing like sentinels by day and by night, watching over the landscape lying in every direction round about. In a few years the railroad came and with it the saw-mill and then followed the ruthless slaughter of these ancient sentries of time until our section became divested of its great resources of valuable timber. Now our forestry is reduced to such as black-jack-oak, red-oak, white-oak, gum, and a fastly diminishing second and third growth of old-field pine. After the saw-mill man came, the tobacco man came and he, too, has made ruthless inroads toward the further depletion of our once beautiful and valuable forestry.

During the early history of this village the roads round about here were no more than cart-ways through the woods. After Willow Spring became a center of traffic, the cart-ways rapidly became veritable sand beds of the worst type. Horses and mules could hardly draw an empty vehicle in many places. Finally the era of good roads was ushered in and there followed at first a slight improvement in our roads. This improvement program has been more or less intensified through the years until we now have just fair roads, yet they are far from ideal. In the early years a one teacher school was established here, finally growing into a two teacher school and for a short time was a three teacher school and at last it became the center of a consolidation program and now we have a nine teacher school. Seven or eight years ago the women here became very much interested in club work. They secured a lot adjoining the school grounds and erected a suitable building for their activities. For around thirty years the Presbyterians have maintained a church here but this has somewhat fallen into decline in recent years.

Like Moses coming from the mount of God in the back side of the desert to the down trodden people of God in Egypt for their deliverance, came Rev. Hermon Wooten from Garner, N. C., to the woman's club building here in August of this year with a series of revival meetings. During this meeting there were a number of professions of faith in Christ and several rededications to the service of Christ. At the close of this meeting Brother Wooten asked for those wishing to unite with some church to come forward and indicate their preference. There was no response to this invitation. Then he asked all who wished to unite with the Presbyterian church here to come forward and so indicate their desire. There was still no response. Then he told the people that he had heard it said by some that they wished that there was a Baptist church of some kind here and that if any so desired to come forward, he would proceed to organize them into a Free Will Baptist church. Twelve immediately came in response to that invitation; and, after those professing faith in Christ for the first time had been baptized, he organized them into a legally constituted Free Will Baptist church. Another meeting was held in October, which resulted in the addition of four more, making the total membership sixteen. The people now have the promise of a church lot and have raised about two hundred and twenty-five dollars toward the erection of a church building. Brother Wooten is the pastor.

There is still another place worthy of mention in connection with Brother Wooten's name. This place is around seven miles south of Garner and is now designated as Mangum's Grove. He began preaching there in the Spring of 1944. Later a Sunday School was organized and for quite a while has been going strong. The writer does not know much of the history of this community, if he did he would have something to say about it. However, I know that this has always been a well-to-do farming section and a community of good people. The people here have responded nobly to the efforts of Brother Wooten. A tabernacle, capable of seating possibly three-hundred, has been erected and a revival meeting is now in progress and will probably result in the organization of another Free Will Baptist church. This will make two churches to add to the Cape Fear Conference this year. This location is quite a distance from any other church and has the promise of being in the near future a thriving church.

The achievements at Willow Spring and at Mangum's Grove have

not been accomplished without great labor and sacrifice to Bro. Wooten. He has proven himself a type of modern Christian hero. He deserves the highest commendation to our denomination and to all Christian people. What Bro. Wooten has accomplished at these two places proves beyond controversy the wisdom of the Free Will Baptist State Convention in putting on an intensive and broad home mission program. We can not have a successful foreign mission program without having first as a foundation a powerful home mission program. Without a strong and active and spiritually potent home mission program, the fountains of missionary endeavor will eventually dry up, and that would mean the end of all evangelism. Personally I should like to see the home mission board uphold Bro. Wooten in his mission efforts. It simply goes to show what the Free Will Baptists can accomplish all over our south land. If a home mission program of the type mentioned above is maintained by the Free Will Baptists, the denomination will be honored of God and our denomination like the proverbial tree, planted by the river of life, will grow to such proportions that it will spread its branches into eternity. Let us honor God to the uttermost.

LEONARD HARRIS IN THE PACIFIC

Mr. Harris is doing an admirable work in the Navy, which is completely in the line of full time Christian service. Those who are familiar with his work in civlian life as a teacher, evangelistic singer, pianist, vocalist, and choir director can readily understand what it means to have such a person doing the same type of work among our service men on a remote island base "some where in the Pacific." Needless to say such a work is beset with many depressing conditions. He will appreciate your prayers and an occassional letter of encouragement from his many friends.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. E. Harris,
6106 Ellis Ave.,
Chicago 37, Ill.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

By Thos. E. Beaman

GOLDSBORO, N. C.—Many letters and cards of appreciation continue to pour into the office of the ABUNDANT LIFE HOUR, expressing sincere appreciation of the writers for the blessings received from the programs broadcasted over the radio.

NEWTON GROVE, N. C.—The Cape Fear Conference convened with the St. Paul Church in her Ninetieth Session, Nov. 2, 3, 1944. The session was well attended. Reports from all churches were very encouraging. The Introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. G. C. Joyner, and the Conference sermon by Rev. R. N. Hinnant. One new church was admitted to membership in the conference. This church is located at Willow Springs, N. C., and was organized by the Rev. Hermon Wooten.

SMITHFIELD, N. C.—Rev. W. H. Lancaster, local minister, and pastor of the Smithfield Free Will Baptist Church, recently held a revival meeting at Edward Lane church in Kannapolis, N. C. The church experienced quite a spiritual refreshing according to reports.

SEVEN SPRINGS, N. C.—Rev. David W. Handsley, Folkstone, N. C., concluded a weeks meeting with our church at Grant's Chapel Sunday, November 5th. The meeting was well attended, and the results of the meeting were very gratifying.

TAMPA, FLA.—Mrs. Lizzie McAdams joined her husband here this week for a few days rest. Sister McAdams has recently been visiting, touring in Eastern North Carolina in the interest of our National Woman's program.

PINE LEVEL, N. C.—The next session of the Cape Fear Union will convene with the church at Tee's Chapel, located five miles from here.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.—Rev. Bob Woolley, Durham, N. C., has just concluded a very successful revival campaign with our church at Rocky Mount, N. C. From reports received the church has been greatly up-lifted by this campaign.

KINSTON, N. C.—The members of our Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, located on the North Side of Kinston, are launching one of the most extensive Work Campaigns ever undertaken by any Free Will Baptist Church in the South. November 1, marks the beginning of the new fiscal year. Very definite plans have been made. Many goals have been set for the new year. Watch THE BAPTIST for further details of this campaign.

MAKING THE WORLD BETTER

In spite of God's Spirit working to present truth with all simplicity to His people, men are obstinately comforting themselves with the dream that things after all are not so bad; that if there are things to be regretted, the remedy is at hand. For now there are so many ways of helping the poor—such delightful mingling of the rich with them—such promising unions which invite all men to come together and join, in spite of their little differences, for the great object of social advancement and improvement of Christendom, and the regeneration of the world. But all this is founded on the miserable delusion which ignores and denies that God's wrath is to be filled up and poured out upon Christendom.

It is impossible that Christians, who realize that such judgments are near, could lend themselves to schemes which assume the very reverse. One should feel the solemn truth that the world lies under such a sentence as God's Word declares.

Christ alone is the power of God to set things right. When He comes, and not before, the tide of evil will be stemmed, and Satan bound; but not even divine judgment apart from Christ can avail.—W. Kelly, in The Believer's Magazine.
November, 1944

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary, State Association of North Carolina

Turkeys

Have you received any turkeys of late through the mail? Well, the Orphanage at Middlesex is sending out from the office of that Institution turkeys. These turkeys are to be "fed on dimes." It takes ten dimes to fill the turkey. It is fun for children to get these turkeys filled. I saw a little girl fill one of these turkeys before she left the church on the 4th Sunday.

But There Is a Greater Plan

During the months of November and December every person should make an OFFERING UNTO THE LORD for the ORPHANAGE, AS A THANKSGIVING OFFERING. This should be a "TITHE OFFERING," of at least, one week's tithe of net receipts. Very few adults are making less than twenty-five dollars per week. A great many are making from $50.00 to more than $100.00 per week. Just think what it would mean if 10,000 people would tithe a week's income at an average of $35.00 per week? Just look! $35,000. North Carolinians can do this. What we can do in North Carolina can be done in other states for each respective ORPHANAGE.

Our Visit to the Bible College

It was our happy privilege to visit the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., week of October the 22nd. There I found a student body which was composed of some of the finest young men and women in the United States. These fine young people are from many sections. They are Free Will Baptist young people and are preparing to be better Free Will Baptists. They gave us the assurance of true happiness. They are being taught Free Will Baptist Doctrine, as set forth by the BIBLE. The Bible is the BASIS of every doctrinal lesson. But, actually they are taking lessons in the "Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the Free Will Baptist Church." This means that these young people will know what they believe. They will know what the Free Will Baptist people believe. This means that in after years that we will have a solid front in the true DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH. I was well pleased to find that Rev. L. R. Ennis was directing these classes in the light of DOCTRINAL TRUTH.

I found that, seemingly, all students and teachers were enjoying their work. We had the privilege to address the great family of students and teachers. As I stood before that body, I looked into the future with much rejoicing. May the Lord bless the efforts of the faculty and entire student body, is our prayer.

I had a little talk with the Treasurer, Rev. J. R. Davidson, and he expressed freely the work as pertaining to his office. He is very appreciative for the financial support of the institution. There is a movement on now, as many of our readers have heard about, recently perhaps, for the rasing of "One hundred thousand dollars for an expansion program for the College." This movement was started by Rev. J. E. Hudgens, of Ashland City, Tenn., who is the "oldest minister in the Cumberland Association."

We also had a little talk with Mrs. John L. Welch, the very efficient secretary of the Institution. Sister Welch is, as in all other work that pertains to the Church of Jesus Christ, very deeply interested in the whole program.

We had the privilege of taking two meals as arranged by the dietitian, Miss Lillie Herring, which satisfied us that no one is suffering for the want of good food, well prepared.

What I saw and learned regarding the whole program made me want to go back to the school room again and get better prepared. I am thanking God for the Bible College and praising Him for the success which is being attained.

Dear Reader, if you have not remembered the Bible College with a gift, or with your heart support, why just get tuned in and talk it in your church and with your friends and greatest of all, TALK IT OVER WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND BEGIN NOW TO SUPPORT ONE OF THE GREATEST INSTITUTIONS OF OUR WHOLE DENOMINATION.

Publications and Literature

The Board of Publications and Literature has arranged to put out two small booklets for the advancement of the cause of Christ. The manuscripts for these two booklets was a gift to the Board. When these booklets appear from the presses, it is hoped that every Free Will Baptist will give support to the work. Watch for the name and terms in a few weeks in our church papers. Our presses will handle the booklets. We hoped for manuscripts for some text books but none showed up. As a Board we are limited to action by the By-Laws of the National Association governing our activities in the acceptance and distribution of literature.

The Albemarle Union

It was our happy privilege to preach the Union sermon at the Albamarle Union meeting. The Union was well attended and well taken care of by the church at Corinth. The union went on record as favoring the proposed boundary lines, as prescribed by the committee of the State Association in the formation of a Conference or Association as per the purpose of "boundary lines." The whole program of our church is accepted by this Union meeting. As a special object the Union is sponsoring the church in South Norfolk as a Special Missionary work.

Fifth Eastern Sunday School Convention

It was our privilege to attend our Fifth Eastern Union Sunday School Convention of Eastern Conference which convened at Macedonia, Craven county, October the 29th. Representation was good. Spiritual fellowship was of the highest degree. Program extremely good. The congregation was fed at a long table, North Carolina "Picnic style." Enough said. The Sunday school lesson was taught by Prof. Taylor of

Arapahoe, and the Convention sermon was preached by Rev. J. R. Bennett. Both places were filled masterly.

South-East Missouri Ministers

There is an organization by the name of the "South-Eastern Missouri Ministers Conference." In the By-Laws, Section No. 6, under the caption, "Receiving Members," there are some very interesting stipulations as to the reception of members. It reads as follows: "This conference shall not hencefortth receive any minister as a member, who uses tobacco in any form, or who DOES NOT practice and preach tithing as God's Financial plan, or refuses to study God's word, and be open to conviction received there from, or who refuses the ordinances of the church known as the Lord's Supper, Washing the Saints' Feet and Immersion as Christian Baptism." As this writer observes, these ministers are fundamental in our ordinances, and in examples are leading out into a field of great efficiency and cleanliness. I am a firm believer that every state and district should have a MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION in which the problems of the church should be discussed and plans laid for the furtherance of the Gospel of Christ.

Religion in Public Schools

There is much being said in many sections about "teaching of religion in the public schools." This is a step toward "union of church and state" and with this and other reasons I am opposed to the whole thing. There are many folks who would love to see the church and state joined together. All Roman Catholics would want to teach Roman Catholic religion. Presbyterians would want the Presbyterian religion taught. Methodist would want the doctrine of the Methodist church taught. Baptist would want to teach the Baptist church doctrine. Jehovah's Witnesses would want their "No Hell" Doctrine taught. The Mormon's would want to teach "Joe Smith Doctrine" and every denomination, and those of no "denomination" would want their "No Church," doctrine taught.

So, for religion to be taught the state would have to prescribe the course of religion. This would join state and church. I will have more to say on this subject in a later issue.

LET US GIVE THANKS

Let us bless God for the harvest with which He has again favored our country. We went forth with anxious hope; we saw "first the blade, then the ear, and after that the full corn in the ear." However numerous the means and the second causes are which concur to enrich us with plenteousness, God is the original mover, and to Him our praise is to be addressed. Without His blessing the ox would have ploughed and the husbandman would have sowed in vain. How easily could He have shrivelled up the grain by heat, drowned it by showers, destroyed it by insects.

Let us therefore improve this season by making it a religious monitor. As we walk in the fields or reflect while at home on the process of harvest, let us think on this wise: "O my soul, thou too hast thy season, and everything forbids thee to be slothful. See the children of this world, how wise they are. And shall they labor so eagerly for the meat that perisheth, and I be all indifference to acquire that meat which endureth unto everlasting life? 'I must work the work of him that sent me while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work.'"—William Jay.

WE GIVE THANKS

Lord God of hosts, we render thanks
For all Thy mercies sure;
Thy tender love environs us,
And will through life endure.

Teach us to know Thy perfect will,
Humble and meek to be;
May we in gladness praise Thy name
Throughout eternity.

Lord God of hosts, we offer thanks
And call upon Thy name;
A psalm of praise to Thee we sing,
Thy wondrous love proclaim.

Thou art our refuge and our strength
There is no other power;
If sudden danger threatens us,
We find in Thee a tower.

Lord God of hosts, we proffer praise;
Direct us on our way;
With grateful hearts we worship Thee
On this Thanksgiving Day.

—By Grenville Kleiser

NATIONWIDE BIBLE READING

Nation-wide Bible reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas is being sponsored by the American Bible Society and two national sponsoring committees formed for this purpose. Millions of American service men and women and their families and great numbers of other Americans are expected to join.

The national sponsoring committee of laymen, composed of leaders in various fields, includes former President Herbert Hoover, John Foster Dulles, Admiral Ernest J. King, and Ambassador John G. Winant. More than thirty major religious bodies are represented on the committee.

Thousands of men and women in the armed forces and multitudes at home are finding the Bible an inspiration and guide now as never before. By more extended and simultaneous reading, a spiritual bond will be created that will be full of meaning for millions of families and will make priceless contribution to their hope and faith.

Through a nation-wide poll of pastors and Army and Navy chaplains, Bible passages most helpful in times like these have been chosen. Bookmark leaflets listing the passages, with helpful suggestions on how to get the most out of the reading, are being furnished without charge to churches and chaplains. Copies may be secured by writing to the American Bible Society, New York, 22, N. Y.

We have no light to show us our road a hundred miles away, but we have light for the next footstep, and if we take that we should have a light for the one which is to follow.
—Mark Rutherford.
November, 1944.

CHAPLAINS WANTED

(The following articles by Columnist George E. Sokolsky are reprinted from the New York Sun as distributed by King Features Syndicate. "Navy Chaplains" was published throughout the country in July and "No Critics of Chaplains System Found Among Navy's Fighting Men" in August.)

Navy Chaplains

It would not seem possible, but the fact is that the Navy is still short of chaplains. Capt. Robert D. Workman, Chief Chaplain of the United States Navy, continues to plead for ministers for his service. Before the war, there were about 100 chaplains of all denominations in our Navy; today, there are over 2,000. But it is not enough. The immediate need is for 400 to 500 additional clergymen, with the assurance that an equal number will be required before the year's end.

It is a curiosity of this war that the Catholic and Jewish quotas are always filled; the various Protestant sects are running behind. The Catholics are a disciplined church and particularly among the monastic orders, obedience is a rule, there is no disciplinary body controlling the Jewish clergy, each individual being a free agent to make his terms with his particular congregation. I am told that in every instance, the rabbi is on leave of absence, so that he is assured his post when and if he returns from the war. The Protestant shortage must be due to an unwillingness of churches to guarantee a minister his pulpit after the war.

This economic deterministic reason can of course not motivate a clergyman. He has accepted a vocation that requires self-sacrifice as a daily routine. I am more ready to accept the view that because so many clergymen have for so many years preached pacifism or some related ideal, it is difficult for them to adjust their minds to actual participation in war. Yet, souls need to be ministered to in the Army and Navy as in civilian life. The soldier and sailor want and need the word of God.

The Navy recently sent an inspection detachment consisting of Captain Workman, Lieut-Commander Joshua L. Goldberg, Jewish chaplain of the Third Naval District headquarters in New York, and Commander John R. Boslet, Catholic chaplain attached to the director of the Chaplain Corps in Washington, to visit naval men in many parts of the world. It was perhaps the first time in all history that the clergy of God, in various expressions of faith, traveled together in a joint mission of mercy and glad tidings. I can well imagine the emotional effect of such a visitation upon sailors, or for that matter, in some places, even the clergy who, having been taught that the children of God need to hate each other, discover that there is one Father for all and that these chaplains serve that Father. Captain Workman said of this tour:

". . . No wonder the men worshipped seriously—thoughtfully . . . . In Casablanca we found a camel barn converted into a charming chapel, the hay racks were still there. A manger—does it not remind you of something we have learned at Mother's knee? In yet another place, in a large and important hospital, we found an impregnable bomb-proof shelter, air conditioned, converted into a chapel. On one of the beaches in North Africa on which there had been a particularly bloody battle we found men worshipping in a recreation hall, formerly a decrepit barn. Walls were patched up with pieces of cardboard boxes. One felt that here, too, worship was meaningful, that it had a spiritual quality of its own."

There is something new and wonderful in the world when a rabbi carries a crucifix to comfort a Catholic or protestant boy who may need such comfort, and when a Christian clergyman can say the Kaddish, in Hebrew transliteration, for the boy who truly requires those words. It is the marvel of American ingenuity that an altar has been conceived which can serve Catholic and Protestant and Jew. It will do something to the souls, to the personalities of our returning soldiers and sailors to know that in the tribulation of war the ministers of God serve all who come to them, all who are heavy-laden, without distinction.

I cannot understand why the Navy should need to appeal for additional chaplains. It ought to have a waiting list a mile long—for who can speak of himself as a minister of God who having this opportunity for service permits it to slip by him?

No Critics of Chaplain System Found Among Navy's Fighting Men

Some time ago I wrote a piece on Navy chaplains and brought down on my head a enormous mail in which the Navy and its chaplains were excoriated. Having no sense of my own perfections, knowing that occasionally even I make a mistake, I felt that this matter required some further investigation.

The bills of particulars contained in this voluminous correspondence boiled down to two points: one, that chaplains of one denomination were asked to do God's ministry according to the rites of a faith in which they did not believe; secondly, that chaplains were called upon to perform tasks outside their sphere, such as the supervision of dances, and so on. Therefore, I looked into the matter further and found the following:

The Navy is the fleet. The fleet means ships. The Navy thinks in terms of single ship. The chaplain is assigned to a ship, and that ship is a miniature America. It represents a cross section of the population. It comprises many ideologies and usually carries Catholics, Protestants, and Jews aboard. The chaplain is charged with the responsibility of serving the entire complement.

A good chaplain regards all his men as brothers. He visits them at their stations on the ship, in the galley and wardrooms. He joins the men at play and every activity which makes up the life of his parishioners.

It matters not whether the chaplain on the ship is Protestant, Catholic or Jewish—he is "The" chaplain of the ship. He is the spiritual leader of this heterogeneous community.

Assuming that a chaplain on a ship is Catholic, he would serve Catholics,

Protestants, and Jews, and in addition would serve his particular group by hearing confessions and celebrating Mass. Upon arrival in port he would invite a Protestant chaplain aboard, and if none is available, a local Protestant clergyman so that the Protestants might have a special service all their own. He feels duty-bound to do that. He knows that it is his responsibility to care for the Protestant lads. He does the same for the Jewish men.

To me, this is one of the most glorious expressions of living religion. I glory at the thought of a Jewish boy discovering that a priest or a Protestant minister can say the Kaddish for him and I glory in a Catholic or Protestant boy discovering that a rabbi can say the Lord's Prayer.

I am interested in this one additional fact: although I often receive letters from boys in our armed services, not one wrote complaining of my article on the Navy chaplains. Apparently the sailors and Marines are satisfied with their ministrations.

REVIVAL AT GRAY BRANCH

Our revival began at Gray Branch Church on October 23, and continued through the week. Rev. S. A. Smith of Beulaville, North Carolina, held the meeting. The attendance was good, the attention fine and the messages each night were wonderful. Brother Walter King of Deep Run led the song services for the meeting. Many expressed having enjoyed the revival very much.

Although there were no converts during the meeting, there was great revival spirit manifested in the meeting. Great good was, we believe, accomplished by the splendid work which Brother Smith did while with us during the week.

We are hoping that the good which was accomplished will be longlasting, and that God will greatly bless Brother Smith and our church and community. We hope that he shall be able to be with us again soon, and that he shall be able to conduct for us another fine meeting.

By a Member of the Church

WHAT IS ALCOHOL GOOD FOR?

Mr. Editor and Readers:

Distilleries, jobbers and retailers of Alcohol commercialize on trouble, misery and death of millions! What is alcohol good for? Here is your ANSWER: The only thing it is good for IS to Kill any living thing, and to PRESERVE the dead! Alcohol demoralizes, degenerates, kills slowly the billions of tiny brain cells, blood cells, fibre cells, tissue cells, gland cells, and etc., causes heart ailments, hardening of the arteries, etc. Causes YOU to murder; commit suicide, and acts you would never think of if sober. WHY? Alcohol DEADENS the brain cells, and any one with an Alcoholic BRAIN is dangerous and insane!

I once was BLIND, but now I see! Get this. No one is so BLIND as he who will not see! Several years ago, the scales fell from my eyes, but it took a horrible tragedy, (the death of my only Brother and his wife) for the scales to fall so I could SEE. Alcohol caused him to murder his wife and then commit suicide! Horrible! Yes, but it saved me from a drunkard's grave, and in a way; he gave his life, to save mine, because I SAW what the outcome of a drunkard's life on earth, not mentioning his ETERNAL life!

A drunkard will have his ALCOHOL, even if his faithful wife who has stuck with him, takes his abuse, been half-starved, half-clothed, and also his children; but INWARDLY, they cannot respect him! Why? Because he has no respect for himself!

Readers, if you drink alcoholic drinks, you are slowly, but surely KILLING yourself! It is bad enough for men to drink . . . but some women . . . young women . . . have taken to drink, so they won't be a flat tire, at parties . . . Listen young ladies . . . do you think that any man wants to marry a woman who drinks alcoholic beverages? If so, let me tell you that your opinion is wrong! I plead with you, don't drink! The craving of alcohol is like an EATING cancer . . . and you will reap what you sow! The use of Alcoholic beverages sows the SEED of misery, trouble, murder, suicide, starvation, etc.

It may require a horrible shock before you can SEE or realize what the HARVEST of seeds SOWN by use of alcohol, will be, but it will be WORTH it, as far as your LIFE and soul is concerned; and when the SHOCK is sufficient . . . Then YOU will be able to SEE! Remember Alcohol Kills The Living, and PRESERVES the Dead; and that No one is so BLIND as he who will NOT see.

Dr. Ernie M. Jarvis,
Metascientist,
R-1, Box 16-E,
New Bern, N. C.

LETTER FROM LITTLE BETHEL

Dear Baptist Readers:

I am very glad to say that I am trusting in the Lord, for I have been redeemed by His blood. I am glad because Jesus is still standing by me and keeps me in the light of His countenance. He keeps me from being afraid when the storms of life are about me. He keeps me at night when there is no one here but me and my two little children. I do thank Him and praise His dear name for what He has done for me.

I desire to mention our meeting. Brother J. A. Hucks came on the third Sunday in October, and began preaching the gospel, and the Christian people were wonderfully blessed. There were souls saved during the meeting. The meeting closed on Sunday night. The messages were good, for they stirred the people in a spiritual way, and revived the church.

I am very desirous that the Christian people pray for me, and that more will be saved in our community before it shall be too late. Please pray for my unsaved children that they may turn to the Lord and be saved. Pray also for our church that we may ever hold true to the teachings of Christ. Pray that it may grow and be strong.

I do want to say that I certainly do enjoy reading the Baptist paper, and am sending in money to renew my subscription for two years.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mrs. L. M. Altman,
Hemingway, South Carolina

The Women's Auxiliary Department

MRS. ALICE E. LUPTON, *Editor,*

40 Hancock Street, New Bern, N. C.

GOSHEN AUXILIARY REPORT

On Saturday, October 14, 1944, the Ladies Aid Society of Goshen F. W. B. Church at North Belmont, North Carolina, met at the home of Sister Propst, and the whole group went by bus to the home of Sister Louisa Adams at East Belmont for their regular meeting.

The business session was very spiritual in every way, and constructive for the group. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed it very much. After the business was concluded, refreshments were served and Mrs. Adams proved herself to be a very delightful hostess. A very good time in the work of the Master was witnessed by all.

We report the activities as follows: sick visits made, 12; flowers taken to the sick, 24; trays sent, 33; chapters read in the Bible, 137; members present for the meeting, 14.

Miss Novella Propst, Secretary

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PILGRIM'S REST AUXILIARY REPORT

The Branch Ladies Aid Society of Pilgrim's Rest church held its regular meeting on Tuesday afternoon on October 24, 1944. The meeting was opened by the president who read the thirteenth chapter of Galatians as the Scripture lesson. Then the members present sang hymn, "Softly and Tenderly," and following this all repeated in unison "The Lord's Prayer."

The business session was entered into with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved. The roll was then called and there were six members present to answer to their names, and one visitor was present for the meeting. We have on roll twelve members.

Aid Activities

Dues paid in	$1.91
For the Jehoiada Chest	.70
Bible Chapters read	79
Sick visits made	12
Trays taken to the sick	2

We then decided to send an article to the Baptist paper, and also to send in our quarterly report. After the business was over we sang hymn, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." We were dismissed by Mrs. Ruth Godwin in a word of prayer, to meet next time with Mrs. Rubie Goodwin on November 7, 1944. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, and all enjoyed them very much.

Activities for the Quarter

Regular Dues paid in	$15.20
For Jehoiada Chest	4.05
Patches on pillow slips	19.72
Bible chapters read	724
Sick visits made	97
Trays for the sick	23

Disbursements

Paid for paint for the church	$14.50
Song books for the church	9.40
For the Pastor	6.00
For Charity	4.00
For Foreign Missions	3.00
Lights	.75
Representing the Ladies Aid	.50
Total	$38.15
Balance in the treasury	$30.92

Josephine Styron, President,
Jennet Daniels, Secretary

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SOCIETIES

The Year Book of Programs for 1945 has gone to press and will be ready for distribution around the middle of December, 1944. The price will be the same this year as it was last—twenty-five cents per copy. The book will consist of about 140 pages of program material and suggestions, including songs and pictures. Every Auxiliary Society will want a copy for each member. **Please mail your Orders as soon as possible and they will be filed and filled as soon as the books come off the press. Send money order, check or cash. No C. O. D. Orders will be filled. Address all Orders for Year Books to**

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Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Editor
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A CRY FROM HEATHENDOM

Why didn't you tell us sooner?
The words came sad and low,
O ye who knew the gospel truths,
Why didn't you let us know?
The Saviour died for those in sin,
He died to save from woe;
But we never heard the story,
Why didn't you let us know?

You have had the gospel message,
You have know a Savior's love,
Your dear ones passed from Christian homes,
To the blessed land above.
Why did you let our fathers die,
And into the silence go?
With no thought of Christ to comfort
Why didn't you let us know?

We appeal to you, O Christians,
In lands beyond the sea!
Why didn't you tell us sooner,
Christ died to set men free?
Nineteen hundred years have passed
Since disciples were told to go
To the uttermost parts of the earth and teach,
Why didn't you let me know?

You say you are Christ's disciples—
That you try His work to do,
And yet His very last command
Is disobeyed by you.
'Tis indeed a wonderful story!
He loved the whole world so,
That He came and died to save us,
But you didn't let us know!

O souls, redeemed by Jesus,
Think what your Lord hath done,
He came to earth and suffered,

And died for man undone.
He expected you to tell it,
As on your way you go,
But you kept the message from us!
Why didn't you let us know?

Hear this pathetic cry of ours,
O dwellers in Christian lands!
For heathendom stands before you,
With pleading, outstretched hands
You may not be able to come yourself,
But some in your stead can go,
Will you not send us teachers?
Will you not let us know?"

—Anon.

Do you as third vice-presidents of the Woman's Auxiliary hear this cry? The Word of God says "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent"? (Rom. 10: 13-15). It is OUR RESPONSIBILITY to help carry the gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. It is true that the Lord hasn't called all of us to go in person to the mission fields, but we have an important part in sending others. The Mission Department in the Woman's Auxiliary of the Free Will Baptist Denomination has a responsibility in the support of our missionary work in Cuba, India and the Homeland. The Lord is depending on you (third vice-presidents) to keep the F. W. B. Missionary Program before our people.

Mrs. Myron E. Hyatt,
Third Vice-President
of the N. W. A. C.

A NEW SONG AVAILABLE

Many readers will no doubt remember Leonard Earl Harris as the author of a series of articles appearing in the F. W. B. paper on Religious Music and the organization and use of the Church Choir. Mr. Harris has been serving as a Specialist (W) in the U. S. Navy for the past year and is at present stationed somewhere in the Alleutians.

More than a year ago one of his compositions, which was met with considerable approval, was introduced and sung by him at the F. W. B. Convention in Nashville, Tenn., also at the annual young people's camp. The poem was written by the Rev. T. H. Newson from Texas. The song has been copywrited and is now available in a limited number. Any one desiring a copy may obtain one by addressing your request to:

Leonard Earl Harris Sp. (W) 3-c
Chaplain's Office
Navy No. 151, Care Fleet P. O.
San Francisco, California

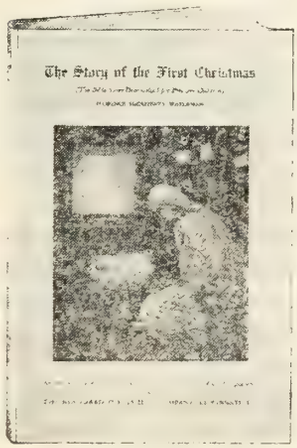
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Special Day Helps

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By Florence McCafferty Waterman



This dramatization program is especially arranged for presentation by Primary children with the assistance of an adult quartet or Junior choir. The program comprises three divisions as follows: Part I, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," sung by quartet. Part II, "The Story of the First Christmas," told by one child or a succession of Primary children. Part III, the play. Price, per copy, 25c.; per dozen, $2.00.

Unto One of the Least

A Christmas playlet with a plot and a story that bring out strongly the Christmas spirit which true Christians know and love. Price, per copy, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

The First Christmas

By M. M. Sturgis

A complete service included in the "Standard Christmas Book No. 2," in sixteen pages, based upon the experiences of the shepherds in the Judean hills. "The Glorious Message," "The First News," "The Babe in the Manger," "Go Ye" and "Approval," including music and complete instructions for presentation, preparing costumes, etc. Price, each, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

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By Ora Winifred Wood

The plan of this playlet is arranged in three parts; namely, Part I: Prologue, "The Christ-child's Birth"; Interlude, "The Christ-child's Quest." Part II: "The End of the Quest." Part III: "Where the Christmas Spirit Shines." Price, per copy, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

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A Fifteen-minute Pageant by Henrietta Heron

This pageant provides a unique and effective feature for any Christmas celebration service. It has been prepared to meet the need expressed by leaders of young people for a program feature that will utilize the talent of older boys and girls and thus enlist their interest and service. Price, per copy, 10c.; per dozen, $1.00.

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A beautiful Christmas exercise that keeps the audience in an attitude of reverent expectation which reaches a satisfying climax in the closing poem, "The Best Gift of All," and closing song, "The Gift of Love." The service is in two parts, and each part may be given in from fifteen to twenty minutes. The setting is simple, and the costuming easily prepared. Price, per copy, 8c.; per dozen, 85c.

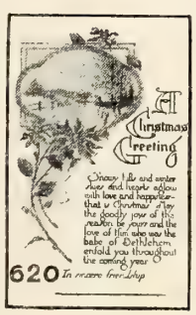
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CHRISTIANITY AND GOVERNMENT

(Lesson for November 19)

Lesson: Mk. 12: 13-17; Rom. 13: 8-10; I Pet. 2: 13-17.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

Did you ever hear anyone say, "Well, I have to look out for number one!" Such people put **self** first. Jesus said, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for My sake shall find it. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul"? (Mat. 16: 24-26). We **must** put Christ above **self.** We **must** say with John, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3: 30). There was a great business man who made shoes. In his plant was a large sign which read, "God first; others second; shoes third!" How happy we are when we put Jesus above self! How unhappy we are when self is enthroned, and Jesus is dethroned! A little orphan newsboy was selling his papers on the streets. A man stopped to buy a paper from him. While the man was searching his pocket for a coin, he questioned the newsboy as to where he lived. The answer was that he lived in a little cabin way down in the dark district of the city, on the river bank. The next question was, "Who lives with you?" The answer was, "Only Jim. Jim is crippled and can't do no work. He's my pal." The man ventured the remark, "You'd be better off without Jim, wouldn't you?" The answer came with some scorn, "No, sir, I couldn't spare Jim. I wouldn't have nobody to go home to. An' say, Mister, I wouldn't want to live and work with nobody to divide with, would you?" That was a short sermon, but it went home!

—Selected

"Do you know the world is dying
For a little bit of love?
Everywhere we hear the sighing
For a little bit of love;
For the love that rights a wrong,
Fills the heart with hope and song;
They have waited, oh, so long,
For a little bit of love!

II. Lesson High Points

God and Caesar. The Lord Jesus was never in a quandary, or a state of perplexity. He was never nonplused, or "on the spot," we would say. He, the all-knowing Son of God, could not only read the thoughts and intents of the human heart, but He also knew instantly what He should say and do in every situation, and under every circumstance. His enemies laid many and cunningly-devised entrapments for Him. What a subtle one was their question, "Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not"? Had He replied, "Yes," He would have incurred the enmity of the Jews, then under the galling yoke of the hated Romans. Had He replied, "No," then His enemies could have had whereof to accuss Him to the Roman authorities. His reply was ageless—for the guidance of the children of God of all times: Render God His due; render the government its due also. (Read Eccl. 8: 2: Mat. 17: 27; Rom. 13: 1.)

Love and Law. Let our meditation be upon the words, "Owe no man anything, * * for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the Law"; "Love worketh no ill to his neighbour." There is no evil that we will commit against anyone when the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost. Hence, it is easy to see how love fulfills every requirement of the Law. Could one steal from one whom he loves? Could one covet the belongings of one whom he loves? Could one circulate a false report against one whom he loves? Could one commit adultery against one whom he loves? Nay! When we love another, rather than occasion suffering or loss to that one, we would ourselves elect to suffer loss. Love for God and love for man is the sum and substance of the law. (Read Mat. 22: 36-39; I Jn. 4: 19-21.)

Christians and Civil Law. Let us emphasize the following verse: "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man **for the Lord's sake.**" Is there anything the yielded child of God would not do **"for the Lord's sake"?** Howsoever unpleasant, or difficult, the task or requirement may be, the yielded child of God will not fail or falter **"for the Lord's sake."** For **our sakes,** for our eternal welfare, He freely gave the last full measure of devotion and love. When His love constrains and restrains us, there is no sacrifice too great, nor task too difficult. "For His sake," we gladly "suffer shame for His Name" (Acts 5: 41); "for His sake," we suffer persecution (Mat. 5: 11); "for His sake," we are hated (10: 22); "For His sake," we renounce worldly treasure (19: 29); "for His sake," some have forfeited their lives (II Cor. 4: 11); "for His sake," we are "fools" and "are despised" (I Cor. 4: 10).

—Selected

III. Work in Our Quarterlies

We call attention to the helps in all our quarterlies. Personally, we like to use both the **Adult** and the **Senior** quarterlies for best results. Won't you try to get all the folks in your neighborhood out for Bible School on November 19th, in order that they may find out how to make the United States a good country in which to live.

AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the generous gift from the Third Union of the Eastern Association which I sincerely appreciate, I also wish to express my gratitude for other kind considerations, shown me by the Union, and especially their mention of me in their prayers. There has been little or no change in my condition during the past few months, and I am asking all Christian people to pray for me.

Your brother in Christ,

H. Pipkin

AMERICA NEEDS MORE PRAYING PEOPLE

We are the America, the America of today, the America of which we live for, for the rights of freedom, the rights of speech and happiness, and most of all the rights to worship as we please. Today we live in a war torn world. Our morale in spirit and in body means much but the most important thing in such conditions is "Prayer." Prayer means everything, for God is our ruler, no man can ever take his place. No power is as great as that of God's.

In this day and time men are becoming much too wise. The people of today are selfish and mean, even in heart. God does not intend for us to be as we are today. This world is wicked, much too wicked to be free. This war today means much more than the average person thinks it to be. You may read in the papers where some plane crashed and many men were killed or where a ship was sunk, many lives lost, a new front and thousands of lives lost.

We read of these things daily, soon it begins to seem as if nothing has happened, many people feel this way. That is not the way America should feel, **think people,** men, women, boys and girls. I repeat, **Think.** Suppose it were your father, brother, husband, your sweetheart or even a mere friend, how would you feel? What would you want to do to help America and her wicked people of today? Do you think that you would want to be as you are now?

We, the people of America think too much of ourselves. We have dishonest thoughts, in that we think that we are just a little better than all other people. We think that this, our nation, could never be defeated, but if we don't change and learn more about our Almighty God on high, then something awful is going to happen. No, maybe our nation won't be defeated but that is no sign that it can't be defeated. We—America—do hope and pray that never will we have to be under any other nation's rule. I still say to you, that if America and her people do not change now, then something worse than our nation being defeated, is going to take place.

A nation so wicked and so independent can not go on this way in the sight of God. So to the people of America I say, "Change now, go to God in prayer for you are wicked." "Before this war is won, every head shall bow down and every knee shall bend, to worship our Almighty God."

Miss Janice Forrest,
New Bern, N. C.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the N. C. F. W. Baptist State Association for October, 1944.

Receipts

Oct. 1, 1944, Balance on Hand	$ 487.68
Receipts for October	518.35
Total to Account for	$1,006.03

Disbursements

Oct. 31, Office Expense	$ 19.50
Oct. 31, Travel	7.50
Oct. 31, Checks to Retired Ministers	92.50
Oct. 31, Check to National Board	122.84
Total paid out in October	$242.34
Balance on Hand, Nov. 1	$763.69

Receipts Itemized

Oct. 1, Spring Branch	$10.00
Oct. 4, Malachi Chapel L. A. S.	2.50
Oct. 6, Sarecta Chapel	10.00
Oct. 7, Holly Springs L. A. S. (Johnston County)	3.00
O t. 10, Pleasant Plains	30.00
Oct. 10, Ever-Ready Bible Class, Malachi Chapel	11.00
Oct. 10, Snow Hill	5.00
Oct. 11, Pilgrims Home	5.00
Oct. 12, Morehead City	10.00
Oct. 13, Snow Hill L. A. S.	3.00
Oct. 13, Micro Church	25.00
Oct. 14, Gum Neck L. A. S.	6.00
Oct. 14, Piny Grove (Johnston County)	9.10
Oct. 14, Trinity	8.70
Oct. 16, Arapahoe	6.25
Oct. 16, Beulaville L. A. S.	6.00
Oct. 16, Stancils Chapel	19.00
Oct. 16, Hickory Grove (Pitt County)	16.94
Oct. 17, Brice's Creek	5.00
Oct. 10, Hopewell L. A. S.	1.00
Oct. 18, Mt. Tabor S. S.	4.34
Oct. 18, Sandy Plains	7.35
Oct. 18, St. John L. A. S. (Wayne County)	4.00
Oct. 18, Smyrna	12.50
Oct. 19, Friendship (Jones County)	10.00
Oct. 19, LaGrange L. A. S.	5.00
Oct. 19, Ephesus	9.50
Oct. 20, Hansley's Chapel M. S.	5.00
Oct. 21, Hickory Chapel	33.43
Oct. 21, Cape Fear Aux. Convention	4.00
Oct. 22, Union Grove (Wayne County(	10.00
Oct. 22, Union Grove L. A. S.	1.75
Oct. 23, Sidney	7.84
Oct. 23, Mrs. Etta Renfrow	5.00
Oct. 23, Hickory Chapel League	10.00
Oct. 24, Wilson	11.21
Oct. 24, Kings X Roads L.A.S.	5.00
Oct. 25, Bridgeton Aux.	18.00
Oct. 26, Dilda's Grove	6.96
Oct. 27, May's Chapel	4.00
Oct. 27, Entwistle	.90
Oct. 27, Core Creek	51.00
Oct. 27, Kenly	7.11
Oct. 27, Friendship (Johnston County)	29.00
Oct. Mosley's Creek	20.00
Oct. 28, Mrs. Herman Quinn	.50
Oct. 28, L. G. Williams	1.00
Oct. 29, Third Eastern Union Meeting	5.00
Oct. 31, Bridgeton Missionary Society	5.00
Oct. 31, Howell Swamp	31.47

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

NOTICE

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Association will meet in the Free Will Baptist Church of Ayden, North Carolina, November 16, 1944, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. All members are urged to be present.

J. R. Bennett, President

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

SHIRLEY. Mrs. O. Shirley, who lived near Dudley, N. C., in Wayne County, formerly of Snow Hill, N. C., died of a sudden heart attack at her home on Saturday, September 30, 1944. The funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon, October 2, in the Free Will Baptist Church near Snow Hill, by the Rev. Clifton Rice of Kinston, N. C., assisted by the Rev. J. C. Moye of Snow Hill. Interment was in the family cemetery near the church.

Mrs. Shirley was a true and faithful member of the Ladies Aid Society, and those who knew her learned to love her. She was the dearest of mothers and a devoted wife. She will be missed greatly by all those who knew her.

Her sudden death was a great shock to everyone. She was sixty-two at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband, Mr. O. Shirley, of Dudley, N. C., seven sons, Wiley B., of the Hawaiian Islands, Ernest R. of Goldsboro, N. C., Henry and Floyd of Snow Hill, N. C., Raymond of Ft. McClellan, Alabama, Dewey of Phoenexville, Pennsylvania, and Arthur of the home, and four daughters, Mrs. Cicero McCoy of Snow Hill, N. C., Mrs. Gordon Becton of New Port, N. C., and Mrs. Mary Nethercutte and Ruth Shirley of the home.

Mrs. Cicero McCoy, Snow Hill, N. C.

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HARDY. Mrs. Jessie Hardy of Merriman, North Carolina, died on Friday, October 13, 1944, at James Walker Memorial Hospital.

The funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon, October 16, at 3:30, in the Edwards Chapel F. W. B. Church by Rev. W. E. Anderson, pastor of the church. The interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Hardy was a member of the church, and will be greatly missed in both the church and community. She was formerly Miss Mabel Cannon. Her health had been failing for some time, and recently she underwent an operation at the hospital. She was twenty-four years of age when she died.

Surviving are her husband, Pfc. Jessie Hardy, in U. S. N, Service. and who is serving in Italy. Her Mother, Mrs. Sina Cannon, six brothers, Council, Spring Hope, N. C., Clyde and Raymond, Merriman, N. C., Cpl. Fred, U. S. N., Oklahoma, Cpl. Cecil, U. S. N., service in the Pacific, and Bert Cannon, B. N. 1C U. S. N., California.

—Mrs. Thelma Pittman,

Merriman, N. C.

BAILEY. Early in the morning of August 24, 1944, God sent His death angel into Tayloe Hospital, and bore away the spirit of Jessie Bailey, age 47. All was done for him that the doctors, the nurses and friends could do, but they could not stay the hand of death.

He bore his sufferings very patiently and prayed day and night, and sang, "Blessed Jesus, hold my hand." We feel sure Jesus did hold his hand, and took him home to the heavenly land.

His funeral was preached at Rose of Sharon Church, of which he was a member for a long time, by his pastor, Charlie Hamilton. There was a large crowd present for the services. The many flowers were very beautiful. The interment was in the family cemetery.

We extend to his good wife, children, and friends our sincere sympathy, and commend them to the God of love and mercy who never makes a mistake.

Sleep on dear Jessie,
And take your rest;
God took you away
For He knew it best.

—His Sister-in-law,

Anna Jackson,

Washington, N. C.

ATTENTION ALL N. C. SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We have a great work to do during the winter of 1944-45. We want this to be the best Sunday School year we have ever experienced. It was just the date of September 15, at the State Association that the Executive Board of Sunday School State Convention met, that I was elected to work as the State Sunday School Field Secretary. I am endeavoring to do my best and I feel that I can help all Sunday Schools if there is a great deal of co-operation upon the part of the people whom I am to serve. There is a great responsibility upon me to fill the task which has been given me.

I should like to know that all the Sunday Schools in the State were going on the Standard Ideas. Teachers teach God's Holy word, and planting the wonderful seed—"God's Holy Word" in the hearts and minds and souls of the younger people. I should like to know that all teachers are interested enough in their pupils—to put the message in the lesson over to their pupils. That is the teacher's part to do. Even EVERYONE has a part to do in the Sunday School work either large or small.

Some Suggestions: The pupil has a responsibility to study his lesson for each Sunday.

Study God's Holy Scriptures.

Always be present and on time each Sunday.

Teachers, be prepared, remember it is your Christian duty.

These are things which are the Christian's responsibility to do. If they are not done it mars the person's testimony. We must—according to the scriptures—live our testimony as we want God to see us. Remember, God's all-seeing eyes see everything we do and say.

If your Sunday School interest or morale is low there is some reason. There is always a practical reason for the Christian morale spirit to drop. Let's study these things out. Maybe there is a teacher who isn't doing his or her part. They should come to a realization that their responsibility is to be the best practical person for the students to follow. They must work hard to put Christ in all things first.

We as older persons must train our children for the world of tomorrow. There is some child that is following in our own foot steps. We must lead lives for them who are following us. We should train them to teach—when our place is vacant. Remember, we aren't in this old world to fill a place for always. All of us have to pass through death into eternal life some wonderful day.

Do you remember when there were no public schools? If you do not, then perhaps Grand-Dad, or Grand-Mother does. They had to go to the Church Schools to get the little education that they received. That was everyday. The teacher was the church pastor in those days. The children saw the teacher every day. I tell you this to prove to you that even since such a change has come about, we still have our responsibility to go to Sunday Schools and worship. We want our children to have the OLD-TIME RELIGION.

We have people who don't know

how to conduct Sunday Schools, and they just depend upon the action of other churches; but please remember, we are Free Will Baptists. We are fundamental and we want to stay fundamental. There are some teachers that only ask their pupils to stay for services. They look at other denominational schools and say "they don't need to stay for Services unless they want to do so." It must be insisted, that they stay for Services. We want to feed our souls as well as our physical bodies. Remember, Sunday is the day of worship and praise to the God Almighty. It is not especially for rest and have a big time.

I am your State Field Secretary for Sunday Schools. If your church would like to organize or reorganize, or even encourage the Sunday School in your church, please write me and let's arrange the date. I should like to visit your school this coming year and help you. I will publish a report of the work as I serve for the Master and the Sunday Schools. Please—Let's put this Sunday School Year over the Top in full sway for Christ this year.

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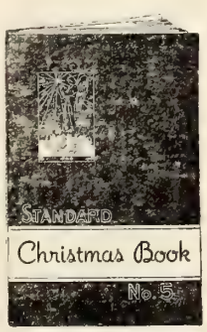
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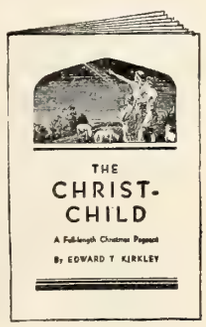
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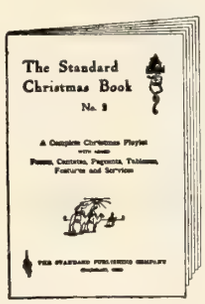
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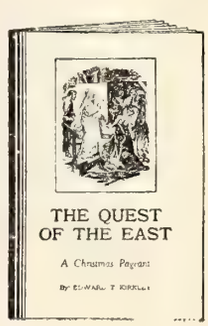
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MARY, MARTHA AND LAZARUS

Many years ago there lived in the town of Bethany, near Jerusalem, two sisters, Mary and Martha, and their Brother Lazarus. The two sisters and the Brother loved Jesus dearly. They were kind to Him in every way possible. Jesus also loved them deeply. They were His friends and He often visited with them in their home at Bethany, where He always received a warm and hearty welcome.

Mary loved Jesus so deeply that on one occasion in the home at Bethany she anointed His feet with a rare and costly ointment, and dried them with her hair. Mary was criticised by one of Jesus' disciples for the act, but Jesus upheld her. Jesus always knows the best, and He knew that Mary's deed was prompted by her great love for Him.

Martha and Lazarus loved Jesus also, and on all occasions showed their love for Him in their acts of kindness shown to Him and to others also. Jesus at all times wants His children to be kind and considerate of others, for in our kindness to others we show our own love for the Master.

On one occasion, Mary and Martha became very unhappy. The reason for this unhappiness was that their brother had become very ill. They sent word to Jesus who was then in or around Jerusalem, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick."

Jesus in receiving the message abode two days still at the same place where He was. After the ending of the second day, Jesus with His disciples started toward Bethany, and as soon as He reached Bethany, He found that Lazarus had died and was laid in the grave already for four days. Martha heard in some way of Jesus coming, and she immediately set out to meet Him, saying unto Him when she came to Him, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my Brother would not have died." Jesus answered Martha by saying, "Thy brother shall rise again."

Martha hurried back to the house, and secretly told Mary that the Master has come and is calling for you. Then Mary also went hurriedly to meet Jesus, and repeated the same words to Jesus that Martha had said, "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died."

Jesus was grieved when He saw the sisters, and also the Jews who had followed with them from the home weeping. Jesus wept also. The Jews had met in the home to comfort Mary and Martha. Lazarus had been buried in a cave with a stone covering, and when Jesus reached the grave, He commanded that the stone be lifted away. Martha immediately spoke to Jesus and said, "Lord, by this time he stinketh, for he has been dead four days." But Jesus answered her and said, "Said I not unto thee, if thou will believe, thou shouldest see the glory of the Lord."

Those who were about the grave lifted the stone away from the grave, and Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me, and I know that thou hearest me always, but because of the people that stand by, I said it that they might believe that thou hast sent me." Then He cried in a loud voice, "Lazarus come forth."

Lazarus came forth from the grave bound in the grave clothes. Jesus then commanded them to loose him and let him go. Many of the Jews who beheld the thing Jesus did believed on Him there, but not all, for some sought to see the Pharisees, and met to hold a council together to consider and to lay plans to have Jesus put to death.

Jesus knew their hatred for Him, and He retired from among them, and went to Ephraim, and there remained with His disciples until some time before the Passover.

Following this and just before the Passover, Mary, Martha and Lazarus entertained Jesus again in their home at supper, with Martha serving. Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Jesus. This was the occasion that Mary anointed Jesus feet with oil. The disciples of Jesus were also among those present for the supper.

Many of the Jews who wanted to see Jesus, and who also wanted a glimpse of Lazarus that they might see him who had been raised from the dead, were present wath Jesus at the Passover feast.

Following this, more people followed and believed on Jesus than ever before. This little home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus in Bethany was a happy home after this time. It was as happy, if not the happiest home in all Bethany, because the occupants of the home loved and put their trust in Jesus, and He blessed them.

Mrs. Beatrice W. Wallace,
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JUST TWO ROADS

(Matt. 7: 13, 14)

There are just two roads to travel,
On this journey here below;
One leads up to life eternal,
The other down to death and woe.

It is ours to do the choosing
Of which road we'll travel in;
We can walk the narrow pathway,
Or the road, broad road of sin.

Yes, this upward way is narrow,
And few that choose this way to go;
Because ofttimes the cross is heavy,
And burdens often bend us low.

Many walk the broad road downward,
For Jesus said it would be so;
It takes no grit, no aim, not effort
To drift down hill to endless woe.

Which way, my friend, are you now traveling?
For soon both ways, you know must end;
Will you hear Jesus say, "Come ye blessed,
Or "Depart ye cursed," this place is free from sin.

Rev. Clyde Fender,
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For the days when nothing happens,
For the cares that leave no trace,
For the love of little children,
For each sunny dwelling place,
For the altars of our fathers,
And the closets where we pray,
Take, O Gracious God and Father,
Praises this Thanksgiving Day.

For our harvests safe ingathered,
For our golden store of wheat,
For the cornlands and the vinelands,
For the flowers up-springing sweet,
For our coasts from want protected,
For each inlet, river, bay,
By the bounty full and flowing,
Take our praise this joyful day.

For the hours when heaven is nearest,
And the earth-mood does not cling,
For the very gloom oft broken
By our looking for the King,
By our thought that He is coming,
For our courage on the way,
Take, O Friend unseen, eternal,
Praises this Thanksgiving Day.

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(Editorial Note: We are certainly glad that this church has organized a Sunday School for the benefit of the children and the young people in that church community, and for the glory of God. May the Lord bless those who had a hand in the organization, and may He greatly bless the Sunday School and all of its attendants.—Ed.)

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EDITORIAL

JUNIPER CHAPEL TO HAVE HOMECOMING AND THANKSGIVING DAY

The people of Juniper Chapel and the community at large are to have a Homecoming and Thanksgiving Day program on November 30, which will be on Thursday, the last day of the month. They are planning to have an all-day program, beginning at ten o'clock and closing at 3:30 in the afternoon. There will be a large picnic dinner on the grounds for everyone who will attend this occasion. The people of the sister churches in the vicinity are given a cordial invitation to attend this program. There will be special music, a speaker in the forenoon, who will deliver an appropriate message at the eleven o'clock hour, and also one to speak in the afternoon at 2:15. All former pastors, members of the church living out of the community, and friends in general are especially requested to attend this all-day occasion at Juniper Chapel, which is one among the old churches in this section of the State of North Carolina.

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NO TIME TO DELAY

As has been urgently requested before, we are calling attention again to the Subscription Roll of the Baptist paper, and are asking everyone to get busy soliciting subscriptions for the paper in order to enable us to reach the FOUR THOUSAND mark by January the first, 1945. As yet, we are about four hundred from the goal, and we have only six weeks to go before Christmas will be here. We are very anxious to reach this goal for the Baptist paper by the first of the New Year; but, unless more old subscribers are punctual in renewing their papers as soon as they expire, we will lose at such a great rate that the new subscriptions will not enable us to reach our goal by the end of this year. For example, we had to take out of our mailing list just recently almost two hundred names of old subscribers who failed to renew their subscriptions. This all happened within a month's time since September of this year.

We see no reason for such a loss at this season of the year, and when almost everyone has money to renew his or her subscription to the Baptist paper. We are urging everyone, therefore, to watch your label on your paper each week, and when you see that your time is running almost out, please send to us without delay the money and let us renew your subscription before we do have to remove your name from the mailing roll.

Please remember, also, that for each ten subscriptions that you send to us you are entitled to a free yearly subscription for yourself or you may give it to some worthy person in your community who wants the paper, but who is not able to pay for it. Please note also, there are some who have mailed in to us ten and even more subscriptions this fall, and who have not made any statement in their correspondence concerning the one to whom the free subscription should be given. From now on please state in your correspondence with us the person or persons who are to receive the free copies of the paper so that they can be put on the mailing list and will be able to receive their papers each week for one year.

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EARLY ORDERS FOR LITERATURE

Since the mails will be crowded before and during the Christmas holidays, we are urging all of our customers to place their orders for Sunday School and League literature early for the first quarter of the New Year. In just a little while we will be ready to begin filling the orders as they come to us, and we are looking for larger orders from most of the Sunday Schools and the Leagues than heretofore for the first quarter of the year. The outlook is certainly fine, because the Sunday Schools are growing all the while, and more of them are turning to us for our own literature.

We want to express our thanks to everyone for the splendid patronage in the past, and are looking to the New Year for even greater patronage than the Press has ever had in its entire history. Each department of the work here shows a steady increase as the work goes forward. God is certainly blessing the business in a good way, and each one of us is praising Him for it.

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THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS

This is the season and the time for all of the churches to make liberal Thanksgiving offerings for special purposes or causes of religious work. In the State of North Carolina, the Middlesex Orphanage usually comes first in the minds of a great many of the church people. The churches are asked to give one dollar for each member on their church register, and more if they so desire. Many have already taken their Thanksgiving offerings which amount to hundreds of dollars. The months of November and December are designated in North Carolina as "Orphanage Months" for all of the Free Will Baptist churches throughout the State. They are expected to give thousands of dollars to the Orphanage at Middlesex during these two months.

In some of the other states, doubtless, Christian education, and Foreign missions will be greatly emphasized during the Thanksgiving season in all of their churches, because they do not have as yet regularly established orphanages by their Free Will Baptist churches within their bounds. At this season of the year, there are very likely some churches in some of the states that will stress the raising of large offerings for Superannuation, and Home missions

Certainly each cause of the denomination is worthy, and may God lead the church people as a whole to do their Christian duty in giving liberally of their means to His great work. Let each church member who possibly can do so make a substantial offering for some worthy cause of the church in the name of Christ Jesus.

A Soldier Boy's Message of Faith in God

I am writing this letter with sincere wishes that it may lead some unsaved soldier, or unsaved soul to Christ. Being a soldier myself, I happen to know that there are many thousands of the boys who are going direct into combat without knowing of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. I am an American soldier, and I am serving overseas in England at the present time.

Having just recently arrived overseas, I have not seen any combat as yet, but I know it cannot be so very long off now. During the time I have been here, I have had the privilege of conversing with several men who took part in the invasion of France, or in some other combat engagement. Every man will tell you the story of how men will, who had never prayed a prayer in their whole life, but as they were facing death, they would so proudly and gladly call on God to come to their rescue.

I have just received a letter from a friend in France in which he tells of several instances in which he knows that there was nothing but the saving grace of Jesus that could bring anyone through. This man was once a sinner. He never said a prayer in his life until he came face to face with death. But somewhere back home there was that dear Mother, every night on her knees, praying for that precious soul.

Another story is told of a boy who was on a bombing mission over Germany. His plane was hit in the rear by a shell. The boy was left hanging by only one foot in mid air. At the same moment, it is said, a Christian Mother was awakened from her sleep by the hand of God. This Mother had a feeling that her son was in distress, and upon her knees she started praying to God to take care of her son, and to bring him back safely to her. Men, those prayers were answered, and her son lived to tell the story.

God will answer your prayers today if only you will confess Him as your Saviour. Yes, if you have that blessed assurance, you can say, as David of old said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me."

I am so happy today to think that I have that blessed assurance. I am not afraid to face combat or anything else that God sees fit for me to go through, because as the song goes, "Mothers prayers have followed me." Not only mother's but I have a Christian Father, and wife also. Yes, soldier friend, the sacrifice cannot be too great.

Do all of you married men remember these parting words? "Darling, please come back. I'll be praying for you night and day." Yes, and how much would you give to fill those empty arms again, or that empty chair just across the table? All these things add up to the many things which all of us hold so dear. Still, there are many, many thousands who have only a hole in the ground for a home, only a rock for a pillow, and many of them will still refuse to accept Christ's call, "Come unto me."

In closing this brief message, I want to beg you not to depend on your luck, or expect to be a hero in order to get back home. Your chances are too few. The best, most simple, easiest way is to believe, ask, and you will receive Christ's grace and mercy. Once you have that assurance, you can say, "The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 21: 1).

I am closing, asking the prayers of all Christians. Pray for my safe return, and that I may be inspired to write more about this saving grace of our Jesus Christ.

A Private in the United States Army,
G. C. I.

TO OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

We miss you terribly, you know we do,
And yet, we are so proud of you.
You, who are defending with all your might
Our way of life, which you believe is rigth:
Our freedom from want, destruction and fear,
Our freedom of speech which we hold so dear,
And we would not forget the greatest of these,
Our freedom, to worship God as we please.

We say to you, take Christ where ever you go,
To help you overcome the temptations we know,
You'll meet along your way.
If you but ask Him, just do your part.
He'll take your burdens, and leave
A song in your heart.
Depend on God, no matter what the test,
He will take care of you, and give you peace and rest.

We, here at home, pledge to work and pray more,
To help you, our sons win this war.
So that tomorrow's children will be privileged to live,
In a world safe from fear,
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Every man a chance to do what he thinks best,
Worship God as he pleases,
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A world in which children can laugh and be gay.
For a better, happier, world tomorrow
We are willing to work and pray—and pray today.

Mrs. Wilbur L. Worthington,
Ayden, N. C.

As thy days, so shall thy strength be. Deut. 33: 25.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

The Central Conference

It was our happy privilege to attend the Central Conference of North Carolina in its One Hundred and Ninety-Sixth Annual session, which was held at Sweet Gum Grove, Pitt County, last week. While I was only in attendance for one day I learned from the trend that the Conference was working in harmony with the Five Point Program of North Carolina and also in harmony with the general program of the National Association. Throughout the day (Thursday) the Holy Spirit seemed to govern the actions of the brotherhood. We had the privilege to speak to the Conference in behalf of the State and National work.

Orphanage Offerings

This and next month is set apart as months to make special offerings to the Orphanage at Middlesex, as the most of North Carolina Free Will Baptists know. One Dollar per member is the amount asked for by the institution from every member of the church. If there are members who are not able, or who are not interested, the church is asked to make up the amount. Perhaps the most of churches can meet this request by a little effort. All churches could easily do it if every church member would quit "robbing God" and take all of his "TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO THE HOUSE OF GOD AND MAKE HIS GIFT AFTER PAYING UP WHAT HE OWES TO GOD." Read Malachi 3.

"Without Natural Affection"

In the third chapter of Second Timothy, where Paul is speaking of "the last days," he says that men will be void of "natural affection" along with a great number of characteristics which will be evidenced in the life of the human family. Many years ago when I first began to read and study the Bible I had no idea that "mother-love" would ever become so shamefully degraded that mothers could leave their babies to starve and die, while they drink and run wild in sin and shame. Nevertheless it has come to pass.

We have just read an article in the Western Voice, edited by Rev. Harvey H. Springer, which is captioned, "Chicago Children Are Deserted by Thousands." The article is written by Sidney J. Harris, which reads in part, "Unwanted, neglected and abandoned children are becoming Chicago's biggest headache."

"Social workers admit they are almost licked. Police can do little. The courts fume, but are impotent to halt the wave of derelict mothers who leave their children with neighbors, bartenders, strangers, while they drink and flirt their way into disaster."

Here are a few testimonies as given by Mr. Harris from those who are in a position to know:

'A tremendous and terrible increase in child desertion and neglect,' said Jessie Benford, Director of the Juvenile Protective Association.

'A complete breakdown in wartime family life,' "said I. Evelyn Smith, secretary of the child welfare division of the Council of Social Agencies."

'A growing tragedy in hundreds of homes,' "said Mary Rall, head of the United Charities' family service bureau."

'We have 2000 babies and children who need foster homes,' "said Charlotte Byrum of the United Home-Finding Service, "More are coming in every day.' "

But we say, "All that is in the large city of Chicago." But I have to say, shamefully, yet, truthfully, that such desertions are going on in the small places. Right in our midst, and under our own eyes, there are women who are leaving their babies with others while they go out and drink and flirt with, and wallow in sin with the opposite sex. This means the damnation of the rising generation, along with the present. But only the woman who has become so vile, as to stoop lower than any member of the lowest brute, can deliberately forsake her own flesh and glood.

God help us who are CHRISTIANS to rush to the front and fight for the rights of the "OLD FASHION MOTHER," the one who loved her home and her God.

A GOOD REVIVAL AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

I should like to make a report of the fine revival meeting which was held just recently, in the month of October. It began on the sixteenth of that month. I wrote some time ago to the Baptist paper, asking the Christian people to pray for this meeting which was soon to be held.

Well, the meeting was conducted by the Reverend Arthur Williams. It was at St. John's Church, and was the best meeting which it has had in a long time. The church is located in Florence County, South Carolina. Brother Williams began the meeting on the night of the sixteenth of October, and continued until Friday night, at which time the Reverend Furman Howell, one of our former pastors, came and continued the meeting until November the fourth.

I can truly say that the Lord wonderfully blessed the meeting in every service. There were nine converts who were saved, and five joined the church. Many of the Christians were made to rejoice in the blessings which the Lord showered upon them. I myself was led out into deeper depths of God's great love.

I do want to say that, if there should be a sinner who should read this little message, there is no better time to give your life to Jesus than now, for what we do for Jesus, we must do quickly. He is coming and will call for us, and it may be very soon. We should so live for Him that we will not be afraid when He does come.

Please remember me in prayer, you Christian people, that God can always use me to His glory.

Mrs. Poston,

Hyman, S. C.

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REVIVAL AND MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN IN KENTUCKY

Have just finished a very interesting revival and missionary campaign in eastern Kentucky. I took advantage of every opportunity during the revival to make contacts in the interest of missions, and am happy to say I am highly pleased with the fine reception I received from the Kentucky Free Will Baptists.

I was engaged in the revival with the Free Will Baptist church in Pikeville, which church is pastored by Rev. Maurice W. Roach. It was indeed a pleasure to work with Bro. and Sister Roach again. Having formerly worked with them in a revival campaign when they were pastor of the F. W. B. church in Flint, Michigan. Brother and Sister Roach have a fine group of people to work with in Pikeville. I was never treated more kindly nor entertained more royally than by these good people, together with their good pastor and wife. The city of Pikeville is a beautiful little city of about 4,500 located in the heart of the Kentucky mountains on the Big Sandy river. I left there feeling that I have many newly made friends among those I did not know two weeks ago. Rev. Roach has regular weekly periods with the schools in Pikeville in which he teaches the Bible to the students. He kindly gave this time to me, and I enjoyed these visits with the schools more than I can find words to express. We only had two souls saved in the meetings at the church, but I am confident a great good was done in many ways other than the direct results in the salvation of souls.

Turning our thoughts to the missionary contacts made during the two weeks I can say the results are indeed gratifying to the highest degree. How grateful I am to Rev. Roach for the initiative he has taken in arousing the Free Will Baptists of Kentucky to an interest in our great foreign mission program. Bro. Roach aided me greatly in making as many contacts as possible while there. I was privileged to present the missionary cause as follows: Johnson County Quarterly Meeting held at the Thealka Church. Here we received an offering for missions to the amount of $55.75. The Free Will Baptist church at Betseylayne, Ky., with an offering of $4.82. Rev. Carl Layne is pastor of this church. Bro. Layne attended our meetings a great deal, and gave to us full cooperation in every way. We learned to love Bro. Layne and the good people of his church. The Free Will Baptist church at Lackey, Ky., with an offering of $24.75. I was not privileged to meet the pastor of this church, but I met a number of other ministers who were with us in the service there, and must say I never saw more interest aroused in hearts for missions than I saw at Lackey. I learned to love the ministers I met from the first acquaintance. Bless their hearts. I feel sure we are going to hear from them now as the months go by with some fine offerings for foreign missions; the church at Pikeville with an offering of $33.-76. The Pikeville church has been sending in a nice monthly offering for missions ever since Bro. Roach took charge of the church, and at the special missionary service I held with them last Sunday morning they laid this nice offering on the altar in addition to what they have been doing monthly. Until now Kentucky has been doing but little for the missionary cause, but I am sure we are going to hear from Kentucky from this time forward in a very definite way for missions. I was received most cordially at the Johnson County Quarterly Meeting and I shall never forget the dear brethren I met there as well as those at other places. We have a lot of fine people in Kentucky who are capable of doing much for the cause, and I left the state assured in my heart that we will be hearing from Kentucky. Praise the Lord for further steps of progress, and for definite signs of closer cooperation and denominational awakening among our people.

As Bro. Roach receives the cooperation of others, which cooperation I feel sure he is going to have, he will soon have a burning missionary zeal aroused in the hearts of our people throughout eastern Kentucky.

May the Lord bless you dear workers at Pikeville, and all others we were privileged to meet.

In His service,

Winford Davis

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FINANCIAL REPORT OF COLLEGE FOR OCTOBER

By J. R. Davidson, Business Mgr.

Our statement for the month of October will show returns of almost equal amounts in Annual Endowment Gifts and ordinary gifts. Sixteen states are listing as supporters for October as follows:

	Endow.	Gift	Total
Ala.	$ 17.00	$ 41.75	$ 58.75
Ark.	------	11.00	11.00
Fla.	34.50	10.20	44.70
Ga.	93.50	87.86	181.36
Ill.	19.50	35.00	54.50
Kan.	------	30.00	30.00
Ky.	12.50	------	12.50
Mich.	72.00	------	72.00
Miss.	25.00	------	25.00
Mo.	35.00	14.79	49.79
N. C.	123.00	307.15	430.15
Ohio	12.00	------	12.00
Okla.	46.00	2.65	48.65
Tenn.	119.50	101.00	220.50
Texas	48.00	24.50	72.50
Va.	18.00	------	18.00
Total --	$675.00	$665.90	$1,341.40

Received by Miscellaneous Items

J. R. Davidson, salary from

pastorate	$ 100.00
Students, Room and Board, Registrations, etc.	684.23
Books	45.75
Miscellaneous Income	6.20
Total	$ 836.18
	1,341.40
Grand total from all sources	$2,177.58

Disbursements for Month

Room Rent	$ 145.50
Groceries and Kitchen Supplies	369.85
Heat, Light, Water (including Purchase of Coal)	171.48
Telephone and Telegraph	23.85
School Supplies	21.59
Traveling Expenses	58.55
Maintenance	385.83
Salaries	851.50
Labor	173.35
Books and Magazines	23.03
Nat. Executive Secy.	200.00
Tax	2.80
Miscellaneous	35.00
Total Disbursements	$2,462.33

By comparing figures, it will be observed that we spent $264.75 more than the total receipts amounted to. Several things have to do with the status here. We spent about six hundred dollars on maintenance, winter supply of coal, labor in improvements, etc. We did not receive any allocation from the Unified Program Fund, but checked out two hundred dollars, and just at this time we are working on the renewals of the Annual Endowment. As a whole, the month of October, 1944, was one of the very best months from a financial standpoint.

We wish to thank every organization and individual who has had to do with making possible this report. Keep praying for your school, and let us hear from you at every convenience.

Finally, I wish to correct an error in the statement for September. Mississippi was only credited with five dollars, when it should have been credited with seventeen dollars and fifty cents. This may be accounted for in the fact that the Depriest Church and Sunday School gave $12.50 monthly in Annual Endowment checks, whic hare drawn on an Alabama Bank. The secretary took it for granted that the church was in Alabama, too. We always regret any error appearing in our reports, but find great joy in correcting them. We say many thinks to all for your patience, and your growing concern for this great cause.

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PIEDMONT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

On October 28, 1944, at 2:30 P. M., the Piedmont Sunday School Convention met at the New Free Will Baptist church in Mt. Holly, North Carolina. The Reverend L. S. Gray is pastor of this church.

The convention was called to order by the president. The Sunday School reports were called for and read. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. This being the time to elect the officers for the ensuing year, they were taken in order as follows: E. W. O'Dell, elected as president; John Floyd, vice-president; Mrs. Evelyn Hogan, secretary, and Brother L. V. Wiggins, assistant secretary.

It was a splendid business session, and some very fine things were done for the progress of the Sunday Schools. On Sunday, October 29, the convention assembled for the "All Day Singing." Rev. L. S. Gray, the pastor, made a good talk, and everyone seemed to have had a nice time. We were very sorry that we were not able to seat all the people in the church.

There were three singing classes present, namely: Washington Street, from West Gastonia; Goshen, from Belmont; and Rhyne Street class, from East Gastonia. Also the choir at Mount Holly was present with Brother Styles leading the W. Street class, E. W. O'Dell the Goshen Class, and G. P. Shepherd. Rhyne Street class, and Miss Norwood conducting the Mt. Holly class.

There were seven quartets present. They were the "Styles Quartet," "The Rhyne Street Quartet," "The Mount Holly Quartet," and "The Ruby Quartet," "The Junior Quartet," "The Sunset Quartet," and "The Goshen Quartet." There was one Trio from Kannapolis.

Dinner was served by the church on the grounds, and it was a fine one, for those people did really know how to spread the good things to eat for the convention. The next convention will be held in Kannapolis, North Carolina, on the last Saturday and Sunday in April, 1945.

All Sunday Schools, singing classes and quartets, and other singing groups are urged to attend these conventions.

Evelyn Hogan, Secretary,

E. W. O'Dell, President,

L. V. Wiggins, Asst. Secy.

Christ died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. 1 Thess. 5: 10.

When from the dust of death I rise
To take my mansion in the skies,
E'en then shall this be all my plea,
Jesus hath lived, hath died for me.

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Acts 7: 59.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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REPORT OF THE FIELD WORK

It always gives me great pleasure to send in reports of the field work. At the last writing I was in the State of North Carolina, and from there I visited our church in South Norfolk. I found it wide-awake for the Master and for our beloved denomination. They have a strong desire to build up a strong work in that great city. They want to carry out our National Program. We all need to offer up our prayers for these people.

While there I made my home with Brother and Sister Gradeless, who are very zealous for the work. I also visited Brother and Sister Martin, who came several nights to our services to prove their loyalty to Christ and our work. I went from Norfolk to Caeburn, Virginia, where I conducted a two weeks' meeting. While I was there in that meeting we had 36 conversions. Sister Gladys Beane came from Baltimore, Maryland and assisted in the singing and in the music. She helped also in the personal work. Sister Beane is one of our promising young ministers. Brother Ben F. Powers is pastor at Caeburn Church. He was very loyal through the entire meeting. Please remember this dear pastor in your prayers. His health is very bad. While there we made our home with Brother E. J. Kilgore and family, who stood faithfully by us with their prayers, car, finance, and the best they had to offer us. May the good Lord greatly bless them.

I made an itinerary in the interest of our Auxiliary work, and the 50,000 Co-Laborer Band while there, and all of the churches responded to the great work. All that is needed to put over this great movement is for the pastors to get behind it and urge the church people to respond, and they will do so with all their souls. The work with the good Virginia people was indeed pleasant.

After leaving the State of Virginia, we visited the Davis Church at Davis, North Carolina. (We wish to make mention of this church in a separate article.) It was a great joy to be able to visit Stacy, Beaufort, Morehead City, New Bern, Kinston, for we do have some fine people at all of these places. All of them gladly responded to the 50,000 Co-Labor Band. It would take too much space and time to mention all these places separately. The Bethel Church in Kinston was the last one I visited, and the services which we held there were simply glorious. There was one conversion in that service. There was also one reclaimed. This is a new church and it is supporting the work of the National Program. God bless them. Just one more thing concerning the Kinston work: I attended the Union Prayer Meeting which was organized during our tent meeting there 23 years ago, and they have done a wonderful work during these years. God bless them.

I am planning to visit the Alabama State Association next week. I plan to visit a number of churches in the northern section of that State while there. Anyone who may wish to place their church or churches on the HONOR ROLL of the 50,000 Co-Labor Band, please send to me the number of members, and how much they have paid in dues. I am hoping that by the first of the New Year to have the ROLL built up in a great way. Please note the rank of the following states in the HONOR ROLL list.

HONOR ROLL

Tennessee

Columbia 100 members, paid $100.00.

Missouri

Fredericktown, 32, paid $15.00.
Flat River, 22, paid $20.00.
Desloge, 7, paid $5.00.
Third F. W. B. Church of St. Louis, 22, paid $11.00.
Mission Church of St. Louis, 19, paid $13.00.

Oklahoma

Wewaka, 100, pay later.
Tecumseh, 7, paid $7.00.
Earlsboro, 4, paid $2.00.

Texas

Bryan, 7, paid $7.00.
Houston, 5, paid $5.00.
Pine Grove, 15, paid $15.00.

Florida

St. John, 17, paid $10.00.
Piney Grove, 100, pay later.
Poplar Head, 9, pay later.

Alabama

Sclomb, 4, pay later.

North Carolina

Bethel Church, 25, paid $25.00.
Greenville, 11, paid $1.00.
Elizabeth City, 12, paid $7.00.
Davis, 63, paid $37.00.
Stacy, 16, pay later.
Beaufort, 25, pay later.
Morehead City, 13, paid $3.00.

Virginia

Norfolk, 10, pay later.
Davis, 50, paid $5.00.
Wilson Chapel, 39, paid $13.00.
Caeburn, 19, paid $19.00.
South Side Norton, 7, paid $7.00.
Banner, 1, paid 50c.

Lizzie McAdams

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REPORT OF THE ALBEMARLE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Women's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle district met with Corinth Church on October 5, 1944, and the opening prayer was offered by Mrs. L. E. Ballard. Mrs. Edwin Roper, the vice-president, presided over the meeting in the absence of the president, Mrs. William Webster. Mrs. Roper made some interesting remarks on the subject, "Extending Christ's Kingdom." Then prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Hales.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard then made a very interesting talk on the subject, "We Hold the Keys," and Mrs. A. C. Horton brought an interesting mes-

sage on the subject, "Extension through Vision." A talk was given by Mrs. J. A. Alexander on the subject, "Three Prayers." The message was very interesting.

The subject, "Extension through Service," was discussed in a wonderful way by Mrs. John Copeland. Mrs. H. S. Swain brought a very inspiring message on the subject, "Extending the Kingdom by Giving." At this time an offering was taken to the amount of $23.05. Mrs. Alton Reynolds was appointed for The Time and Place Committee, and Alice Webster was appointed for The Friendship Committee.

In the afternoon session, the devotions were conducted by Mrs. Earle Jones. Next the convention was favored with a duet by Rev. R. C. Wiggs, and Rev. Albert Harris. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of churches was called, and the following responded:

Free Union	$ 2.00
Sound Side	3.00
St. Paul	5.00
Sidney	3.00
Malachi's Chapel	5.00
South Norfolk	10.00
Mt. Tabor	7.00

Disbursements

Convention expenses	$ 4.50
To the Orphanage	11.00
Extension work	1.75
Education	5.50
Superannuation	4.25
Missions	7.00

One hundred per cent per capita dues from Elizabeth City, $1.20. Offering $23.05, and this making totals of $58.25. The vice-presidents made their reports. At this time we were favored with a solo by Mrs. Ballard. We were very glad to have had the following ministers present for the convention: Reverends W. A. Hales, Albert Harris, L. E. Ballard, R. C. Wiggs, Tom Davenport and Ambrose. We were very glad to have had Mrs. Archie Willoughby appointed as the program committee. The treasurer made the report at this time, and it was decided to pay $7.00 for our orphan boy's Christmas gift. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this convention. The meeting closed to meet with Free Union Church on the first Tuesday in April, 1945.

Mrs. Edwin Roper, President,

Alice Webster, Secretary

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ILLINOIS DISTRICT AUXILIARY

The auxiliary met on October 20, 1944, with the Union Free Will Baptist Church, which is located near Thompsonville, Illinois. The president called the meeting to order, and the devotional was led by Mabel Ketterman. The scripture lesson was taken from Proverbs 29: 18, which was followed with prayer by Mrs. Nancy Fryer. The welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Opal McClerren, and the response was by Mrs. Emma Moore.

We gathered at the altar for a season of prayer which was led by Mrs. Emily Malone. Then we had the secretary and the treasurer's report. The next program committee consists of Mrs. Jaunita Smith and Mrs. Eunice Malone. An award was presented to the Bear Point Auxiliary for securing the greatest number of subscriptions to the F. W. B. paper. It was a beautiful painting of Christ.

The Reverend C. J. Ketteman preached at the eleven o'clock hour. He used as his subject, "The Five Stones." A delicious dinner was served at the noon hour, following his message, on the church lawn.

The afternoon devotionals were led by Mrs. Zola McClerren, who used as her scripture reading Matthew, chapter twenty-two. Mrs. Mary Jane Mayo made a talk on the subject, "United States as a Mission Field." It was a well rendered talk on the subject. A reading by Elene Ice was also given at this time. Mrs. Emily Malone made an interesting talk on the subject, "Free Will Baptist Responsibilities." At this time the $50,000 Co-Labor Plan was presented and was favorably accepted. A mission play was also presented by the women of Union Church. Mrs. Myrtle Jones gave a reading entitled "A Miracle." Then an old-fashion praise service was conducted by Mrs. Emma Moore. Almost everyone in the church testified to God's wonderful answer to prayer.

An offering was taken for Home Missions, which amounted to $41.82. Plans were made to sponsor a thirty minute radio program over the air in the very near future. Bear Point Church was selected as the place for the next Auxiliary to convene, which will be held on Friday before the fourth Sunday in April, 1945.

Mabel Ketteman, Secretary

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REPORT OF FOURTH UNION AUXILIARY

The following is the minutes of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fourth Union district, which was held with Watery Branch on the fifth Sunday in October, 1944.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. L. B. Manning, and the welcome address was by Mrs. J. S. Jones. The sermon was delivered by Rev. R. C. Proctor. His text was taken from Luke, chapter 19, verses 9 and 10. His message was enjoyed by all who heard him preach. He impressed upon the minds of those who heard him the great need of love, more faith, and a closer walk with the Master. At the close of the message an offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $22.40. Special prayer was offered by Rev. P. C. Wiggs at this time, and the various committees were appointed.

In the afternoon session Brother Wiggs conducted the devotions, and an offering was taken for J. F. Abrams, Jr., who lost his home by fire. The offering amounted to $22.89. Mrs. Paul Thigpen brought a fine message on the work of the Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee, which was sent to her by Brother Davidson, urging the women to keep pushing forward in the great work for Christian education.

The Sunday School at Owen's Chapel received the banner, and Saratoga won the Ladies Aid banner. The local church gave a program, follow-

ing which the convention was dismissed by Rev. C. D. Hamilton.

Mrs. C. D. Hamilton, Secretary

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LET'S ORGANIZE A CIRCULATING LIBRARY

First Vice-President, there are unlimited possibilities in the field of publications and literature. You may say, as many others have said, "We have a Handbook, and a Yearbook of Programs and besides, I couldn't write a book if we didn't have them." Let me remind you that not all of us are gifted with the ability to write. It is not necessary that all of us write. There are many things which we can do and many ways in which we can serve, and we can circulate good literature without being its author.

I wish for every woman's auxiliary in North Carolina to begin a "Circulating Library" in your church. Or, you might call it a "Book of the Month Club." Each month the auxiliary would purchase at least one new book to be circulated among the members. You might get books on Missions, Prayer, Stewardship, or any others that are enlightening. I have just been reading "Rolling Stones" by Mrs. McAdams and heartily recommend it as one book for you to read and pass on. Surely, it is one that all of us need to read to be able to fully appreciate the life and ministry of this great servant of God. I must confess that I, myself, had never really appreciated her as I should before reading her book. Henceforth, I shall think and speak of her with the deepest respect and admiration.

This "Circulating Library" need not be limited to one book per month. You may purchase as many as you like but, please, never less than one. Then, too, maybe some of your members own good books that they will loan or donate gladly. In this case, you could use them in addition to or instead of buying new books if you like.

Be sure to make a card for each book and have the person borrowing the book sign for it in order that you may know where each book is at all times. It is a good idea to make one person responsible for keeping the books and cards.

As first vice-presidents, it is your duty to try to get the Free Will Baptist papers into every home represented in your auxiliary. Through reading we feed our minds and I know of no better way to keep ourselves informed about what is going on in the Free Will Baptist denomination than to read our church papers, namely; "The Free Will Baptist," "The Free Will Baptist Gem," and our new orphanage paper, "The Young People's Friend." Let us strive this year to make every F. W. B. home a subscriber to at least one of our denominational papers. To achieve point 8 of the Standard of Achievement, one-half of the families represented in the auxiliary must subscribe to one F. W. B. paper.

You should, also, cooperate with other vice-presidents in the distribution of tracts and such literature as is needed to carry out the national program. Tracts may be secured for distribution by writing to The Scripture Tract Society, 2011 Wellington Avenue, Chicago, Ill., The Great Commission Prayer League, 808 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill., Free Will Baptist Bible College, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Let us endeavor to make this the greatest year in the history of Woman's Auxiliary. We can do this only if we remain "Steadfast in the GO Ye," and ever keep our hearts in an attitude of fervent prayer and our minds and bodies busy working for Christ with talents He has given us.

Yours in His Service,
Mrs. Raymond Sasser,
First Vice-President N. C.
State Woman's Auxiliary

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LEST WE FORGET

What will we do with the men of the Cross
When their days of toil are over?
When they can no more stand on Zion's walls
And God's holy Word deliver?
They have given their all, been bold and true
To God in all His glory;
They've travelled afar, in heat and cold
To tell the wondrous story.

They've told of His love, they've plead with the lost,
They've prayed with the penitent sinner,
Nor counted the cost, if souls could be saved,
And they be counted a "winner."
They've buried our dead, brought comfort and ease
To the hearts bowed down with sorrow;
They've come when needed, at midnight or day—
Nor waited until to-morrow.

Now they are weary and bent with years,
Their life's work is swiftly ending;
Their once strong bodies are weakened with age,
Their eyes are full of longing,
Waiting, only waiting 'till the shadows
Have grown a little lighter—
Counting time and listening, 'till the Master
Bids them to "Come up higher."

Their race is run, their faith is over,
A crown of life awaits them there,
And a "Well done, faithful soldier."
But while they linger on their journey
Down toward the golden west.
May we place our arms beneath them
And give them of our best.

See their eyes grow bright with Gladness,
Hear their voices loud in praise,
For the "milk of human kindness"
That's been sent to cheer their days.
Lay your gifts upon the altar, though small they be,
They've well-earned your every care;
Bring to them the joy and comfort
And with them your blessings share.

Alice E. Lupton,
In behalf of our aged and retired ministers.
—Nov. 8, 1944

THE LITTLE FOX

Among the resolutions which were passed on the subject of temperance (General Conference of Free Will Baptists, at Conneau, Ohio, October, 1839) was the following:

"Whereas, tobacco is one of the most deadly poisons in the vegetable kingdom, and its use being greatly injurious to the health and happiness of mankind, therefore, be it resolved:

That the habitual use of tobacco in direct opposition to the true principles of temperance, that it becomes us as a denomination to labor for the removal of this evil from among us, and especially from the ministry, and that we earnesly entreat our brethren, who have been engaged in the FILTHY practice of using this obnoxious weed, to abstain therefrom." — Memoirs of David Marks.

Over one century has passed, and this has not been accomplished. God is still longing to see the day come when we as Free Will Baptists will go on record as having no ministers who use or sanction the use of this weed. Better still, that no member of any Free Will Baptist church use tobacco in any form.

As we meet in Quarterly and State meetings, why not pass some resolutions similar to the one above, and see that they are carried out. We do praise the Lord in the sections where this is now in force.

Sunday School teachers, can you recommend the cigarette to your pupils? Fathers, can you recommend it to your children? Preachers, can you afford to set the example to others?

May God help us to labor for the removal of this **"Little Fox"** from our ranks. Remember, Jesus said to the young man, "Yet lackest thou one thing." Many are saying, "My all is on the altar," and still they are not willing to give tobacco up. Maybe God is saying to you, "Yet lackest thou one thing." Give up your tobacco, and come and follow me.

Rev. H. E. Willis,

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THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF INDUSTRY

(Lesson for November 26)

Lesson: Luke 19: 15-26; 2 Thessalonians 3: 10-12.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Eph. 4: 28).

In the church at Ephesus, which was made up of converts, who were reclaimed directly from dark heathenism and who had practiced the grim rites of idolatry, there were many who had grown up with no conscience on the matter of theft. The practice of stealing was considered commendable in that day, and there were guilds of thieves who had organizations as well and knit as the Labor Unions of our own age. When these new converts come into the Church, their darkened ideals had to be enlightened, and the Apostle wrote to them: "Let him that stole steal no more." Did the Law demand any more than this? Is this not a practical reiteration of the older phrase: "Thou shalt not steal"?

Now see how Grace goes beyond Law in its demands and commandments. The Law stopped with a prohibition, Grace **adds two additional demands**. The first is the Christian duty of productive labor. And, to make the case more concrete, it is **manual** labor that is ordered for the people of God. To work with the hands in the creation of the comforts of living is therefore not degrading to a Christian, and a carpenter, a mason, a plumber, or a farmer is welcome to the dignity of ordination to the office of deacon or elder. I know of no other religious system where this is so: but in New Testament Christianity scholarship, wealth, family prestige or governmental position do not exalt their possessors above those who toil. It is quite in harmony with our origin that this should be so: our Founder earned His daily bread in a shop, and some of the greatest of all His followers have come from the ranks of those who labor. Jesus Christ gave dignity to manual work, and we should never forget the fact.

—Selected

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The Lord left a great deal of work to be done on earth after His ascension into Heaven.
2. The service of the Lord in the present age is a Divine requirement of all men.

3. Men still do not want this Man Jesus to rule over their lives.

4. All men will have to submit to Christ's reign when He comes back to earth.

5. Every nation and every individual will have to bow the knee and acknowledge Christ's Kingship when He comes.

6. Whatever we use in the service of the Lord will increase in value.

7. The results of our service may vary, but so does also the quality of our service.

8. There can be no gain as long as we withhold what the Lord committed to us from service for Him.

9. It requires work to produce food, hence no man has any right to eat unless he works.

10. Idleness of head or hand is a great breeder of evil.

These Sermons, and many more, are fully developed in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies. Please study these lesson helps carefully. What are the answers to these questions from the Bible?

1. What did the Apostle Paul consider as his life's work? (Gal. 1: 15, 16; Rom. 15: 15-21).

2. To what work did Jesus at first appoint the twelve Apostles? (Mat. 10: 5-8; Lu. 9: 1, 2).

3. What is to be our work in the present world? (Col. 3: 24; I Thes. 2: 9; Heb. 9: 14; Gal. 5: 13).

4. What kind of works does God expect of us? (Eph. 2: 10; I Tim. 6: 18; II Tim. 3: 17; Tit. 2: 14).

5. When will the Lord reward all work done for Him? (I Cor. 3: 14; Rev. 22: 12).

III. Practical Lessons

In these war days it has been interesting to notice how the children of God can be loyal to their country. An Iron Works in Philadelphia had asked for an increase of ten per cent in wages and the War Labor Board had refused their request. Some of the workers decided that the thing to do was to take a "holiday." I do not know whether they ever got the increase which they ought to have had, but at any rate they voted unanimously to stay by their work because their sons and their brothers and their husbands were in need of what they were making.

Last summer one of our Christian magazines showed a picture of a bank which has an organ and begins every day with a devotional service which is not only for the employees, but for the public. The town has a population of only 4,500, but the bank has 5,000 accounts and has total resources of more than two millions of dollars. One interesting item is that this bank makes loans to boys and girls of worthy character to be spent on their education, and that the president insists that integrity is better collateral than that which is measured in dollars and cents.

IV. A Though for Thanksgiving Day

It is said that in Africa there is a fruit called the "Taste berry," because it changes a person's taste so that everything eaten tastes sweet and pleasant. Sour fruit, even if eaten several hours after the "taste berry," becomes sweet and delicious. Thanksgiving is the "taste berry" of Christians, and when our hearts are filled with thanksgiving, nothing that God sends us seems unpleasant to us. Sorrowing heart, sweeten your grief

with thanksgiving. Burdened soul, lighten your burden by singing God's praises. Disappointed one, make your disappointment "His appointment" by a thankful heart. Lonely one, dispel your loneliness by making others grateful. Sick one, grow strong in soul thanking God that He loves you enough to let you suffer. Keep the "taste berry" of Thanksgiving in your hearts, and it will do for you what the "taste berry" of Africa does for the Africans.

—Selected.

SECOND UNION REPORT

The Second Union of the North Carolina Central Conference convened with Rose Hill Church in Pitt County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1944. The devotions were conducted by Rev. R. H. Mason, and prayer offered by Rev. W. G. Ennis. Rev. R. C. Wiggs, the moderator, made a few timely remarks, after which the following was transacted.

The following ministers were present: R. C. Wiggs, D. W. Alexander, M. A. Woodard, W. B. Nobles, W. G. Ennis, R. H. Mason, D. A. Windham, C. H. Denton, Albert Harris, Bruce Barrow, Bob Wooley, a visiting minister from the Western Association. There was a splendid crowd at the union, and all of the churches represented but Maury and Arthur. Several splendid talks were made, one by Mrs. Alma Worthington on "Stewardship." A talk was made on the subject of "Missions" by Rev. R. C. Wiggs. One was made on the relationship of the Sunday School work to the church by Brother T. E. Skinner. The Union meeting sermon was delivered by Rev. Bob Wooley. All of the messages were both timely and instructive. Special music was rendered by the F. W. B. Quartette from Rocky Mount, and also by Rev. Albert Harris.

The contributions from the churches were better than usual. The Finance Committee made their report. The amount received for the Union was $90.50, and the offering for the Orphanage was $53.38. The amount for the Needy Ministers' Fund was $19.00, and the balance from the last Union was $6.25, making a total of $169.32.

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	$ 96.63
Unified Program	12.98
Union meeting fund	30.27
Needy Ministers' Fund	19.00
To Rocky Mount Church	10.00
To the clerk	5.00
Total paid out	$142.61
Balance in the treasury	$ 25.52

There was a change made in our allocation of funds, that is, it was voted to reduce the percentage appropriated for the Unified Program from 25 percent to 15 percent, and the ten per cent be added to the Union meeting fund, making it 35 percent instead of 25 percent.

There was a rising vote of thanks given the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union meeting. There being no further business to transact, the union was adjourned to meet with Gum Swamp Church in Pitt County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1944.

Rev. R. C. Wiggs, Moderator,

E. C. Hines, Clerk

ROCKY MOUNT BIBLE INSTITUTE A SUCCESS

We have just finished a very fine spiritual study of the books of Daniel and Revelation, with the Rev. D. A. Windham as teacher.

Much interest was shown and we feel all have been greatly blessed. The class from start to finish was one of the sweetest fellowship classes, and was attended by members of several denominations.

We began on Monday, October 23; and finished Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 31. And may I say parenthetically we started out to have an hour study each day, but every day as we were so wonderfully feasting upon the blessed word, we found ourselves staying over two hours, and even then it was hard to turn loose Bro. Windham in time for him to get supper before the special evangelistic services at the Cokey Road Free Will Baptist Church, held by Rev. Bob Woolley of Durham. Bro. Windham is the pastor of this church.

We are deeply indebted to our Brother for such a fine time together and for all of the deep truths we studied and are indeed very grateful to him for all of his time in leading us into deeper truths. One and all agree that we were very fortunate and blessed in having one to help us who is so competent.

Mrs. O. W. Barrett,
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AN INVALID IN NEED OF WHEEL CHAIR

Dear Baptist Readers:

I am a cripple, and have been confined to my bed for fifteen months. I am asking the prayers of the Christian people to pray for me that I may get well. I have been a member of the F. W. B. Church since I was 14 years old.

I am trying to see if I can get up enough help from the good Christian people to get a Wheel Chair so that I may be able to get out. I cannot walk at all. If any of the Brethren and the Sisters will help me, I shall be very thankful to the Lord for it.

My address is Clark, North Carolina, Box 45.

Mrs. Alice Carmack

ANNOUNCEMENT

Since Brother W. E. Richardson, of Little Creek F. W. B. Church, Norfolk, Virginia, has gone in other fields to preach, it left our church without a pastor, therefore, we elected Rev. R. H. Mason, of Ayden, North Carolina, as the pastor for the coming year. We are hoping to have a fine year's work under the leadership of Brother Mason.

J. F. Abrams,
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OCTOBER ORPHANAGE FIELD NOTES

Mrs. Gertrude Ballard

Well, it is again Association and Conference time! All of us look forward to this time and especially the Orphanage for it is the time when our cause is presented and you respond so liberally.

During the month of October it has been my privilege, as field representative of our home, to visit all of the conventions and conferences convening during this month with the exception of the Eastern, which was attended by our Superintendent, Bro. Evans, and the Rock Fish, which was attended by Mr. Ballard and Mr. Jackson, all of whom brought back glowing reports from these meetings, as well as generous offerings.

The Albemarle Auxiliary convention met with the Mount Tabor Church in Washington County. A very interesting program had been arranged by Mrs. Archie Willoughby, of Ahoskie, N. C. A good spirit was existent throughout the day. This convention clothes a child beside giving an offering. While this is not a very large district, we do not have anywhere more ardent supporters.

On October 6th, I boarded the bus and very slowly migrated to the town of Bladenboro, where I was most graciously entertained in the home of Mr. W. G. Wilson. The next morning I went with a group of the women from the White Oak Church in Bladenboro to the Pee Dee Auxiliary Convention, which met with the Beaverdam church near Chadbourn, North Carolina. There was a small attendance, but a most enthusiastic group, who are most progressive in their spirit. Their contribution gladdened our hearts, and Mrs. H. C. Adcox, their president, assured me that they were going to continue to boost our cause.

Again, the next week I wended my way back to Bladenboro to attend the Pee Dee Association, which convened at the White Oak Church. A wonderful spirit of progress was eminent throughout the session. Rev. W. L. Jernigan boosted the orphanage offering to $150.00, which was divided with our sister orphanage (to be) in South Carolina, due to the fact that a part of the churches in this Association are in South Carolina. We are glad to hear that steps are being taken to make the dream of an orphanage in South Carolina a reality. Surely there is no greater evidence of true Christianity than to maintain a Christian institution for needy boys and girls.

On this trip I was graciously received by the people at Oak Grove Church in Bladen county, who gave liberally. Bro. Jernigan is a supporter of the Home and is leading the churches he pastors to contribute most generously to the Cause.

During the next week, it was a pleasure to attend the Cape Fear Auxiliary Convention, at Powhatan Church in Johnson County. The auxiliaries were almost unanimous in their representation, with glowing reports of work done in all departments. This convention was full of enthusiasm toward our Orphanage program and responded generously to the Cause.

In the midst of the month, I was in attendance at the Western Association at Pleasant Plains Church in Johnson County. A spirit of good will and interest was manifested in all phases of our denominational program. In accordance with their usual liberality, they gave to the support of the Home.

On Fifth Saturday, because of a most cordial invitation, I returned to the Pee Dee district to attend their Union Meeting, which is composed of only five churches, but they support the denominational program. Rev. H. C. Adcox, the Moderator led in making a nice gift. Then on Sunday, we enjoyed a Sunday School convention and the dedication of the Mount Olive Church, in which we met. Rev. W. L. Jernigan, who brought the dedication message. The people responded with a very good offering. Another enjoyable feature was the singing by several choirs from this district.

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ALL DAY PROGRAM NOVEMBER 23rd

The Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage decided in a recent meeting that November, 23rd would be observed as an Annual Thanksgiving Day at the Home, and the Superintendent has issued an invitation to friends over the state to visit the Home on that date, bringing well-filled baskets for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner on the campus.

Under direction of the Superintendent, Director of Religious Work and other staff members, plans have been made to make the whole day enjoyable to all who come. The children will render a special program, designed to be both educational and entertaining; there will be a period of planned worship for all and throughout the day visitors will be carried on conducted tours through the buildings and over the farm. The largest attendance for several years is expected.—Supt.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief. 1 Tim. 1: 15.

Resting on "this faithful saying,"
We are safe from force and guile;
On our Lord our spirits staying,
We may look around and smile.

This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in GoGd might be careful to maintain good works. Tit. 3: 8.

THE GOD OF HARVEST PRAISE

The God of harvest praise;
In loud thanksgiving raise
Hand, heart and voice;
The valleys smile and sing,
Forests and mountains ring,
The plains their tribute bring,
The streams rejoice.

The God of harvest praise;
Hands, hearts and voices raise,
With sweet accord;
From field to garner throng,
Bearing your sheaves along;
And in your harvest song
Bless ye the Lord!

—J. Montgomery.

DO YOU BELIEVE IT?

By A. R. Flowers

I have heard it said many times in my life that "The next best thing to a good friend is a good enemy," but there are too many of our young people who have not advanced far enough in life to be qualified to consider this sound philosophy. They do not know that all great men and great women have had their enemies, and the greater the man or the woman the greater have been their enemies, and our boys and our girls need to have these things made clear to them by their parents, teachers and preachers. I know nothing more pathetic, even tragic, the way we are allowing our children to drift out, as they think, on the sunny side of life. They are cherishing the hope of other persons. There are too many finding an easy way through life while the real task is left for the people who are trying to make a living, and to make it easily, but they are not willing to go down and make a life in the service of our Christ. Remember brethren, He never taught us to be slackers or shirkers. No where can we find that he ever gave anything less than his best. Let us go and do likewise.

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Boys and Girls Corner

FOUR FRIENDS HELPING A SICK MAN

One day the mothers, fathers and little children went running down the streets. "Jesus is here," they called. "He has come back to us again. He is in one of the houses down the street, talking to some of the mothers and fathers. We are going to meet Him." Jesus had been in another city helping the people there, but He had come back again now. Some one had seen Him that morning. Oh, how they had missed Him! They could not wait to see His face again and hear Him speak. As they heard the glad news that Jesus was near by, out of the houses ran the fathers, mothers and children to meet Him. And behind them came the others, those who could not run with the rest: little children with crooked backs and crooked legs, hopping along on crutches or dragging the little, withered legs after them; mothers carrying little children in their arms, and blind fathers walking slowly, feeling their way along with sticks. They were coming to Jesus, too, for they knew that He could make them well.

Slowly down the steps of one of the houses came four men carrying a sick father on a mattress that they had taken from the bed. Some of the mothers and children stopped and crowded around to look. The man was very ill. He lay shaking on his bed. He had a very bad sickness, one of the fathers said, called the palsy; no doctor could cure him, but they knew Jesus could, and now that they heard Jesus had come again, they were bringing the poor, sick man to Him. Down the street they carried him; but, oh, what a crowd had gathered around the house where Jesus was! The porch was full, the yard was crowded and people were standing away out in the street, trying to see Jesus. "It is no use," said one in the crowd, as the men came up carrying the sick man. "You can not get to Him. The house is full, and there is such a crowd around the door that you can not pass by. We have been waiting here for a long time."

The sick father turned on his mattress and cried out a little. He had expected to get to Jesus right away. Would he have to go home again, just as sick as ever? But no, his friends had found a way. They knew that if they could but get him to Jesus, Jesus would take away his sickness. A little stairway ran up the outside of the house to the roof. Carefully carrying the sick man through the crowd, they carried him up the stairs and laid him down. Then they began to tear a hole in the middle of the roof. They could look down and see Jesus as He talked to the people. Larger and larger they made the hole. And then, tying strong ropes under the mattress, gently, carefully, they let the sick man down, right through the hole in the roof, until his bed rested on the floor at Jesus' feet. Tenderly Jesus spoke to the sick man. He thought the man's friends must have loved him very much to have taken so much trouble. "Stand up," said Jesus, "and roll up your bed under your arm, for you are well and strong now." As Jesus spoke, the sick man, who had not been able to get out of bed for, oh, so many years, got up, rolled up the mattress and blankets, and, thanking Jesus for making him well, took them under his arm and went out of the door into the crowd. His four friends had been watching for him and ran to him. How glad they were to see him well and strong again, walking toward them, and how glad they were that they had found a way to bring him to Jesus.—Florence H. Towne, in "Talking to the Heavenly Father." Copyright, Presbyterian Board of Publication. Used by permission.

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This is to let the church people know that I am changing from Columbus, Mississippi, to Red Bay, Alabama. My address from now on will be Red Bay, Alabama.—Rev. M. L. Hollis.

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A NOTE OF THANKS

The family of the late Mrs. A. G. Askew wish to express our thanks and sincere gratefulness for every letter and card and message which bore words of kindness, sympathy, consolation or consideration in any way during her illness and death.

Mrs. Barnard Ferrell

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Lift His Praise

Along the hills that autumn's grace
  Hath lit with sudden tints of flame,
One comes, with sweet, uplifted face,
  Singing her praises to His name,
Whose hand the ready blessings heap,
Whose endless love a world doth keep.

A spirit of thanksgiving born
  Of grateful people, blessed of God,
Whose barns He fills with golden corn;
  Whose level fields of lifeless sod,
His sunshine and His fragrant rains,
Have quickened into fruitful plains.

E'en should the angry clouds uplift
  Dark faces on the trembling days,
The seeming ill is yet God's gift;
  Out of the shadows lift His praise,
Calm as the child who, smiling, hears
The footsteps of advancing years.

—Mrs. L. B. Hall.

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CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

(A Column devoted to Churches needing pastors, and ministers available for appointments. Churches and ministers using this column will please inform the editor promptly when pastor or appointments have been secured. Notices will be removed within one month if request is not made for them to run longer.)

South Norfolk F. W. B. Church. This church is seeking a pastor. His qualifications are to be as follows: First, sound and fundamental in the doctrine of the Original F. W. B. Church. Second, a man that is in sympathy with the denominational Five-Point Program. Third, a man with some ministerial experience. Please mail all correspondence to Mr. Robert M. Gradeless, 2508 Lafayette, Blvd., Norfolk (2), Va.

REV. R. H. MASON, AYDEN, NORTH CAROLINA. Available for pastoral services now. Any church that should like to have his services on second Sunday may correspond with him at his home address.

THIRD EASTERN UNION REPORT

The Third Eastern union convened with Mt. Zion Church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in October, 1944. The opening exercises were conducted by the moderator, Rev. S. A. Smith. Then the meeting was declared open for the transaction of business of the union. The different committees were appointed and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Prayer was offered by Rev. Loyd Vernon. The list of ministers was called and the following were present: R. C. Kennedy, F. E. Jones, S. A. Smith, Sam R. Kennedy, and D. W. Hansley. The visiting brethren were invited to have seats with us. Those present were Rev. Clinton Lupton and Rev. M. L. Johnson. Brother Lupton delivered the union sermon, using for his subject, "Facing the Future." We then adjourned one hour for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with song and prayer, and then the list of churches was called with twenty-eight representing. The following is the financial statement and the treasurer's report:

On hand	$ 5.72
Received at this union	155.25
Total	$160.97

Disbursements

To the Orphanage Board	$ 50.00
To reimburse the treasurer for money paid to State State Association	5.00
Expense of the union	5.50
Assembly Grounds	5.00
To Education Board	10.00
To Superannuation	5.00
To Emergency Board	25.00
To Extension Board	40.00
Total	$145.50

Rev. M. L. Johnson brought an interesting message at this time. The petitions for the next union meeting were taken up, and Sarecta Church was selected for the next union which will be held in December. Rev. S. A. Smith is to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. Sam Kennedy on his failure. A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union. The union closed with song and prayer.

Rev. S. A. Smith, Moderator,

Mrs. D. F. Chambers, Clerk

Be all my heart and all my days
Devoted to my Saviour's praise;
And let my glad obedience prove
How much I owe, how much I love.

EDITORIAL

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Thursday of this week, which will be the 23rd, has been recognized by many of the States as Thanksgiving Day. On this day a great many of the local churches throughout the Nation will observe thanks by having religious services for all who will attend them.

As has been the custom, we try to bring some thought on the subject of Thanksgiving in the editorial column of the Baptist paper on this occasion. While there are many things concerning "Thanksgiving" about which one might write or speak, yet space does not allow much to be said here on the subject. However, we will try to stress one point, namely, **Giving Thanks through Worship to God.**

We believe that there is no better way to give thanks to the heavenly Father on Thanksgiving Day than for the people in each church community to assemble themselves together at the local church, and enter into, with their pastors, a **Thanksgiving service** with sincere devotions to God. Singing praises to His holy name in sacred songs, reading appropriate portions of the Scriptures, offering up to Him heart-felt prayers of thanksgiving, and listening to the Word preached in purity and clearness by the minister will draw the hearts of the people closer to the Lord. They will be led to think deeply upon his many blessings which He has so graciously given to them during the past twelve months. They will be able to sit in the pews and meditate upon His wonderful goodness to all His people over the land, and worship Him in spirit and in truth. It will be an hour well spent in the service of the Lord; and, when the people leave the church and return to their homes for the "Thanksgiving turkey," or spread it on the church lawn for a splendid feast for everyone to enjoy, they can partake of it with a deep sense of gladness for the wonderful blessings of life. For after all, it is sincere worship of the heart which will lead people to get closer to the Lord, and praise Him for all His benefits to the children of men.

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ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTH PSALM

(Verses 1-33; 38-45)

O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people.

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face everywhere.

Remember his marvelous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

O ye seed of Abraham his servant, ye children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God: his judgments are in all the earth.

He hath remembered his covenant for ever, and the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac;

And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance:

When they were but a few men in number; yet, very few, and strangers in it.

When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people.

He suffered no man to do them wrong: yet, he reproved kings for their sakes;

Saying, touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

Moreover he called for a famine upon the land: He brake the whole staff of bread.

He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant:

Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:

Until the time that his word came: the word of the Lord tried him.

The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people and let him go free.

He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:

To bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his senators wisdom.

Israel also came into Egypt; and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

He turned their hearts to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.

He sent Moses his servant; and Aaron whom he had chosen.

They showed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.

. . . . . .

Egypt was glad when they departed: for the fear of them fell upon them.

He spread a cloud for a covering; and fire to give light in the night.

The people asked, and he brought quails, and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out; they ran in the dry places like a dry river.

For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant.

And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labor of the people;

That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the Lord.

Has It Been Recorded?

By Rev. W. F. Clark,
Thomasville, Ga.

If not, why? Please turn to II Cor. 6: 2—"BeBhold, now is the accepted time." Paul here is speaking of accepting Christ as our personal Saviour. Today is here; the sun is shining about our pathway; many are enjoying good health aand many other blessings, too numerous to mention, that we fail to appreciate.

Today is yours. No power can take it from you, and no man can do for you what you can do for yourself. So if we miss the mark and push aside the golden opportunities that present themselves to us daily and lift up our eyes in hell, no one is to blame but ourselves, and we will be an intruder, for God didn't purpose for anyone to go to hell.

We are very particular about titles to lands and earthly possessions. We pay the price for an abstract that we may feel safe to purchase, which is nothing but good business sense. Then, too, we have our title recorded as further protections, but, Brother, how is it with your soul? How is it with your family of which you are, in a way, responsible here and hereafter?

At least we are responsible for our own soul. You used good judgment in the purchase of your home here, but remember now—today, is the only time allotted us to make reservation for **Eternity.** God is the greatest business man who ever lived and, too, he is the recorder of titles to a mansion in Heaven; and, that being true, why not use the same precaution pertaining to Heavenly things that last forever and perish not, as you did to the perishable things of earth that fade away and perish.

Now, Brother, why not exercise good judgment in the case of your own soul salvation which is on trial today and employ Jesus your attorney now. Let him examine the records and secure for you a spiritual abstract to the mansion in the sky so that Jesus may present your cause to God, the Father, for recording.

Paul said, "Behold now is the accepted time. Behold now is the day of salvation." Isaiah said, "Come, now let us reason together" (1: 18). Job said, "Acquaint thyself with Him now" (Job 22: 21). Paul said in Romans 13: 11—"Now it is high time to awake." II Cor. 8: 11—"Now, therefore perform the doings of it." I am glad salvation is a personal matter that each individual must deal direct to God to attain.

Brother, do yourself a favor. Sit down and count a few of your earthly blessings. Name them one by one. Stand in the midst of your treasured estate; look north, south, east, and west. Watch yourself act and say the same words the rich farmer did, "I have much goods laid up for many years." But, before you try to comfort your soul as he did, please look Heavenward and ask yourself this question, "What preparation have I made for my soul, for today is the accepted time? My soul may be required of me tonight. Today is the day of salvation. Today alone is yours. If you have nothing else in all the world, you can call your own, you have this magnificent present moment. No thoughtful person can witness daybreak without realizing the importance of NOW.

Please hear the pleading from a friend and re-arrange your ideas and reorganize your mind. Secure a title to a mansion in Heaven and begin today—now, sending material up for its construction, for it is better to be safe than sorry.

Here is how it is done. First, repent, then seek and ye shall find, ask and it shall be given thee, knock and it shall be opened. This promise is from our Saviour, the possessor of all power and the mediator between life and death. Therefore, Brother, what is done must be done quickly, for our redemption draweth near.

Please get in touch with Jesus and make reservation for Heaven, for the time of your departure draweth near and you cannot afford to waste those precious moments of Now, for it will be impossible for you to do at the Judgment for yourself what you can do now. Accept him Now; after death you will be too late.

LAND OF BOUNTEOUS GRACE

O ripe, round year! Like a mellowed rime
Told in the twilight's dew and dusk
Rich with the scent of rose and thyme,
Blent with the garden's mint and musk,
Is the harvest song when the tasks are done
And the autumn fields of brown and gray
Are sombered signs of the riches won
For the joy of glad Thanksgiving Day.

April, coy, with a dash of rain
(Tears of joy from her sunny eyes)
Hiding her face in a silver skein,
And a rainbow gladding all the skies!
May, in her comely beauty blest,
Putting the good, kind earth in tune;
Then field and forest richly dressed
In the fairest, rarest robes of June.

Then comes July with her ardent rays,
And over the earth a ripeness steals;
Till, with her lingering, languorous ways,
Comes August yellowing all the fields;
Then bright September reigns her whiles,
Till brown October holds her sway;
And then November, wreathed in smiles,
Comes bringing the glad Thanksgiving Day.

Seed and soil and sun and shower,
Each one adding his happy part,
Bringing the gifts of fruit and flower;
But best of all is a thankful heart.
A thankful heart that is quick to trace
The golden blessings along the way
That leads through the land of bounteous grace
To the joy of glad Thanksgiving day.

—Nixon Waterman

THANKSGIVING MORN

Awake! Sleep not the hours away!
Awake! This is Thanksgiving Day!
Listen. Listen! Can't you hear
The distant church bells, sweet and clear,
Ringing out their praises?

Arise! Give thanks today!
Arise! Praise God in every way!
Lift your voice in happy song,
Thanking God the whole day long
For His many blessings.

—I. L. W.

WHAT DID YOU GIVE?

On the beaches of France,
In the streets of Rome,
Our boys are fighting
For loved ones back at home.
For sisters and mothers, brothers and dads
They fight for us all, these American lads.

Be proud, you Americans,
Be proud and be glad.
They die for their country
To protect what they had.

They gave their lives to keep us free,
They gave their lives to win Victory,
They gave their lives that we might live.
Now, I ask you Americans, What did you give?

Alene Aycock,
Micro, North Carolina

A WORD OF THANKS

Brother L. H. Wetherington was present for the Executive Board meeting of the North Carolina State Association, which convened in the Ayden Free Will Baptist church for the transaction of important matters pertaining to the Association. Although Brother Wetherington is still very feeble, as many of his friends know, he was able to be present for his Board meeting, and showed much interest in the transaction of the business of the Executive Board.

Brother Wetherington asked us to express, through the columns of the Baptist, his sincere thanks to everyone who have offered up prayers to God for him, and who have helped him in any way since he was stricken down with paralysis. He is still requesting your prayers to the heavenly Father for his speedy recovery, and will greatly appreciate your extended good wishes and thoughtfulness at any time.—Editor.

CHRIST'S PROMISES

Dear Baptist People:

I want to remind you afresh the great promises our Saviour made to us in his great **Sermon on the Mount.**

First, he said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 20: 27).

A good old humble Christian, not boasting has such a great promise.

Second, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Christ said, "don't weep after me but for yourselves and children." So, weep and mourn for yourselves and children. Don't wait until they are dead to mourn.

Third, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Dear people, do you hunger and thirst to do something for your Lord? Are you glad to do something, or is it a burden to you? Are you craving to do something for the Lord which makes it a pleasure to you?

Fourth, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall be called the children of God." Dear people, it is a close thing to be pure in heart, not a fault to be found, and your whole heart's desire to do all things right.

Fifth, "Blessed are the peace makers for they shall be called the children of God." Dear people, are you saying something about your neighbor or brother in the church, or are you doing all you can to keep down confusion or strife—trying to do all you can to keep peace in your community and church.

Sixth, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." So, if you want to inherit the earth and be with him when he comes to the earth, with his new Jerusalem spoken of by John the revelator, Rev. 21: 3, you must be ready to meet him in the air when he comes, so you can come back with him. I could give you a lot of proof that the righteous will inherit the earth after it is cleansed from fear of all unrighteousness and sin. If you are in paradise or on the earth, it will be a great joy.

John, the revelator, tells us in one place we would inherit all things. So, this is proof we will have free access to it all. Pray and mourn for all the weak brethren and sisters that none of them may be left. If the good Lord would just let you stand and watch it all and let you go later, you would be badly grieved to see some of them getting left. So, now is the time to be doing something about it for it might be your child in that group that is left. But it would be too late then to mourn or weep; no time after he comes for you to repent (Rev. 22: 11).

My advice is for you to mourn for yourself and children before he comes.

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"I KNOW I'M IN LOVE BECAUSE . . ."

Enid S. Smith, Ph. D., head of the department of Sociology, Greensboro College, North Carolina, from "actual experience" in the lives of the girls at the College, has listed twenty ways to tell whether you are really in love.

We won't list all twenty; but the 11 we quote will help us to turn our thoughts to Christ, and His love.

I know I'm in love because:

1. I long for his company.
2. I think constantly of him.
3. I do things I know he likes.
4. All plans center around him.
5. He has the qualifications of my ideal.
6. I am proud of him.
7. I feel free to discuss anything with him.
8. I am quick to defend him.
9. I am much concerned about my

appearance when he is with me.

10. Domestic life now has a romatic appeal for me.

11. I have faith in him.

1. Let every believer ask, Do I long for His company? Do I love to meet with His people?

2. It is a good thing for the Christian to be "occupied with Christ"—let the thoughts turn to HIM when not otherwise engaged. Let the mind of the child of God be stayed on CHRIST. (See Isaiah 26: 3).

3. The rule of the believer should be, Do the things HE likes! We should live for Jesus' glory, seeking ever to do His will. (1 Cor. 6: 19, 20).

4. "All plans center around HIM." What a blessed truth for the one who is in love with the One Altogether lovely. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, OR WHATSOEVER YE DO, do all to the glory of God." (I Cor. 10: 31).

5. "HE has the qualifications of my ideal." Indeed He has! Jesus is FULL of Grace, FULL of truth, FULL of glory. (John 1: 14, 17, 18). HE is all-powerful, and yet perfect in love. HE is all-wise, yet infinite in His understanding of my weakness. HE fills my horizon!

6. "I am proud of HIM." Every true Christian loves Christ—and is, indeed, proud of HIM. Through fear, a believer, like Peter, may at times deny Him; but then the heart smites and the bitter tears of repentance flow. We "glory in the LORD" and in His cross. 1 Corinthians 1: 31; Galatians 6: 14.

7. "I feel free to discuss anything with Him." I take my problems, daily, to Him in prayer.

8. "I am quick to defend Him." Do I stand up for the Bible when scoffers ridicule it? Do I let the scorners know that I, too, am one of His disciples, when the name of Jesus is disparaged?

9. "I am much concerned about my appearance when He is with me." Let every Christian remember that! He is ever with us—and so we should ever be clothed in His righteousness, and put on the garments of humility and praise. "Put off . . . the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts . . . And put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." (Eph. 4: 22-24). Let every believer seeking to walk in His love, be sure to be "dressed" properly for His daily companionship!

10. (Domestic) "Life now has a romantic appeal to me." Since Jesus came into my heart, all is different; life is really worth while. It is GREAT to be alive—alive with the eternal life of God—and live and work for my great and blessed LOVER.

11. "I have faith in HIM." We are saved by faith, we should walk daily trusting Him. (Col. 2: 6-7; John 14: 1). We trust His Word. We have faith in His cause.

—In Christian Victory.

PREACHES IN NORFOLK

Rev. R. H. Mason preached at South Norfolk Church Sunday and Sunday night, November 12, 1944.

A large crowd of interested and enthusiastic members and others attended both services.

There was also a good service on the preceding Sunday.

There was great interest taken in the services, and particularly the Sunday night service.

There is a large field for service, and all are cordially invited to attend all services.

By request,

The South Norfolk Church

WHAT THE SCULPTOR SAW IN THE STONE

This is related in The Presbyterian. The late Gutzon Borglum, distinguished sculptor who carved in the mountainside in the Black Hills of Dakota one of the most stupendous memorials on earth, also did a head of Lincoln in the capitol at Washington. He cut it from a block of marble which had long been in the studio. Into this studio every morning came an old Negro woman to dust. She had become accustomed to that block of marble standing there, but for days she had not noticed it. One morning she came in and saw to her astonishment the unmistakable lineaments of Lincoln appearing in the stone. She ran to the sculptor's secretary and said, "Am dat Abraham Lincoln?" "Yes," said the secretary. "Well," said the old woman, "how in de world did Massa Borglum know dat Abraham Lincoln was in dat block of stone?"

Missionaries labor with unattractive material; but they have a VISION of what CHRIST can do with that material! Let us all labor on, seeking to win the lost; for the Lord can and will take the most unattractive and mould it into His glorious image! His work will not be completed, however, until the resurrection. THEN see what HE will have accomplished!

—In Christian Victory

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Jas. v. 16.

Prayer an answer will obtain,
Though the Lord awhile delay;
None shall seek his name in vain,
None be empty sent away.

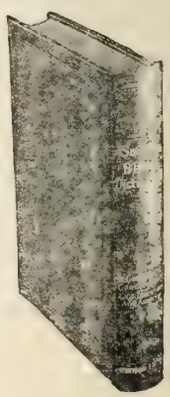
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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION

The Executive Board of the State Association of North Carolina met in the Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden, N. C., November 16, 1944.

Prayer by Rev. L. H. Wetherington.

Members present: J. R. Bennett, M. L. Johnson, R. N. Hinnant, Rom W. Mallard, W. A. Jackson, L. H. Wetherington, L. B. Manning, J. C. Griffin, Mrs. J. C. Moye, proxy for Mrs. C. F. Bowen.

Visitors present: Mrs. R. W. Mallard, D. W. Alexander, Walter Nobles, T. E. Beaman, R. B. Spencer, W. A. Hales.

H. M. Mallard of Trenton, N. C., was unanimously elected to fill the unexpired term on the Orphanage Board of the late H. C. Wood.

Motion a committee be appointed to locate and arrange program for the 1945 session of the Association.

Committee for the above motion: J. C. Griffin, R. N. Hinnant, L. B. Manning, M. L. Johnson, J. R. Bennett.

Mrs. J. C. Moye made a brief report of the State Auxiliary work and it was received as information.

Motion a committee of three be elected to work out the plans to comply with the Resolution referred to the Executive Board from the 1944 session of the Association, in reference to a full time worker on the field. (For Resolution see Minutes of 1944 session of Association)

Committee for the above motion: M. L. Johnson, J. C. Griffin, L. B. Manning.

Motion that the Field Secretary have 400 placards printed (Five-Point Program) and send to various churches in the state.

Motion the month of September be designated as the month for Church Finance Association, Inc., in the new placards.

Rev. R. B. Spencer made a verbal report of the Assembly Grounds Committee and it was received as information.

Rev. T. E. Beaman made a report on Conference Boundary Lines and suggested others be placed on the Committee.

Motion S. A. Smith and T. F. Davenport be placed on the above Committee.

Lunch

After lunch the Board was called to order by the President and prayer was offered by Rev. D. W. Alexander.

Motion that the Historian compile a history of the State Association in loose leaf form and the expense for the work to be presented to the next session of the Association.

Motion the position and address of each member of the Executive Board be placed in the minutes of each annual session.

Motion to adjourn and benediction was offered by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

Rev. J. R. Bennett, President,
Rev. R. N. Hinnant, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ALBEMARLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The convention met with Corinth Church fifth Sunday in October. The devotions were conducted by Mrs. Archie Willoughby. After the president's opening remarks the ministers were recognized.

Those answering to the roll were Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. T. F. Davenport, Rev. L. E. Ambrose and Rev. M. A. Woolard.

The list of churches were called and those represented were as follows.

	For Orph.	For Conv.
Malachi's Chapel	$ 57.66	$ 1.00
Sound Side	20.00	1.00
Mt. Tabor	37.09	2.00
Belhaven	26.25	2.00
Free Union (Beaufort)	30.00	1.30
Free Union	30.00	1.30
Sidney	4.50	.50
St. Paul, Elizabeth City	17.86	1.00
Gum Neck	13.00	2.00
Shilo	8.00	2.00
Free Union (Tyrrell)	4.00	.80
Hickory Chapel	16.16	2.00
Trinity	4.50	.50
South Norfolk	2.00	3.00
Total	$241.02	$19.10

The morning sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Hales.

After the message a public offering was taken amounting to $86.55. The convention was dismissed for the noon hour.

Afternoon Session

At 1:25 the devotions were conducted by Bro. C. A. Voliva. There was special music rendered, entitled "He Included You and Me." There was a motion made and passed that the name of Rev. M. A. Woolard be placed on the list of ministers of the Albemarle district.

There was another offering made for the Orphanage amounting to $15.26, making a total today for the orphanage of $342.63. For convention expense $19.10. There was a motion made and carried to pay $25.00 on the three shares purchased in the Church Finance Association. Motion made and carried that the convention request each Sunday School to send to the next convention $2.00 or more for the convention expense. The treasurer gave his report and it was adopted.

Bro. Robert Gradeless made remarks concerning the benefits that the South Norfolk Church had received from the Albemarle convention and expressed gratitude in behalf of the church. The convention adjourned to meet with Free Union (Beaufort County) fifth Sunday in December.

Largest Number Pupils Enrolled, Malachi's Chapel.

Largest Number Visitors, South Norfolk.

Largest Number Tithers, Shilo.

Largest Average Attendance, Hickory Chapel.

Greatest amount sent to the convention, Malachi's Chapel.

David H. Furlough, President,
Alonzo L. Reynolds, Secretary

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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ANTIOCH AUXILIARY REPORT

The Ladies Auxiliary of Antioch Church, Wayne County, North Carolina, met with Mrs. John Edmundson Wednesday night, November 8, 1944. The program began by use of the song, "Have Thine Own Way Lord." Mrs. Paul Parks read the scripture lesson and Mrs. Mark Parks offered a prayer. Following this the members sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

The business session opened and the minutes were read and approved. The roll was called with 23 members present and 1 visitor.

The 1st Vice-President took in several subscriptions to the F. W. B. and Orphanage papers.

It was decided that we send $5.00 to the orphanage for Thanksgiving offering, and 50 cents was added to this as a gift making $5.50. In addition to this, 2 sheets will be sent.

Activities for Month

Dues collected	$ 5.70
Tobacco grading	83.00
Total	$88.70
Bible chapters read	154
Visits to sick	49
Cards sent	15
Gallons milk	50
Flowers sent	13
Trays sent	10

Christmas Cards and other cards have been sent to our boys in service to show our love and appreciation for what they are doing for us.

We are to meet with Mrs. Barney Kirby in December. After having repeated the benediction, refreshments were served which everyone enjoyed.

Mrs. Bill Musgrave,
President

Mrs. Tommie B. Lancaster,
Secretary

OAK GROVE AUXILIARY REPORT

Our auxiliary met at the church on November 8 with fourteen members present for the meeting. Mrs. Lee Rose had charge of the program and conducted the devotional services.

After a hymn was sung, Mrs. Malcolm Warren made a talk on the subject, "Gifts from Christ." Miss Thelma Lee spoke on the subject, "Gifts without Christ." Mrs. Paul Holland talked on the subject, "Sharing the Gifts with Christ."

Activities for the Month

Bible chapters read	195
Cards sent to the sick	8
Flowers sent	3
Visits made to the sick	9
Quarts of milk given to the needy	68

It being time for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the following were elected: President, Mrs. N. R. Lewis; secretary, Mrs. N. C. Lee; treasurer, Mrs. Ellen Ross; first vice-president, Mrs. Y. W. Eldridge; second vice-president, Mrs. Fronia Jones; third vice-president, Miss Thelma Lee; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Carl Warren; fifth vice-president, Mrs. Paul Holland; sixth vice-president, Mrs. Malcomb Warren.

The meeting closed with song and the benediction.

Mrs. Annie McPhail, President,
Miss Thelma Lee, Secretary

SOUND SIDE AUXILIARY REPORT

The Auxiliary of Sound Side Church held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday after the first Sunday in November at the home of Mrs. Cora Armstrong. The meeting was opened by the president and the members present joined in singing hymn, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." The scripture lesson was read from John 1: 1-17. Kathleen Swain then led in a word of prayer.

The lesson topic was on the subject, "The Bible and Missions," and was discussed by several members of the auxiliary. Following the talks, another hymn was sung, "Is Your Life a Channel of Blessings?" Moments of silent prayer then was followed by the hymn.

Business and Activities

Members present	8
Dues paid in	$2.25
Birthday money paid in	$1.25
Thanksgiving collection	$0.80
Sick visits made	24
Trays taken to the sick	3
Flowers sent to the sick	3
Bible chapters read	135

There being no further business to transact, the meeting closed with song and the benediction. The refreshments were enjoyed by all present.

Neva Brickhouse, Secretary

WHERE TO FIND GOD

By Prof. A. R. Flowers

John Tolstoi said, "I turned to the Greek church to find God; then I went to the men of the cloister, but neither was He there; then I sought Him in the philisophies and again I was disappointed, but finally, I turned to the plain people; and there I found God in the hearts of the plain people."

Tolstoi might not have understood some things just as I do, but he was sound in his faith, when he fearlessly declared that a literal interpretation of Christ's Sermon on the Mount is the only rule of Christian life.

Remember, Tolstoi was a Methodist, but he found God; and I am inclined to believe that if many Free Will Baptists would do more to accentuate God, and less to accentuate Free Will Baptists than they have been doing, they would achieve more for the cause of Christ.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger" (Prov. 15: 1).

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the State Association of North Carolina Free Will Baptists met in the Free Will Baptist church in Ayden Thursday of last week, according to the By-Laws, to attend to such business as was necessary for the progress of the work of the church.

Several matters of importance were acted upon, among which was the electing of a successor to the late, Brother C. H. Wood, who was a member of the Orphanage Board. Brother Manley Mallard of Trenton was elected to this office.

A committee was elected to secure a location for the 1945 session of the State Association. (If any church would like to entertain the next session of the State Association, just make your desire known by writing to Rev. J. R. Bennett, Bridgeton, N. C., who is the President of the Association and a member of the above named committee.)

Also a committee was elected to arrange for the change in the constitution and By-Laws to the effect that a "whole time Field Worker" might be placed in the field, and that also a central office through which all moneys might be received and distributed for the denominational work.

Thanksgiving

"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of his wondrous works" (I Chron. 16: 8, 9).

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High" (Psa. 50: 14).

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men" (Psa. 107: 21).

"O Come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God" (Psa. 95: 1-3).

We are admonished by the writers of both the Old and the New Testaments to "give thanks unto the Lord." We are great for praying unto God to "Give us the desire of our soul" but we are short on returning unto the Lord thanks for that which the Lord does for us.

We have known of great congregations assembling to "pray for rain" when a drouth was on. Then there would come the day for the returning to "Give thanks for that rain" and just a few would go for the thanksgiving. "Oh, that men would give thanks unto the Lord."

Some one dreamed that the "Lord sent out two angels who were to come down to earth to do some work. Each of them had a basket. One basket was labeled, 'Request' and the other 'Thanksgivings.' The one who was after 'Request' soon returned with his basket full. The other was away from heaven for a long time and finally returned with just a few thanksgivings in the basket." While this is only a dream, it certainly does portray the general attitude of human beings. We pray so much for what we want and then fail to return THANKS unto the Lord, for what we receive."

Bible Reading

The American Bible Society, has launched a campaign in Bible reading with the selections of certain scriptures selected for each day from Thanksgiving until Christmas. It is a wonderful selection. We praise the Lord for the privilege of reading the Bible each day. The selection of these scriptures by the American Bible Society encourages the reading of God's word daily. We cannot do a better thing than to let God speak to us each day through the INSPIRED WORD. We are enclosing the list of selected scriptures that our readers may have the advantage of reading the selections. Remember that the American Bible Society sends out Bibles and Testaments through the gifts of those who desire to help place the Word of God in the hands of soldiers and others who would not get the word without help.

Helpful Bible Passages for Daily Reading by members of the Armed Forces and people at home, selected by a nation-wide canvass of pastors and chaplains as the most helpful in times like these:

Thanksgiving, Nov. 23, Psalm 103.
Friday, John 14.
Saturday, Psalm 23.
Sunday, Nov. 26, Psalm 1.
Monday, Matthew 5.
Tuesday, Romans 8.
Wednesday, I Corinthians 13.
Thursday, Psalm 91.
Friday, Matthew 6.
Saturday, John 3.
Sunday, December 3, Isaiah 40.
Monday, Psalm 46.
Tuesday, Romans 12.
Wednesday, Hebrews 11.
Thursday, Matthew 7.
Friday, John 15.
Saturday, Psalm 27.
Sunday, December 10, Isaiah 55.
Monday, Psalm 121.
Tuesday, Philippians 4.
Wednesday, Revelation 21.
Thursday, Luke 15.
Friday, Ephesians 6.
Saturday, John 17.
Sunday, December 17, Isaiah 53.
Monday, I Corinthians 15.
Tuesday, John 10.
Wednesday, Psalm 51.
Thursday, Psalm 37.
Friday, John 1.
Saturday, Revelation 22.
Sunday, December 24, Psalm 90.
Christmas, December 25, Luke 2.

All passages are in the order of the tabulated votes except those assigned to Thanksgiving, Christmas and Sundays.

To complete the reading to New Year's, read Joshua 1; Psalm 19; Matthew 11; Exodus 20; I John 1; Hebrews 12. If you desire a schedule of readings for 1945, send request to Dept. BR. American Bible Society.

To Members of the Armed Forces: If the passages listed are not included in your Testament, borrow a Bible or ask the Chaplain to read them in

Thanksgiving or Sunday services as indicated.

Orphanage Months

Again I wish to call attention to the fact that November and December are designated months to make special offerings unto God for the Orphanage at Middlesex. This is a great way to GIVE THANKS UNTO GOD. Just MAKE AN OFFERING TO THE ORPHANAGE—BUT LET IT FIRST BE GIVEN UNTO THE LORD.

ALABAMA ORPHANAGE

We the Free Will Baptist people of Alabama purchased on March 5, 1943 the property known as the Baptist Academy, Eldridge, Ala. By the help of the Lord and the people on November 10, 1944, this property was paid for in full and additional for repairs about 2 thousand dollars. We are planning to open this orphanage at an early date after all requirements have been met. Any one desiring to contribute as the Lord has prospered you to this cause, mail or see Mr. Alphus Graham and wife, Eldridge in charge of Home; Mr. Walter Fields and wife, Eldridge, any Free Will Baptist preacher and V. C. May, Vernon, Ala.

We are now in position to take care of anything that might be freely given, such as quilts, sheets, pillow cases, cloth, for making children clothes, furniture, rugs, chicks, hogs, cows or calves, farming tools, etc. Two cultivators were contributed and we needed just one. If 3 or 4 cows are given to the orphanage, and 1 or 2 were no value to the orphanage, the committee might sell such cows and purchase young heifers instead, which will be advantage and a profit to the support of the home in the future.

I thank the Lord for all blessings which we have received. May His blessings continue with us all.

V. C. May,
Secretary-Treasurer,
Vernon, Alabama

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NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION BOARD NEWS

By Rev. J. O. Fort

At the 1944 session of the National Association in Flat River, Missouri, the National Superannuation Board authorized its administrative office to offer fifty (50) protective superannuation policies to insurable ministers of the denomination. These policies were to be allocated to the several states according to the relationship that the Free Will Baptist population of each State bore to the total population of all the states. The figures given below, based upon statistics in the 1944 National Association Minute, are the work resulting from our authorization by the Board.

State	Population	Per Cent of Whole	Policies
Alabama	9,563	.097	4.85 or 5
Florida	2,012	.020	1.00 or 1
Georgia	6,206	.063	3.15 or 3
Illinois	1,500	.015	0.75 or 1
Kentucky	4,555	.046	2.30 or 2
Michigan (Established)	1,500	.015	0.75 or 1
Mississippi	2,464	.025	1.25 or 1
Missouri	5,581	.057	2.85 or 3
North Carolina	28,000	.285	14.25 or 14
Ohio	1,532	.015	0.75 or 1
Oklahoma	20,000	.203	10.15 or 10
Tennessee	6,363	.064	3.20 or 3
Texas	3,473	.035	1.75 or 2
Virginia	2,973	.040	2.00 or 2
West Virginia	1,595	.016	0.80 or 1
Totals	98,317	.996	49.80 or 50

We have forwarded this information on to the states which have Superannuation Boards and have tried to get the information to the other states from which there has been no report of the election of a Superannuation Board. However, there are several states that we have not been able to contact because we did not know whom to write. We hope every State Association, that did not have a Superannuation Board, elected one this year at its annual meeting because we do not see how we may administer the program in a State except through its Superannuation Board. There is so much work to be done in every state which we as a National Board cannot do, but which may be done easily by a State Board. Therefore the program is going to be hindered in those states in which we do not have an active Superannuation Board. It is our purpose to do everything in our power to prevent any minister or group of ministers from being discriminated against, or deprived of the benefits of this program. Therefore we urge that each State Board give us its maximum co-operation for the sake of the benefits its ministers may receive.

The policies allocated in the table above will be held in reserve for each state until its board is organized or until we see that the allocation is not going to be used by that State. Then we shall re-allocate these policies to those states who want them.

We are very anxious to have this program operating in every state, and as you read this article we hope you will determine to find out if your state is co-operating in this most important program. If your State Association does not have a Superannuation Board, urge your moderator to call an executive session to elect a temporary board to serve for this year so that your State will not be behind others and your ministers will not be deprived of the benefits that others are receiving.

The policies we are offering are one thousand dollar Retirement-at-age 70, endowment policies. The National Board will pay one-half the annual premium and the insured minister will pay the other half. We believe this offer on the part of the Board will enable every minister to have protection for his family should he die before retirement age or money to live on in his old age should he live to retire.

The program generally is moving along nicely in many of the states, but the ministers are not returning their filled-in survey blanks in every instance as speedily as we had hoped they would. Ministers, this is your program and will be of inestimable value to you and all others who may be called to carry the same cross you are carrying. Let us plan for ourselves and those who come after us as we, through our benevolent Superannuation program, plan to care for those who are still living and who carried the cross before us.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts for the month of October, 1944

National Woman's Auxiliary Convention	$ 162.80
Rev. J. H. C. Jordan, Winslow, Arkansas	11.00
Jasper Association of Alabama, by Rev. Raymond Riggs	112.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bagwell, Springdale, Arkansas	10.00
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, S. C.	2.00
Hickory Grove Church of Florida	10.20
Pikeville Church, Pikeville, Kentucky	5.25
Cumberland Association of Tennessee	146.00
Rescue Church and Sunday School of Illinois	650.00
Prospect F. W. B. S. S. of Alabama	5.50
Wolverine Association of Michigan	125.68
Johnson County Quarterly Meeting of Kentucky	55.75
Pikeville Church, Pikeville, Kentucky	8.15
Betseylayne Church, Betseylayne, Kentucky	4.82
Lackey Church of Lackey, Kentucky	24.75
Pikeville Church of Pikeville, Kentucky	33.76
Missouri State Association	647.11
Jack McCoury, Johnson City, Tennessee	1.00
Mrs. E. F. Traut, Iola, Texas	10.00
Arapahoe Church of North Carolina	6.25
Salem Association of Florida	12.00
Rev. George Waggoner, Columbia, S. C.	5.00
National Woman's Auxiliary Convention	81.91
Cumberland Association of Tennessee	73.70
Refund on freight charge	.19
	$2,133.34

WINFORD DAVIS, Treasurer.

HELP NEEDED

A few weeks ago I received a letter from dear Sister Bessie Yeley, one of our missionaries in Cuba, in which she wrote me that her house is small and in a bad condition. She said that the owner had promised to fix the roof so that it would not leak, but that he had not done it.

It does seem to me that the Free Will Baptist here in the States should donate money to buy materials to build her a house. I feel that an appeal should be made through the Free Will Baptist papers for this purpose. She says that the materials are scarce and are very high, but I feel that something should be done about this matter.

I do hope the Lord will lead one and all to help her in this matter. I am a Free Will Baptist minister, and have been in the ministry for forty-seven years.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. W. F. Vickery,
Brokenarrow, Oklahoma

EXPECTING A GOOD REVIVAL

The people of Sandy Plain Community are expecting a fine revival which is to begin on the fourth Sunday night in November. Everyone is expecting a good meeting for the people have been praying much for this meeting.

The public is cordially invited to attend this meeting, and let everyone have a splendid time in the service of the Lord. The Reverend J. C. Griffin is to bring the message each evening.

Ralph Sumner

ANNOUNCEMENT

Any one having friends or relatives in or near Rome, or Shannon, Georgia, please send me their name, address, and any additional information.

Thanks,

E. W. Mitchell,
Shannon, Georgia.

St. Claire Bible Class

Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

WORLD-WIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

(Lesson for December 3)

Lesson: John 17: 18-23; I Cor. 1: 1-3; 12: 4-7, 12, 13.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one" (John 17: 20, 21).

Then notice also that the prayer of Christ goes beyond the worker and reaches the convert as well. Sometimes we become rightly concerned over the fate of those whom we have led to Christ, and wonder how they are getting along, and if they are continuing to grow in the way of grace. This is a most reasonable attitude and one to be commended, as no father loses interest in his offspring as soon as they are born!

I recently met a woman, fine looking, with snow-white hair and an air of stability and dignity who illustrated this fact to me. She stopped me as I was leaving the pulpit, having come up on the platform to speak to me. "Do you remember me?" she asked. I looked at her closely, and said, "No, I'm afraid not. Should I?" She said, "Probably not: you only saw me once. I was converted in one of your meetings in Philadelphia. I came forward and accepted Christ, and confessed Him publicly. There was a question which concerned me and perplexed me deeply, and I tried to get an answer from you that night. But you did not hear me when I called to you as you started to leave the front of the church, and you walked away and left me with my question unasked."

"I'm very sorry," I apologized, "I am a little hard of hearing, and when I am thinking about a sermon or right after preaching one my mind is miles away—it was not an intentional slight!"

The woman smiled and said, "Don't apologize: I'm so glad it happened just that way. At first I was perfectly furious, because I did want an answer. But when I got home I said, 'I'll ask the Lord, He'll pay attention to me,' and I prayed, and read the Bible for light. The Holy Spirit led me to the answer, and I've used that method ever since. Now, if you had answered my question, the next time I was in doubt I could not have gone to you, but I can always go to the Lord! So I have learned to trust to the Holy Spirit, and, I've been very happy in my Christian life."

That is a grand testimony, and a perfect application of this precious text. My friend, Jesus is praying for you! He asks God to keep you, and to empower your testimony for Him. Then He also prays for those who are saved through your ministry, and takes over the feeding and nurturing of all who accept Him. What a grand partnership is thus offered to the faithful witness!

—Selected.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. Christ asks nothing of us that He has not done for us.

2. Sanctification is real only when accomplished by the Truth of God.

3. Even the humblest and weakest believer was included in the great prayer of the Lord Jesus.

4. The unity of believers in practice is a great testimony of the genuineness of the Christian faith.

5. It is almost impossible for us to believe that God loves us as much as He loves Jesus Christ (John 17: 23).

6. Every Christian who is in the will of God is sure to have a mission from God.

7. The Church of God consists entirely of sanctified people.

8. Differences among men in the spiritual realm should seem no stranger than differences in the physical realm.

9. Differences among Christians are on the surface, at heart they are all one.

10. The Church is an organism just as definitely as our physical bodies.

11. Memorize I Corinthians 12: 12. **Two Twelves** and **Important.** If you get this in mind, no one can convince you that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is an experience that takes place weeks, months, or even years after you were born of the Holy Spirit.

12. See our quarterlies for more truths.

III. Outline Study of Sanctification

(1) **Sanctification is a Person.** Read I Corinthians 1: 31 for proof. Which would you rather have, a pound box of the finest candy or a first class candy factory? Just so, Jesus Christ is a better gift than the most blessed experience that God could give, for Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Sanctification is not a blessing but the **BLESSER.** The greatest blessing, or experience, is soon a precious memory, but Jesus Christ is an eternal source of blessing. The **New Birth** marks the beginning of our sanctification.

(2) **We Have Three Sanctifiers.** (a) God the Father. See Jude 1: 1. (b) The Lord Jesus Christ. See Ephesians 5: 25-26; Hebrews 2: 9-11. (c) The Holy Spirit. See Romans 15: 16. This means that all **three** Persons in the Trinity share in the work of helping the believer to live a life that is pleasing to God. While Jesus became our sanctification by virtue of His death on the Cross, the fact that He lives forever more enables Him to help us in living a Christian life.

(3) **God Uses Three Instruments to Develop Our Christian Life, or Our Sanctification.** (a) The Scriptures (The Holy Bible). See John 17: 1 . (b) Faith. See Acts 26: 12-18. (c) The Blood of Jesus. See Hebrews 13: 12, also Hebrews 10: 28-29.

We use tools, or instruments, to perform different kinds of work, and God has these three instruments to accomplish His work in our lives. After a man is saved, he still needs the Bible, Faith and the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE CHURCH AT THYATIRA

"I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first" (Rev. 2: 19).

Notice the good things at Thyatira, "I know thy works." This expression appears twice in the message to Thyatira. They evidently were filled with works, and works are not to be despised. It is written, "Created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." It is true, we can do nothing to become saved, but when we are saved we should and will work for Him. We are saved by grace through faith, but we are saved unto good works. In other words, a person who has faith will have works also. The two are inseparably linked, and cannot be separated. The love of Christ is more than mere sentiment, it is active and energetic. It will cause us to want to work for Him.

I Know Thy Charity:

Charity is the kindness of God made manifest in them. It was no doubt love one for another, and also love for God. This is one way we have of knowing we are Christians; if we have love one for another. Every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. Certainly these were fine qualities in the hearts and lives of the church members. I fear many of our churches of today fail on this point. I believe if the Christians would show forth that love one for another it would be a great drawing power to draw sinners to the church and to Christ.

I Know Thy Service:

What is the difference between service and works? Perhaps works were toward God, but services were in the behalf of their fellowmen. The Bible teaches that we are to serve one another, and by serving one another we serve God.

I Know Thy Faith:

Here is something worth considering. I know thy works, thy charity, thy service, and now thy faith. These saints truly believed God. They were fighting the good fight of faith. They were faithful unto Him who had called them.

I Know Thy Patience:

So we see the church was not slipping away. They were abounding more and more in all these manifestations of the grace of God, which He had wrought in them. They were not standing still spiritually speaking, but were going forward for God. They were growing in the knowledge of Christ, and in service for Him. They were increasing more and more. Here is the standard of every true believer. We are to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

Now, seeing all these good qualities in the church at Thyatira, we would think of her as being a perfect example, but notice the next verse, "Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and eat things sacrificed unto idols" (Rev. 2: 20). The church itself did not walk with Jezebel, neither would they have done the things which she did, however they allowed her to teach and to seduce God's servants. It is not the things we do that cause the blessings of God to be with-held, but many times the things we allow to be done, and say and do nothing about it. Jezebel was the one who claimed to be a prophetess, the one who brought in the prophets of Baal, displacing the true prophets. The church knew about this, yet they did nothing about it. I fear many times we suffer things to go on in our churches that are not pleasing to God, even in our Sunday School, we allow teachers to teach our children when we know their lives are not what they should be. I believe we should be deeply concerned about those whom we put in as leaders in our churches. We should realize that Christ is not only the head of the church, but He is also her Judge. It behooves us who are members of various churches, scattered throughout the world, to remember these things. God is going to judge us, and reward us according to our works, whether they be good or bad.

Rev. R. W. Allman,
Route No. 3,
Kannapolis, N. C.

NORFOLK THANKSGIVING BUILDING FUND REPORT

We wish to submit the following report that we have received for our Thanksgiving Building Fund drive and also thank each and every one for the interest they are showing in their prayers and means.

We also wish to state that if there is anyone that wishes to make personal pledges in materials or money now or when our building has started, would you please notify us at once for we are hoping to start not later than the first of the year.

On account of Thanksgiving being on the 30th, we have been asked to continue our drive until December 10th, so if you have not had time to make your offering for this worthy cause you still have time on this Thanksgiving drive. Thank you very much and may the Lord repay you many times. Offerings so far are as following:

Brought forward	$ 5.00
Piny Grove, Beaufort Co.	4.00
Mrs. Viola Brown, Greenville, North Carolina	1.00
Rev. W. B. Nobles, Winterville, N. C.	1.00
Mr. C. H. Denton, Rocky Mount, N. C.	1.00
Branch Chapel, Johnston Co.	5.00
Albemarle Union	68.77
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Paul	5.00
Norfolk Church	20.00
Total	$110.77

We are taught in Mal. 13: 10, to "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Thanking you all very much for what you have done toward helping us with the Master's work, I remain,

Yours for his service,
Wilton H. Dail, Treas.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

HARRINGTON. It is with a sad heart that I write the account of the death of my dear Mother, Mrs. Alice Moye Harrington. She passed away June 18, 1944. She was the oldest daughter of the late Josephus and Martha Ann Moye.

Mother was born November 6, 1881, making her stay on earth 63 years, and 8 months. On December 19, 1900, she was married to George W. Harrington, and became a loving wife and a devoted Mother. When she was quite young, she joined the Piny Grove Church and was a faithful member to the end.

The funeral services were conducted at her home by Rev. M. A. Woodard, and assisted by Rev. J. C. Moye, after which she was laid to rest in the Winterville Cemetery. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, one son, three daughters, fifteen grandchildren, eight sisters, five brothers, and a host of friends.

Mother, you have left us,
Thy sweet face we see no more;
But we feel that we'll see thee
When we reach that golden shore.

The Golden Gate was opened,
A sweet voice said, "Come in,
Well done good and faithful servant
Come unto me and rest."

—By her daughter,
Mrs. W. R. Baker,
Bethel, N. C.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, the heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom, and tender mercy has called to her heavenly home our faithful member and co-worker, Anna S. Shirley, we, the members of Free Union Ladies Aid, submit the following resolutions:

First, That we bow in humble submission and due recognition to His will in calling the spirit of our well-beloved sister home to be forever with him. We feel keenly our loss, yet our loss is her eternal gain. We miss her, but her Christian character will ever be an inspiration to us;

Second, That we extend to her family our sincere sympathy and commend them to the God of love and mercy, who is able to comfort and keep them in a time of trouble; and

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, a copy to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy for the minutes of the Ladies Aid.

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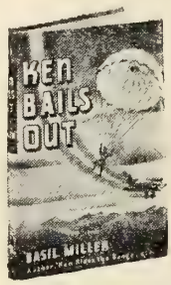


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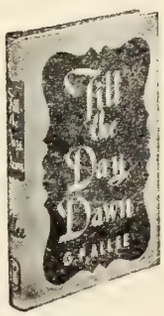
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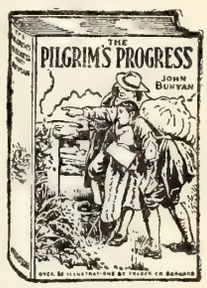


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In everything give thanks,
Ye children of the Lord;
For rain and shine alike
Bring harvest and reward;
Lo, sunshine without rain
Gives harvest without grain.

In everything give thanks,
E'en though the frost may take
The lily in its bud
And cause your heart to ache.
God has a secret plan
And knows the best for man.

In everything give thanks,
In every wind that blows;
Not only when it's calm,
The lofty cedar grows.
The wind drives deep tree's root
That firm may stand its foot.

In everything give thanks,
This is the will of God;
He leads us only there—
There where His feet have trod.
So trust His leading now
And to His wisdom bow.

In everything give thanks,
And sing triumphant praise,
Thou child of His sweet love,
And object of His grace.
Led by His mighty arm,
Lo, naught shall cause you harm.
—From "Echoes of cheer from the Valley."

GATHERING UP THE FRAGMENTS

Mrs. W. C. Kohler

The teachers of a class of Juniors in a small-town Sunday School made an appointment to meet them on a Saturday afternoon at a certain place in the county seat near by. She had a surprise for them and could not be coaxed to tell what it was. Even her own small brother who was in the group could not tease the secret from her.

Of course they were all at the appointed place chattering and trying to guess. The young lady led them to the city fire department and the chief directed them to enter a back room, though they would have liked to linger by the shining fire trucks. What a sight was in that back room! Wagons—toy wagons, with no wheels, dolls with no wigs, scooters that would not scoot, small tables and chairs minus legs and all kinds of dilapidated playthings. "We are trying to help with some gifts for Christmas," explained a busy fireman as he repaired the wheel of a tricycle. "Last year seventy-five children found these toys that we reconditioned and were they happy."

"But you can't do anything with this!" said a boy pointing to a broken-up wagon. "It's exactly like mine only mine looks a little better than this one. Why, say, Mister Fireman, I'll bring you my wagon and you can get some parts for this. It is too small for me anyhow."

"That is what we were hoping somebody would say," said the smiling workers. "You Sunday School boys remember that the Lord Jesus said, 'Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost,' don't you?

If that room was a surprise the next one made them wonder still more for there on the floor were gay wagons, tops brightly painted, dolls with beautiful fluffy clean garments, little chairs that looked like new, mended tables, scooters, automobiles, and things looking exactly like new. The chief explained that some children were more careful with their toys than others and tried to keep them whole for the next users. He turned over a sturdy wagon on which three different boys had crudely marked their initials and said another boy would receive it all freshly painted and repaired for Christmas. One lovely little tea set that needed nothing had been used by five successive girls who had outgrown doll's tea parties.

It was a proktable trip for the Juniors and many of them made good resolutions to be carried out in the future. And the very next Saturday a substantial donation of walnuts and hickory nuts was sent to the fire department in the county seat to be distributed to the poor children who called on Christmas, as a gift from the country boys.

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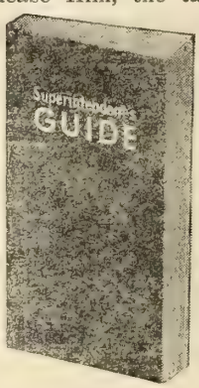
"When I stand before the throne,
Dressed in beauty not my own;
When I see Thee as Thou art,
Love Thee with unsinning heart;
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe."

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"Knock," and you go it alone;
For the cheerful grin will let you in
Where the "kicker" is never known.

Growl, and the way looks dreary;
Laugh, and the path is bright;
For a welcome smile brings sunshine, while
A frown shuts out the light.

Sigh, and you "rake in" nothing;
Work, and the prize is won;
For the nervy man with backbone can
By nothing be outdone.

Hustle! and fortune awaits you;
Shirk! and defeat is sure;
For there's no chance of deliverance
For the chap who can't endure!

Sing, and the world's harmonious;
Grumble, and things go wrong,
And all the time you are out of rhyme
With the busy, hustling throng.

—Anon.

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My! how it stirred our state people to see the pictures by Rev. Kenneth Turner of our Cuban work! I believe that there were many who were converted to the missionary cause. An offering for $116.00 was raised for foreign missions, if I remember correctly. There were twelve associations represented, and one came in, "The Miss.-Ala. State Line."

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Remember, that this home will have to meet state requirements before we can open its doors for the care of orphan children. Don't think the job is done, for it is just begun.

Rev. K. V. Shutes,
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EDITORIAL

THE PROPOSED NEW CONFERENCE

There is some talk that the churches composing the Albemarle Union meeting district, which are a part of the North Carolina Central Conference, are thinking of forming themselves into a New Conference. There is a twofold purpose, it would seem, for the establishment of this New Conference.

In the first place, the New Conference would offer many conveniences for additional growth and expansion to the several churches which would become profitable constituent units of the new organization. That is to say, the complete grouping of these most northeastern churches of the State would find it quite convenient each year to represent, with a larger delegation of local church members, in the annual meetings of the New Conference. Moreover, since the annual conference would rotate from one church to another, within the conference, from year to year, it would develop new interest, new enthusiasm, and a greater desire for achievement and success, it is thought, on the part of each local church within the bounds of the New Conference. As a matter of fact, the coming of the annual conference to a certain or definite church in the conference each year, would cause the church people of that church to become more interested in making local church improvements, as well as becoming more concerned about their spiritual endeavors for the cause of Christ, and the spiritual welfare of their community as a whole. Hence, the establishment of the New Conference for the churches of the Albemarle Union district would, it seems to a great many people, create new interest, bring about greater achievements for the cause of righteousness, and would cause a greater enthusiastic zeal to spring up and go forth to establish new mission points, and new churches within the bounds of the proposed conference.

In the second place, several of the extreme northeastern counties of the State would serve as "virgin territory" for the setting up of mission points for Free Will Baptist work, and soon developing them into established Free Will Baptist churches. In fact, the southeastern counties of the State of Virginia, including the already established work at Little Creek and South Norfolk churches, could be included within the bounds of the New Conference, and the two above named churches of Virginia joining in with those of the Albemarle Union district of North Carolina to help form the initial church units of the New Conference. This northeastern "virgin territory" would serve for many years as a new field, many believe, for expansion of the work of the new Conference. It can be done in this new field during the next decade when the New Conference has been set up, and an **Extension Program** has been launched by the churches, lay-leaders and ministers of this proposed conference. The argument is: It would furnish new and extended interests during the coming years, on the part of the churches forming the New Conference, to go forward and to build new churches, and become eventually a strong conference in the State.

It will suffice here to conclude this editorial message by the writer expressing some views of his own concerning the matter. In the first place, he feels that a New Conference, composed of the different churches now constituting the Albemarle Union district should have, years ago, been grouped into a conference of their own. But it is not too late now, for the opportunity is great. Well grouped and effectively working units of churches, as is true of other organizations, produce through the passing years good results. And since the local churches of the Albemarle Union district have been doing an excellent piece of work for the glory of God, and for the different leading phases of the denominational work, it would naturally follow, we believe, that they would do even more if they were organized into a New Conference of their own. It would be a challenge to them to go forward and establish new mission points and new churches. We see no good reason why they should not all—each church in that group—come together and set up their New Conference, and then establish an **Expansion Program,** and work toward certain desired goals. If this were done, with much success, God's name would be glorified, and the churches as a whole would rejoice to see what the New Conference had accomplished in the passing of ten, twenty, or fifty years. Furthermore, we think the Central Conference, to which the churches of the Albemarle Union district now belong, acted wisely in its last and recent session by granting the said churches the privilege to withdraw and form a new conference of their own, whenever they decide to do so.

Many years ago the present conferences and associations were established in the state for convenience and a better working order. Each of these church organizations has grown and gone forward in the work of Christ. They work in harmony one with the other, and the whole church in the State is moving forward with much success. On the same principle, one should expect that the churches of the Albemarle district, when once organized into a New Conference, would do likewise as the years passed, and the Free Will Baptist Church in the State of North Carolina would be greatly blessed by their achievements.

The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow with it. Prov. 10: 22.

No; 't is in vain to seek for bliss,
For bliss can ne'er be found,
Till we arrive where Jesus is,
And tread on heavenly ground.

I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. Gen. 32: 26.

In Knowledge There Is Power!

By Dr. Ernie M. Davis

Solomon said . . "In all thy getting, get right understanding." Many have asked . . "What IS Metascience?" Metascience is based upon the laws of nature and the scientific fact that everything in existence have a different frequency rate of vibrations, and if it is changed, whatever it is becomes something else. Colors vibrate! If this were not true you could not distinguish one color from another. Tone or sounds produced by musical instruments are caused by different frequency rates of vibrations to produce music, and when you speak, the voice vibrates to produce sound! The moon, stars, sunlight and darkness vibrate at different frequency rates; as do the 26 thousand billions of tiny cells that compose the human body; which vibrate with Negative and Positive Vibrations and when these vibrations become unbalanced or unequal, the blood stream is impure resulting in pain and diseases; but by equalizing the negative or positive vibrations the SICK cells have a chance to recover.

Lay a perfectly sound piece of wood upon the earth, and leave it there! What happens? Transition of the wood to something else takes place! Why? Because the positive vibrations of the earth are of a different frequency rate than those of wood. . it cannot exist. . . so, transition to something else takes place. If you are still in doubt, try this scientific fact: Carry an Irish potato in the right-side trouser pocket, every day, and from six to eight weeks it will turn to a stone-substance. for the simple reason the positive vibrations of the human body are of a different frequency rate of vibrations than those of the potato.

When God "SPAKE" and said "Let There Be Light" his voice VIBRATED and he separated Day from Night. Everything in existence, including various vegetables, fruits, nuts, wheat, etc., have a different frequency rate of vibrations, and we should eat them in their NATURAL state. That's where the word VITAMIN sprang from is "Vibration." Our foods have been devitalized, processed, preserved, pickled, etc., until we get very little VITAMINS from them, because science cannot replace these vitamins as they were placed there by the creative cosmic forces and less of nature; and millions today are facing nutritional starvation and don't realize it. In nature rests the cure, and not man. We must have rest, sunshine, exercise and proper diet, nature does the rest.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof! The cattle upon the thousand hills are his; and also one-tenth of your income! We are required to give the tenth and then afterwards make an offering unto the Lord. . . but there is where the most of us fail! We are a thief! We rob God of the tenth, and then fail to make an offering unto him. I know from experience if you steal from God, it will never do you any good.

Some of you readers may remember that I was the victim of two paralytic strokes less than two years apart, in 1933 and 1935; but today I am in perfect health, have perfect use of my limbs and thinking faculties, and now one of my favorite passages of scripture is Psalm 41, verses 1, 2 and 3. Read it! God has kept those promises to me.

No one can expect to go through this life on flowery beds of ease without trials and tribulations, but they can be made lighter if you seek first the kingdom of God. The most beautiful Rose also has thorns. Be still, hear the still small voice, then heed it! Place your trust in God, the giver of all good gifts! Stop gossiping about your neighbors; look at yourself! Where do you stand? Are you weighed in the balances and found wanting? Have you offered that neighbor a helping hand? Are you honest with yourself and God! Be still! Think! Concentrate on the higher, nobler things FASTING from destructive negative thoughts of fear, hate, lust, envy, strife and always look for the good in anyone and you can find some good in anyone.

I loved whiskey as good as any old sow loved slops; and for this cause I refrained from taking wine in communion service for some years; but a brother deacon insisted I take the wine also on one occasion. The desire and thirst for alcohol was a consuming fire, and I satisfied that thirst. The result I fell from grace; but I did not stay down. How may you overcome? It may require a terrible shock as was my case. How many of us have lied, over and over again, to the promises and vows we made to the Holy Spirit? It may have been made when your child, your wife were ill unto death, or it may have been when you had drunken tremends, thought you were going to die, and promised God if he pulled you through, you would serve him in the future, but instead you pulled another drunk on Saturday night. When I was a drinking man, I knew a bootlegger who told me if the church members, "the so-called Christians," would stop buying drinks from him, he would go out of business within a week!

While I was in Texas, 1916, I was attending a revival meeting in a tent meeting, and they had just finished a testimony meeting; where several had just stated that they were ready to meet their God, and go to Heaven. A man dressed in cowboy garb with a 45 revolver strapped to each hip, staggered up to the platform where the preacher was, turned around facing the congregation, pulled both guns and said, "If any one desires to go to Heaven, I'll be glad to accommodate you." Naturally every one kept their seats; then the cowboy turned to the preacher and said "Deacon, it shore looks to me like those people lied," then he walked out without a backward glance. The point is this! Are we sincere in our Christianity? Have we been born again? Have we been regenerated, filled with the holy spirit? Are we at peace with God? Do we have the assurance that

we are a child of His? Think it over! Stop going the wrong way, turn around, retrace your steps and find God, just where you left him! Be good, goodbye NEIGHBOR, God bless you. God willing I will talk to you again soon, through your EYES.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin,
Field Secretary North Carolina State Association

Take Notice Clerks

We are requesting every Clerk, or Secretary, of each Conference or District Association in North Carolina to send us a minute of your last annual meeting. This is very important. As your Field Secretary, I cannot perform my duties without having the address of every minister and church clerk in the state.

New Placards

At the recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Association I was ordered to have a new supply of the Five-Point Program placards printed and distributed, so that every church would have a new placard. This is necessary in order for our State Association to carry out the program as scheduled.

Invitations In Order

If you would like to entertain the State Association of North Carolina next September get your invitation in as early as possible so that the Committee can make the arrangements and fix the program.

Also, the National Association is scheduled to convene its 1945 session in North Carolina, so if you want to be the host church write us right away. This is an honor that comes seldom. It may be many years before a church in North Carolina will have another opportunity to fellowship the leading people of other states.

Did You Give Thanks?

Thanksgiving Day, as set by the President, is passed and gone for 1944. What did you do on that day? Did you THANK GOD for the blessings of the YEAR. Did you THANK GOD for the privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of your conscience? Did you THANK GOD FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA? Did you THANK GOD FOR THE LORD JESUS. Well, we have so many blessings to THANK GOD for. Well did the Poet write that grand old hymn, "Count Your Many Blessings." If we would stop long enough to do some sane thinking, we would feel like PRAISING GOD for "All His benefits."

Some folks do every sinful thing that they can think of on such days as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. Get drunk and raise the devil is the desire of many. They are so insane that they never stop to think that they could not even breathe without the power of God. Sinner, did you ever THANK GOD for the pure air that you breathe?

Christmas Just Ahead

If the Lord Jesus does not come for His Bride (the Church) in just a few days now, Christmas will be here. A day that we Christians celebrate as the "Birth Day of the Lord Jesus Christ." Perhaps there is no other day so abused, and one that the observance of so far away from the purpose which should be paramount in the minds of all who claim to be Christian. I am often reminded of the Jew who said to a professed Christian, "Do you believe that your Christ was born on that day that you call Christmas." The old hypocrit said "Yes Sir." Then the Jew said, "If I were a Christian I would celebrate the day differently from what you do." And he would. The man who claims to believe in Jesus, then deliberately gets drunk and cuts up on Christmas is too dirty to be called a CHRISTIAN. I said, a man, but since some women are making men look small, now since it has gotten fashionable to go to the damnable ABC stores and beer joints, and other places where drink is sold, I can say, women too. And may I add, just a little, the most disgusting, disgracing, sloppying sight that I have ever seen is a bedraggled, blear-eyed woman who has about three or four bottles of beer under her dress and a cigarette between her fingers.

Scratching for Chaff

Campbell Morgan, one of our greatest "Fundamental" Believers in Christ, said, "A hen scratches two bushels of chaff to get a grain; critics scratch two bushels of grain to get to the chaff."

Recently I have witnessed the truth of Dr. Morgan's assertion, while in contact with certain critics. When I say critics, I mean those fellows who pick out what they call "inconsistencies of the Bible" and further, base their assertions, on their own puny guesses and "science falsely so-called." These "know-alls" deny the simple WORD OF GOD because they say, "It is impossible to accept of the whole Bible because it is confusing." One new self-styled critic, recently said, "The Bible is a bundle of lies." Of course he said that because of his ignorance, and his un-belief. Paul says of such, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but have pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thess. 2: 11, 12). And again, he says, "But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost. In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them" (2 Cor. 4: 3, 4).

Only the unbeliever who does not like the condemnation of God's heart-searching truths will "scratch" to find "chaff" in order to carry his argument, in which he seeks to belittle and destroy the GOSPEL OF CHRIST. But this one thing is certain, the fellow who "scratches to find inconsistencies" will some day "scratch" to find relief from the ETERNAL announcement of the Lord Jesus when He says, "Depart from me, ye cursed."

He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. Job 5: 19.

THE CHICKENS WILL COME HOME TO ROOST!

By Elder Colonel Pendleton
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Nashville 10, Tennessee

My beloved friends: Let us realize that one of God's "fixed laws," like the "law of the Medes and Persians," which altereth not." Is that, ". . Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Gal. 6: 7). We hear the Holy Ghost speaking through the apostle Paul, and saying, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." Now, let us learn a lesson from nature. Each year in the Autumn, we see the farmer sow his wheat, and it springs up and grows the remaining days of the fall and on through the winter, taking root in the meantime. By spring it has grown up, covering the ground, and developing into wheat heads with many grains of wheat. About the latter part of June it is fully ripe. Then comes the harvest. Now, let us call to mind that all this was the fruit of toil, raising wheat to make bread to feed the hungry. Yes, beloved the farmer sowed wheat, and later he reaped a crop of wheat. That was harvest time. Wheat harvest. Please remember dear ones, that there is more than one kind of harvest. We all know that there are crops which must be reaped in the hot summer time, and there are other crops that we gather in the bitterest cold of winter. Just now the people of this old wicked world are reaping the harvest of the seeds which they have been sowing for a long, long time. This is not a harvest of wheat. It is a harvest of tares that is being reaped now. Yes, many nations in the world, have been for many years "sowing to the flesh." Yes, many people have been card-playing, dancing, frolicking, theater-going, beer-drinking, Christ-rejecting sinners, back-sliders, and "luke warm" proffers. They have been sowing to the flesh which is wickedness, and now they are reaping of the flesh corruption.

Yes, they have been sowing to the flesh, and they are now reaping death, sorrow, suffering and destruction. Man was made in the image of God, yes, made to honour, glorify and obey God, and enjoy all the good things in this life, and in the life to come. But he has been sowing an enormous crop to the flesh. Now, they are reaping an abundant harvest of that which they have sown. We read in Gal. 6, that the Holy Spirit said, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Many people in this age of the world have been; and are still sowing evil seeds. They are now reaping a harvest—a harvest of that which they have sown. According to God's eternal law "like begets like," and is it any trouble to see why the people of this old sinful world are reaping such a harvest of suffering that they are now? Men have been sowing to the flesh, and have lusted after the things of the Devil. They have oppressed the poor, and have persecuted God's true children. Men have loved the things of the world more than they have loved the things of God. Parents have taken their children to the picture-show where they would learn the things done by the most damnable characters the world has ever known. These same parents will send those sweet little children to Sunday school where they are taught the way of eternal life. Thus putting the things of pleasure above the things of eternal life.

This most shameful war is now wasting the lives of our precious young men. And I truly believe that this war, although it is so bad, is only a partial reaping of the harvest from the evil seeds that the nations have been and are now sowing. We see that by this sowing of bad seeds not only is there death, sorrow, suffering, and destruction in our fair land today, but there are billions of dollars which are badly needed to help us to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to feed the poor and needy. Think how the Lord's workers need the vast amounts of money that is being wasted, to help them in obeying our Lord's last command to, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Not only is all this suffering, sorrow, destruction, and the waste of all this money put upon the people of the world today, but also the legitimate liberties of our domestic life are being restricted and turned upside down, with almost all lines of industry disordered. But far worse than all these things, are the thousands upon thousands of young men who are being destroyed, and a great number of them know not our blessed Lord in the pardon of their sins. Yes many of those dear boys, for whom Jesus died to give them a chance to be saved, I fear are filling Christless graves,

In these terrible days of terror, strife, bloodshed, death and sowing to the flesh and the devil, all moral reforms have failed to bring lasting peace, and good will to all humanity. We all should ask, "What is the greatest thing for all mankind today?" We all will agree that it should be a message which will lift all the peoples of the world out of the chaotic and ruined condition into which they have fallen to a nobler plain of living. There should be a turning to the sowing to the Spirit which will bring life everlasting. Yes, that message is the good news of Christ and His coming kingdom. First we need the message of Christ and the cross. Then the message of the everlasting, peaceable kingdom to come that will be righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. How sweet to our troubled hearts in this time of sorrow, suffering, death and disappointment it would be to just shut our eyes to all the perishing things of the world, and turn to our loving Saviour and hear Him saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest

unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Then also let us hear him saying, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also."

As to sowing and reaping let us listen to Paul saying, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." We also find the same great truth expressed by Jesus in Luke 6: 37-38, where we read, "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemend: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven; Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that you mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Let us remember that as a rule a person's deeds, either good or evil, always return to bless or curse him. The story is told of a certain farmer who sold butter to a village store-keeper and took sugar in exchange. Once he complained that he was getting short weight. "Look here," said he to the merchant, "It seems to me you are giving me short weight sugar." "No," replied the store-keeper, "That cannot be, for in measuring out that sugar of yours I always use a pound of your butter as a weight."

Now my dear friends, I will close this little message by quoting from the writing of Talmage, which reads, "Good and evil come back . . . God made the universe on the plan of the circle. Isa. 40: 22. We ourselves start the circle of good or bad actions, and it will surely come around again to us unless by divine intervention it be hindered. Those bad or good actions may make the circuit of many years; but come back to us they will as certainly as that God sits on the circle of the earth. . . What a stupendous thought that the good and the evil we start come back to us! Do you know that the judgment-day will be only the point at which the circle joins, the good and the bad we have done coming back to us, unless divine intervention hinders, . . . coming back to us, welcome of delight or curse of condemnation."

I pray that our heavenly Father will bless all the publishers of this paper, and every reader with long, happy, and useful lives in this world, and an eternal home in heaven in the age to come. Please pray for me, and for the work I am doing. I beg to be your humble brother in Jesus.

NEWS FROM LEEDS, ALABAMA

We desire to give a brief summary of the activities of our church. The Lord is blessing us in a material way. We are adding two Sunday School rooms in the basement, and are also finishing the two which we now have, thus giving us four fine rooms for better Sunday School work.

Our Sunday School and church attendance has increased, in fact, it has practically doubled during the past six months. The financial support has also increased, as the most of our members are tithers. We have met our current expenses, have overpaid our 1945 pledge to the Alabama Orphanage, and have a cash balance in our church treasury. We are giving God the praise for this, for it has been through His wonderful goodness that we have been able to accomplish things for His glory. He has given us our health and strength, and we rejoice in giving a part of the good things back to Him.

The Junior and Senior leagues constitute an important part of the church work, as it is through this channel that much is being done, as well as through our Sunday School. The young people are taught the word of God, and to love His cause.

The Ladies Auxiliary has been meeting each Tuesday and the members do quilting for the Orphanage at Eldridge, Alabama. We also plan to make linens and other needed supplies for our room in the Home. Sister Lizzie McAdams was with us last week for one night for a service at the church, and she spent the day, meeting with us in our Auxiliary. Her presence and messages were a great spiritual blessing to us. She thoroughly explained the 50,000 Co-Labor Band to us, and a large number of our members joined the Band.

We want to express appreciations to our pastor, Rev. Jessie Drummonds for his splendid helpfulness, for we do believe that he lives very close to the Lord. We are enjoying the splendid gospel messages which he brings to us in his sermons. Oftimes it seems that Christ is an unseen guest in each of our services. Our souls are filled with His wonderful love.

We have also two good prayer services each week, one at the church on Wednesday evenings, and a cottage service Friday evenings. We are asking the Christian people to pray for our church and its members.

Mrs. Thelma Davis,
Belview Church,
Leeds, Alabama

NOTICE OF APOLOGY

I wish to extend to the people of the State Line Association, who elected me to represent the Baptist paper in this territory, an apology for my failure to report at the last session of the association.

I have had serious illness in my home for the past several weeks, and have thereby been forced to neglect some of my work, but I wish to assure everyone that I will endeavor to do the best I can for the churches and the paper.

I would appreciate an item of church news which would be of interest to print. I should like to receive also sermons, or articles on any phase of the church program, and will promise that, as soon as the conditions in my home will permit, I shall be glad to attend and make a report on any special service at any church in this section within the State Line, or any of the sister associations. In the meantime, will you please mail to me all matters that you would like to have printed.

Anyone may communicate with me at 1107 E. Collins Street, Dothan, Alabama.

Yours for Christian service,

D. W. Poole

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GREETINGS FROM CUBA

Just a few days past we suffered one of the most severe hurricanes in the history of Cuba, resulting in unestimable damage. Fortunately, our property and people were not in the votax, as was Havana.

The storm has been the means of a real testimony to the people of the surrounding villages. Our houses at the school, in the first place, were built on the same order as the Cuban tobacco barns, good targets for the hurricane. While practically all the tobacco barns are leveled to the ground, our houses stood. This caused our people to marvel. They came the next day expecting our teachers and students to be in the open, but they left saying, "Surely God is with this people."

Out of our two hundred beautiful royal palms, only ten were down. These can be used as planks for bridges and fences.

Everywhere the orange crop was completely whipped from the trees by a hundred mile gale. In the favor of God, over half of our crop is still on the trees and those are sold to one of our American Camps in Cuba, at a reasonable price.

All about us we see devastation, which should be a lesson on the uncertainty of life. Some classes of people have enjoyed a wave of prosperity and gain. The tobacco farmer has received large prices for his tobacco, but the gains of the last year must be invested in new tobacco barns and they are costly.

Our responsibilities are almost unbearably heavy with the problems that naturally arise in dealing with an undisciplined, unevangelized people, who know not how to do the most common tasks because they never have had anything with which to do. The call is for great patience. We need your prayers that we might be equal to the task.

We must labor in the farm and school under great handicaps. Living facilities are very difficult. Water must be drug from the well in barrels by teams of bulls. Lights are the poorest type to study by, but all this is borne cheerfully by a very fine group of students.

We are encouraged by the unusual response that is coming from our people. To know that one rural church in Illinois gave $650 to missions is an inspiration to us on the field. I hope some day to visit and know these people of the Rescue Church.

Due to the difficulty of transportation and the slowness in getting harness and wagons we have been forced to make them ourselves. One, to be a missionary, must be very practical, ready not only, to expound a text but to build a house or a wagon, and make the harness to pull it.

We are grateful to God for a goodly measure of health and with the coming of our Cuban winter an increasing challenge presents itself to us to reach out to these, who by impassible travel conditions have been closed in from the outside. Pray with us for faithful consecrated Cuban missionaries. Also, pray for the fine student group we have with us this year.

We wish you could listen in on their joyful testimonies and hear them sing. Altogether God has favored us in a marvelous manner, for which we give Him praise.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H. Willey

NEW MINISTER WANTS WORK

Dear Sir:

I wish to take this means to recommend to our denomination a brother preacher of mine. This brother has fifteen years of pastoral experience. He comes to us from the Missionary Baptist church. I have inquired about his worp as a preacher and as to his moral uprightness and have been told that he is a man that lives his religion and profession. I can freely recommend him to any church looking for a pastor. I have heard him preach and I know that he is a good speaker. He has taken the leading part in organizing Sunday Schools where I have begun new work and is carrying it along well. He is open for part time work or for a full time pastorate. If your church is looking for a pastor, you cannot go wrong in choosing him as your servant. The Brother of whom I am speaking is Rev. Walter E. Bond of Willow Springs, N. C. I should appreciate it if any one should give him consideration.

Very cordially yours,
Herman Wooten

SMOKESTACK

It was Billy Bray, the Cornish miner, who said: "If God wanted people to smoke He would have made a chimney in the back of their heads. No architect would make a chimney in the front door." Men and women who make smokestacks out of themselves are among the most selfish creatures in the world. And women seem to excel these days. Railways still cary an extra car where these filthy smokers are—rather should be—but the women are bold and brazen in puffing everywhere. Two men and eighteen women were in a railway car. The eighteen women all smoked. One of the men, a minister of repute today, said to the porter: "Where can a man go to get away from these smokers?" The porter whispered, "Go up with the engineer, mister, there ain't no women up there." A woman will often go farther in her love for God, and likewise in her plunge in sin.

In the **Reader's Digest** for August appears an article in which the author lays down the simple fact that anyone can quit smoking. He says: "You can quit smoking—**if you really want to.**" That is a great plea from a standpoint of psychology. The article summarizes the good points almost **ad infinitum,** of not smoking in the selfsame way that the forces of temperance so long sought to educate the public away from drink. Yet witness the present consumption of liquor as proof of our utter failure in that direction through education. Men already know much more—have always known much more—than they have ever obeyed.

The substance of this writer's remedy is, to use his own words, "a kind of self-hypnosis." You can quit smoking—"if you really want to." But it is there, just there, always there, that the world's remedies break down. They supply no motive power. The young man who said to the old colored preacher, "I can quit smoking any time I want to," received this good reply: "But, young man, you can't want to." There, just there, the gospel comes in to supply the power "to will" and "to do," yea, "to want" to leave off, not only smoking, but all forms of sin, to be through with sin of all kinds.

But the world does not want to leave its sin. The worldling may easily quit a habit if he may but retain his sin. Suppose a young man of strong character can quit smoking or drinking—and no one will deny the possibility of such a victory, albeit almost as scarce as hens' teeth —he will be fortified the more in his pride and self-glory. Listen to this advocate of self-hypnosis as he expresses his supreme self-satisfaction: "The mental lift and the moral glow from conquering slaving habit add up to the most exhilarating satisfaction in the world." Such a Pharisee would be as difficult to convert to Christ as a Moslem in his moral uplift above the raw heathen. What a contrast this presents to the disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ who humbly bows before Another and finds in Him that "moral lift" which utterly forbids that any "flesh should glory in his presence."

That such an article should be printed and reprinted when all the readers know that those who quit smoking and drinking under such persuasions are next to nil, is a perfect indictment of the world's pride and bias against God. The **Reader's Digest** could secure testimonies from thousands of the most reliable Christians on the continent to the power of the gospel to cure these and all forms of sin, but such facts would not be of interest to a proud world

"That passes a Saviour's sorrows by,
And hunts their ruin with a zeal to die."

When Mr. Moody was in Glasgow in the seventy's, he was conducting a "question meeting" one day, about 5000 being present. One question was: "Are there any verses in the Bible against the use of tobacco?" Mr. Moody pondered for a moment, and then said: "No, but I can give you one in favour of it." The audience was breathless, and he continued: "**He that is filthy, let him be filthy still**" (Rev. 22: 11).

Selected by Rev. H. E. Willis,
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PREACHERS, LISTEN

(Published by special request of the writer.—Ed.)

Have the most of you, "supposed to be," preachers gone to sleep? Or are you **not** interested in the salvation of souls enough to study your **Bibles** in order to be able to enlighten your church members with God's Word—**The Bible?**

Some of you stand in the pulpit of God's house and recite from **memory,** word for word, puny, uninteresting messages or speeches you have the nerve to call **sermons,** and never use even one verse of God's word—**The Bible.** Then you wonder **why church** members lose interest in the church work, etc.

How many of you ever tell people of **HELL?** of **Adultery?** or of strong drink? And then prove **it all** by passages in the Bible?

Why don't you preach to or teach the people—young and old—the Ten Commandments? Don't you know that plenty of the members of your churches **never** read the Bible? And those who do read it **some** don't read it **much?**

Are you afraid to preach about the above mentioned truths for fear you will step on somebody's toes, and that you will be kicked out and not get that salary?

At the Conference, one preacher mentioned in his sermon about some of you so-called preachers standing in the pulpit and talking of science, history, agriculture and all kinds of worldly things, instead of things pertaining to **Christ,** to **Hell, Heaven,** etc.

I agree with him. People do go to church hoping to get some inspiration from the preacher's message to help them carry on in the future to be able to bear their trials and tribulations, and to help them to serve God better each day.

A few of you preach or teach God's Word, and I pray that those of you who have not been doing so, will wake up, study your Bible. I hope you will have the nerve to teach or preach it.

Preachers, remember! You will have to give an account to God for all that you do or do not do.

Your friend in Christ,
Mrs. J. L. Stanley,
Greenville, North Carolina

ANNOUNCEMENT

The time for the meeting of the Florida State Association has been changed from the first Friday in January, 1945, to Wednesday, December 20, of this year, 1944. The Reverend R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Association, has said that he will be able to be present for this association at that time.

Each Free Will Baptist church in Florida, and those in the surrounding territory are urged to send representatives for this meeting.

Please remember the Time, December 20, 1944.

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Ernest Owen,
Chipley, Florida.

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HANSLEY'S CHAPEL AUXILIARY REPORT

Our auxiliary held its regular monthly meeting at the church on November 20, 1944. The meeting was opened by the members present singing a hymn, "Blest Be the Tie." Following this prayer was offered by Mrs. T. R. Register. The minutes were read and approved, and the roll was called.

The treasurer made her report. Then the circles' reports were given. the different members of the auxiliary had raised $12.00 to be sent to the Orphanage as a Thanksgiving offering.

At the next meeting the members are to exchange presents. A motion was made and carried to send C. T. Kittrell, a boy whom the auxiliary adopted at the Orphanage, $5.00 for his Christmas present.

The members sang a hymn next entitled, "Praise God," and Mrs. C. E. Ladd read the scripture lesson from Psalm 100. The members expressed their thanks to God for their blessings for the past year, and the meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. C. E. Ladd.

Aid Activities

Given to the needy	$11.00
Cards sent to the sick	17
Bible chapters read	392
Visits made to the sick	49
Trays	8
Flowers	10
Soul-winning efforts	7

Mrs. G. J. Mitchell, Secretary

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SIDNEY AUXILIARY REPORT

The auxiliary of our church held its regular monthly meeting on November 16. It was opened with all of the members present singing a hymn, which was followed by everyone repeating in unison the Lord's Prayer.

The president made a short talk on the subject of prayer. Following this several members offered prayers to the heavenly Father for the blessings of life. Then the roll was called and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. There were eleven members and one visitor present.

Aid Activities

Dues collected	$3.85
Free Will offering taken	$3.00
Bible chapters read	231
Sick visits made	9
Trays taken to the sick	2
Cards sent	5
Daily Bible readers	3

An offering was taken to purchase Christmas cards, and to send them to our local boys in the Armed services of this country. It was moved and carried to send ten dollars to the Orphanage for a Thanksgiving present. After taking one dollar from the treasury for the light bill, there was a balance of $20.44.

It was agreed to meet at the home of our president the next meeting time, and that everyone is to carry "Pollyanna presents." The meeting then closed with song and prayer.

Mrs. Jordan Clayton, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT

Any one having friends or relatives in or near Rome, or Shannon, Georgia, please send me their name, address, and any additional information.

Thanks,

E. W. Mitchell,
Shannon, Georgia.

MINUTES WANTED AT ONCE

Since the National Association of Free Will Baptists have elected me as their Statistician, I find that it is a tremendous task. Only by the help and cooperation of others can the task be accomplished. So I am looking forward to every loyal Free Will Baptist to send a copy of the minutes of their association to me.

We find in Hitchcock's complete analysis of the Holy Bible a Dictionary of Religious Denominations, which was printed in 1869, almost 80 years ago. It records 1,180 preachers, 1264 churches, and 56,258 members in the Free Will Baptist Church as being organized in 1780. But say, this record does not satisfy my mind, neither will it satisfy yours.

We want a new, complete, 1944 model, "Stream-lined, air-conditioned," statistical report of our Denomination. We want this report read at our next National Association, and to be printed in our church papers. Do you want this report bad enough to spend a little time this very day to get a minute, and other statistical information and mail to your statistician?

If you would like to know the number of Free Will Baptist Churches, preachers and members, send a copy of your minutes.

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If you would like to know just what our church, as one large family scattered over the various states, is doing, send a copy of your minutes.

If our associations over the various states would have all their minutes printed by our press either at Ayden, N. C., or at Monett, Mo., it would be easy to get a statistical report. As we could write to the press and get all the information needed.

If you happen to be a moderator, clerk or officer in any of the state, district, or local association, or conference in any of the states, it will be highly appreciated if you will send a copy of your minutes or other information to your statistician.

If you are just a Christian worker in your local church or association, you might take time to look up a minute of your association and send it to your statistician. Either 1943 or 1944 minutes will be all right.

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But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. Jas. 1: 6.

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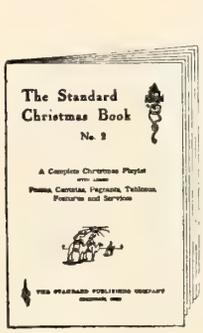
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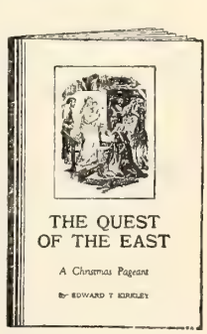
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CHRIST IN THE HOME

(Lesson for December 10)

Lesson: Mat. 19: 4-6; Lu. 10: 38-42; II Tim. 1: 3-6.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"These things I command you, that ye love one another" (John 15: 17).

Here, then, is the clue to the meaning of the strange words, "I command you to love." The key comes from the later revelation of the Roman Epistle, where we read in chap. 5: 5, "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." These words can be understood in different connotations, and the meaning of the sentence can be varied. For instance, the casual reader gets the surface meaning only, that the love we have for God is planted in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. This is quite true: but this is also not the real sense of the text. The Word does not say "the love for God," but "the love of God." In other words, if the Holy Spirit has His way, and establishes control of our lives, our hearts possess and reflect God's love, and we exercise this toward men. But again, the Spirit of God is only sovereign in such lives as are in surrendered obedience to the will of God, which obedience is marked by the faithful keeping of all God's commandments to His own.

"I have read within the poet's book
The word which starred the page:
'Stone walls do not a prison make,
Nor iron bars a cage.'
Yes, that is true and something more,
You'll find where'er you roam,
That guilded walls and marble floors
Can never make a home.
But every home where love abounds
And friendship is a guest,
Is surely home, and home, sweet home,
For there the heart can rest."

—Selected

II. Sentence Sermons

1. Wrong views of marriage are often traceable to ignorance of God's Word on the subject.

2. No association or relation on earth is so intimate as the relation between husband and wife.

3. No man or law has any authority to destroy the union existing between a husband and his wife.

4. That home is blessed in which the Lord Jesus Christ always is sure of a welcome.

5. The joys of home are imperfect and incomplete unless there is fellowship with Christ in it.

6. It is much better to commune with Christ than to be cumbered with service for Him.

7. Those who never take time to sit at Jesus' feet are sure to be troubled about many things.

8. The one thing needful cannot be taken away from us, if we really have it.

9. It is a great blessing to have Christian parents and grandparents.

10. Unfeigned faith must be personal in order to be effective.

—Selected

11. The comments in our **Advanced** and **Senior** quarterlies are unusually good and you cannot afford to miss them. One way we can show our appreciation for these valuable helps is to patronize our own publishing houses whenever possible.

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Are All the Children In,

"I think oftentimes as the night draws nigh
Of an old house on the hill,
Of a yard all wide and blossom-starred
Where the children played at will.
And when the night at last came down,
Hushing the merry din,
Mother would look around and ask,
'Are all the children in.'

" 'Tis many and many a year since then,
And the old house on the hill
No longer echoes to childish feet,
And the yard is still, so still,
But I see it all, as the sahdows creep,
And though many the years have been
Since then, I can hear my mother ask,
'Are all the children in.'

"I wonder if when the shadows fall
On the last short, earthly day,
When we say goodby to the world outside,
All tired with our childish play,
When we step out into that Other Land
Where Mother so long has been,
Will we hear her ask, just as of old,
'Are all the children in.' "

Christian Mottoes in the Home

You can do much to improve the "atmosphere" of your home by placing Christian mottoes where visitors can see them, as well as all the home folk. They remind us of the unseen One, Jesus, who is with His children wherever they may be. Said Dr. Campbell Morgan, "My father came into our house soon after I was married. We showed him every room, and then in his rough way he said to me ,'Yes, it is very nice; but nobody will know, walking through here, whether you belong to God or to the devil.' I went through and looked at the rooms again, and I said, 'He is quite right.' So we made up our minds straightway that there should be no room in our house, henceforth, that had not some message, by picture or wall text, to tell that we served Jesus."

"Abide with Us"

"The cares and worries of the day,
And all the joys we've known,
The many problems that we face
And cannot solve alone;

"We'd share them all with Thee dear Lord,

For Thou dost understand;
And sitting at Thy feet we'll learn
What Thou in love hast planned.

"And so we pray, Abide with us,
To counsel and to bless,
And by Thy grace, Lord, may our home
And lives bear Thy impress!"

—Selected

REPORT OF ROCK DALE ASSOCIATION

The sixteenth annual session of the Rock Dale original Free Will Baptist Association convened with Cross Branch Church on Saturday, October 14, 1944. The session opened with singing and prayer. The one appointed for the introductory sermon was Rev. J. W. Brown, whose scripture text was taken from Second Kings 2: 9. After the message the moderator, Rev. H. C. Clark took charge, and the following committees were appointed: Devotional, E. D. Campbell, Henry Brown and John Bean; Sunay School, Frank Hunt, Mrs. Mary Campbell and Ethel Hatcher; Finance, Rev. R. L. Clark, Noah D. Brown and Henry Purvis. It was then moved and carried to call off the business for the lunch hour.

The afternoon session opened with singing and prayer, and the scripture lesson was taken from Psalm 15 by Rev. H. S. Clark, the moderator. A motion was carried to grant Brother L. A. Crisco an honoramble seat with the others in the conference. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The reports of the ministers were heard, and the following were accepted as good: Reverends H. S. Clark, R. L. Clark, J. B. Brown, Henry Purvis and J. H. Purvis. Rev. Noah D. Brown, a licensed minister, was accepted as in good standing.

The reports of the churches were then given, and the following made reports: Rock Dale Chapel reported with a contribution of $5, and the church valuation is $900. Paid the pastor this year $100, and Rev. H. S. Clark is pastor for this year, and Mrs. Elizabeth Frith is clerk. Mount Beulah Church was represented with delegates, and a contribution of $5.75. The value of the church is $1,000. We paid our pastor this year $104.36, and we paid the local ministers $122.86. Rev. H. S. Clark is pastor and Mrs. Ethel Hatcher is clerk. Bethlehem Church was reported by the delegates with a contribution of $1.50. The value of the church is $600, and we paid our pastor this year $100. Rev. H. S. Clark is pastor and Mrs. Esther Pelson is clerk. Cross Branch Church represented by delegates and with a contribution of $3.00. The value of the church is $900, and Henry Purvis is pastor, and Bro. Henry Brown is clerk.

At this time a motion was passed to ask the Devotional Committee to retire and to make their report. Rev J. H. Purvis was selected to preach on Sunday at the eleven o'clock hour, and Rev. H. S. Clark to preach the introductory sermon at the next annual session on Saturday, October 20, 1945, at Bethlehem Church. The Sunday School committee reported that they had found that some of the churches have good Sunday Schools and some of them have none. A motion was then carried to have the Finance Committee make their report.

The Financial Report

On Hand	$23.65
Paid in at this annual session	15.25
Total	$38.90

Disbursements

Paid to Alex Brown, clerk	$ 3.00
Paid to Rev. R. L. Clark, Editor	2.00
Paid to Rev. H. S. Clark, Moderator	5.00
Total Paid Out	$10.00
Balance in the treasury	$28.90

A motion was made and carried that we turn our heartfelt thanks to the Brethren and Sisters of the church and community for their kind hospitality shown toward us during the sitting of this association. A motion was then made and carried to adjourn this session of the association, by all singing a hymn and having Rev. Henry Purvis to close with the benediction.

Rev. H. S. Clark, Moderator,
Alex Brown, Clerk

SECOND WESTERN UNION REPORT

The Second Union meeting of the Western North Carolina Association met with Oak Grove Church in Wilson County on October 28, 1944. After the usual devotional exercises, the moderator appointed the following committees: Devotional, Sunday School, Temperance and Apportionment. The visitors were then given a welcome to have seats with the others of the union. Rev. Charlie Hamilton, of the Central Conference, was the only visiting minister present.

The list of ministers was called and the following were present: J. B. Ferrell, J. Frank Parrish, D. Bissette, J. C. Varnell, L. H. Boykin. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. After an intermission of fifteen minutes the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. L. H. Boykin. Following the sermon a nice dinner was served on the church grounds.

The afternoon session was opened with singing and prayer, then the business of the union was taken up. The contributions received from the churches were $26.50. Rev. J. B. Ferrell made the Orphanage report in the absence of Mrs. N. E. Strickland. Then the Temperance and the Apportionment committees made their reports. At this time the petitions for the next union were received and it was voted that the union is to meet with Mount Zion Church in Nash County near Momeyer.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown this union. The union closed then with praise and prayer.

Z. C. Bissette, Moderator,

Rev. J. Frank Parrish, Clerk

ALBEMARLE UNION REPORT

Our union meeting met with Corinth Church on October 28, 1944. Rev. R. P. Harris conducted the devotions, and the moderator made a few timely remarks for the good of the union. The business was entered into with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, and the calling of the list of ministers. The following were present: R. P. Harris, W. A. Hales, T. F. Davenport, and those who were absent were L. E. Ambrose and M. A. Woolard.

The list of churches was called and seventeen were represented and responded with a donation of $47.50 for missions, and $33.75 for the union. The business was called off for the preaching service. Rev. J. C. Griffin brought the message of the hour. Following the message the union was recessed for the lunch hour until 1:15 P. M.

The afternoon session was opened with the devotions being led by Rev. T. F. Davenport. The business was then resumed with the calling of the list of churches that did not represent in the forenoon. Rev. R. P. Harris made a report on the work that had been done about organizing the churches of the union into a conference. It was moved and seconded that we ask the Central Conference to grant us the privilege to organize into a conference. It was moved and seconded that we appoint a committee to attend the Central Conference, and for the committee to report to the next union meeting.

The next item of business was the report of the mission treasurer, and also the union treasurer. They were accepted. It was moved and seconded that we take from the mission treasury $45.00, and to take a special offering to add to this amount, and to give it to the South Norfolk Church. The amount received in the special offering was $23.77, making a total of $68.77 for the South Norfolk Church. It was moved and carried that we take from the union treasury $25.00, and send it to the Superannuation Fund.

The petitions for the next union meeting were taken up, and it was voted for the next union to go to Free Union Church, Beaufort County. A motion for adjournment was offered and carried, and the union closed with song and a word of prayer.

Rev. W. A. Hales, Moderator,
J. A. Harris, Clerk

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. Rev. 21: 4, 5.

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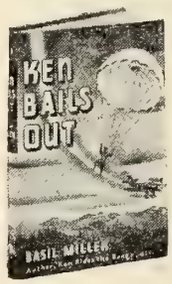
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Which should one daily prefer politeness and kindness, or wealth and cruelty, I like to see people polite and kind to the young and the old, the rich and the poor. If politeness, honesty and kindness could exist in all transactions, think what a better world this would be for us to live in!

Miss Ida E. Valentine,

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Let us gather up the sunbeams,
Lying all around our path;
Let us keep the wheat and roses,
Casting out the thorns and chaff;
Let us find our sweetest comfort
In the blessings of today,
With a patient hand removing
All the briers from the way.

Strange we never prize the music
Till the sweet-voiced bird is flown!
Strange that we should slight the violets
Till the lovely flowers are gone!
Strange that summer skies and sunshine
Never seem one-half so fair,
As when winter's snowy pinions
Shake the white down in the air.

If we knew the baby fingers,
Pressed against the window pane,
Would be cold and stiff tomorrow—
Never trouble us again—
Would the bright eyes of our darling
Catch the frown upon our brow?
Would the prints of rosy fingers
Vex us then as they do now?

Ah! those little ice-cold fingers,
How they point our memories back
To the hasty words and actions
Strewn along our backward track!
How those little hands remind us,
As in snowy grace they lie,
Not to scatter thorns, but roses,
For our reaping by and by.

—Mrs. Albert Smith

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. Jas. 1: 5.

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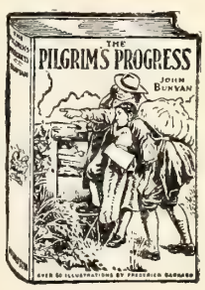


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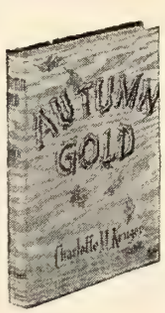


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Boys and Girls Corner

A LITTLE MAID HELPING HER MASTER

Once there was a little maid who lived in the home of a very brave soldier. He was a captain in the king's army, and his name was Naaman. There were many things she did to help—ran errands, helped in the house, and whenever she saw something she could do she ran quickly and did it.

Her home was far away. Naaman had brought her to their home from far away to help his wife, and perhaps at times she was lonely, but she loved to help her mistress and was happy when she could do things for her. She loved both Naaman and his wife, for they were very kind to her.

Naaman was a great man, he was kind to every one, but every one felt very, very sorry for him because he was dreadfully sick, so sick that all the doctors could not make him well.

Their home was so sad; Naaman's wife and all of the servants were sad. They all wanted so much to do something to help him get well, but they couldn't. The little maid, too, longed to help him. In her own home far away she had often heard of Elisha, and she said to Naaman's wife: "In my country people love God, and there is a great friend of God's there. Oh, if Naaman could only go to see Elisha, he would make him well. God will help Elisha make him well, and he will learn to love God."

Then the little maid told her mistress all about Elisha and the wonderful things he had done—how he made the little son of the rich woman breathe again.

Naaman's wife looked happy as she said: "Oh, do you really think he could make Naaman well? If you really think he can, perhaps he will go."

Then the king, who loved Naaman, heard what the little maid had said. He said to Naaman: "Go right away, and maybe Elisha can make you well."

The king's soldiers got the horses and carriages ready, and soon they were ready for the long journey.

On and on they rode, until at last the fine chariots, the splendid horses, stood at the door of Elisha's house. As they waited for Elisha to come out they wondered what Elisha would do.

But Elisha talked with the Father, and the Father told him what to do. He did not come out. He sent Gehazi, his servant. Gehazi said: "Go and wash in the Jordan River seven times and you will be well."

At first Naaman was angry, but his servants begged him to go, and so Naaman drove to the Jordan River. He stepped out of his chariot, dipped under the water seven times, and when he stepped out he was well.

How glad and thankful he was, and all his soldiers were glad too. Then Naaman and his soldiers started back home. They rode as fast as they could, and when they reached home the king and all the people were so surprised and so happy to see Naaman well. Naaman's wife was happy, too, and Naaman was happiest of all, unless it was the little maid who had helped her master.

HAPPENINGS IN SOUTH ALABAMA

By D. W. Poole

We had the happy privilege of attending the State Line Association which convened with Howard's Grove F. W. B. Church near Ashford, Alabama. On Thursday and Friday before the second Sunday in October, we were present for the association, and truly it was a double portion of God's good blessings for us to be able to be there, for it was a blessing to sit in that association with the men and women who composed the old State Line meeting.

The good people of Howard's Chapel were fine indeed, and no better can be found anywhere. It was very encouraging and inspiring to observe the efforts which were put forth by the good brethren in this association for the advancement of the kingdom. One thing which we especially noted was that a new interest was manifested in the mission work.

The Board of Home Missions was changed to "The Board of Missions," and hereafter it will embrace foreign, as well as home mission activities. We noticed also that a resolution was adopted to form a local mission board in each church of the association. The purpose of this is for the churches to work in co-operation with the associational Board of Missions. Each local church is urged to strive toward the awakening of our people to the great need of missionary work.

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I thank Thee, Lord, for mine unanswered prayers,
Unanswered save Thy quiet, kindly "Nay,"
Yet it seemed hard among my heavy cares
That bitter day.

I wanted joy; but Thou didst know for me
That sorrow was the gift I needed most,
And in its mystic depth I learned to see
The Holy Ghost.

I wanted health; but Thou didst bid me sound
The secret treasuries of pain,
And in the moans and groans my heart oft found
Thy Christ again.

I wanted wealth: 'twas not the better part,
There is a wealth with poverty oft given,
And thou didst teach me of the gold of heart,
Best gift of heaven.

I thank Thee, Lord, for these unanswered prayers,
And for Thy word, the quiet, kindly "Nay."
'Twas Thy withholding lightened all my cares
That blessed day.

—Anonymous

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Forgive, I pray, all the sins
That ever I have done;
Large or small, what'er they be,
Thou knowest them everyone.

Teach me to live and pray aright,
If the way be clear or rough;
Please, Oh God, help me to know,
There's none but thee to trust.

I cannot know your purpose Oh God,
For what seems mysterious in my life;
Though they come with joys and tears,
Dear Lord, I pray, guide me aright.

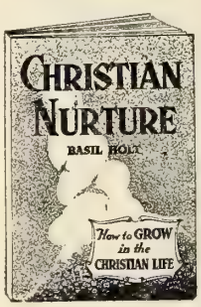
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For the blessings that are ours;
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THE NATIONAL SUPERANNUATION PROGRAM

The National Association has worked out, through proper committees, and has set in motion a splendid plan for the ministry of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

One phase of the program works something like this: All insurable ministers of the denominations may secure insurance policies through this Superannuation Policy plan, by the National Superannuation Treasury paying one-half of the annual premiums each year, and the insured minister paying the other half themselves. We understand that, by this plan, a lower rate of premiums, than otherwise stipulated for other individuals may be secured from the insurance companies issuing the policies. Such a plan does enable, we feel, the well and active ministers an excellent opportunity to make use of this new organization of the National Association.

The Reverend J. O. Fort of Texas is the Chairman-Director of this phase of the National work, and he is very desirous of obtaining all information needed from each Free Will Baptist minister in each state. Moreover, it is to their concern and advantage that each of them correspond, or get in touch with Brother Fort, in one way or another, concerning the matter.

As a matter of fact, the Superannuation phase of the work of the Free Will Baptist denomination, both nationally and in each state, is receiving new and extended interest by the church people all the while. The local church people are becoming more and more interested in the matter of raising and laying aside funds to care for the disabled ministers of the denomination. We believe this interest will continue to grow, as time passes, and that adequate funds will be available, and definite amounts will be set aside for this purpose

The ministers and the Christian missionaries who labor long and give their life work for the cause of Christ and the salvation of lost souls will be provided for in the future by the laity of the church. The young and able bodied ministers, on the other hand, have the right to make use of the insurance plan which the National Association has established for them, while they are able to secure this type of insurance. The old and un-insurable ministers are debarred of this privilege, and therefore are to be cared for by the Superannuation funds raised by the church people.

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A GIFT FOR YOUR PASTOR

The minister's salary is still smaller than the average man's salary, and he may not be able to purchase that much needed Bible this Christmas which he should like very much to have, as his old one is about worn out.

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CHRISTMAS ORDERS

Let us have right away your Christmas orders for Bible Story books, New Testaments, The Holman and the Dixon Bibles, and any other religious books which you shall need to purchase for your friends and loved ones this Christmas. We shall be very glad to fill your orders as long as our supplies last. Be sure, also, to place your orders for the Sunday School and League literature for the New Year very soon, and avoid any delay in receiving them for the beginning of 1945.

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A WORD FROM ELDER E. T. PHILLIPS

Since many of Elder E. T. Phillips' friends would like to know how he is getting along at the present time, we are glad to state that he is doing very well, considering his weakened condition. There has not been very much change in his general condition for the last few months.

Brother Phillips, as quite a large number of his friends know, has been confined to his bed for six years. During much of this time he has been practically helpless, having to be cared for by his good wife. He is very patient and submissive to his helpless condition, and seems to be cheerful most of the time. He will be eighty-eight years old the twenty-sixth of March, 1945, should he live to see that date.

Mrs. Phillips and the Elder wish to express their thanks and best wishes to their many good friends, and loved ones for the kind considerations which they have shown them during the past months, and are wishing for everyone a very happy Christmas. They often receive cards and letters from friends, expressing good wishes and God's benedictions upon them. They are thankful for the kind remembrances of some who occasionally send to them tokens of love and best wishes in a material way. They will appreciate receiving this year Christians greetings from anyone who will take the time to write to them.

The S. C. State Association from a Visitor's Angle

By J. R. Davidson

By special invitation to appear at Horse Branch Church near Turbeville, South Carolina, for the second session of the State Association which was scheduled to assemble on November 9, 1944, I left Nashville at 10 a. m. on the eighth by train. Transferring from train to bus in Columbia the next morning about nine o'clock I arrived in Sumter at 12 M., but was unable to leave there until 6:50 in the evening. However, I was met by Reverend M. H. Mellette and family at Turbeville about 7:30 and was taken out to the church in time to see most of the congregation assemble for the evening service. Several minutes were enjoyed in hand-shaking, renewing acquaintances and making new friends.

By the appointed hour the congregation was assembled, and the Reverend Mr. Bullard, who was designated to deliver the evening message declined to do so in favor of having me render that service. It was again that I was reminded of the meaning of Paul's word to Timothy on preparedness: "Be instant in season, out of season." However the service was blessed by the witness of the Spirit, and soon we were off to enjoy the warm hospitality of Brother and Sister Mellette's home for the night. The fellowship with them, and their children, was inspirational and pleasant. The night being over, and a nice South Carolina breakfast having been enjoyed we made our way back to the church for another good Christian fellowship in the Free Will Baptist way.

Several conferences and associations were represented, and a number of ministers were present for the day session. Although the delegation was small, one could hardly pass that way without reaping spiritual blessing, and having his vision enlarged. Each phase of the cause as relates to the State and the National Programs was in for fair consideration, and the Missions and Educational causes realized substantial support financially, as well as the proposed South Carolina Orphanage. Much interest was expressed in the whole cause which is dear to every true Christian's heart who is affiliated with the Free Will Baptist Denomination. In addition to a nice response to the cause of our college in cash, quite a degree of support was aligned in the form of the Annual Endowment, and arrangements were made to extend this plan into many of the churches of the State. As a means of promoting the cause in the state, Field Secretaries were elected for Missions (Home and Foreign), Christian Education and Orphanage.

This people have done, and are continuing, a praise-worthy job relative to orphanage work; and Reverend M. H. Mellette having been elected Secretary of Christian Education, and Reverend J. W. Sawyer having been elected Secretary of Missions, I predict that they will now make no less commendable showing in these causes than they have already done in orphanage. This work confirms the statement that I have already made many times, to the effect that there are no groups of Christians who are more liberal than Free Will Baptists when they are given an opportunity to see the worthiness of any good cause. Further, the body elected its representation to the next session of the National Association, and the ministry seemed solid in its attitude toward planning to be on hand for the 1945 session.

Only one who is in the circle of such fellowship can imagine the delight which came to me in striking hands with a number of the old Fureka College students, such as Reverend L. A. Holliday, Moderator of the South Carolina State Association, Reverend W. L. Jernigan, Pastor of the Bladenboro Church and Roxie Belle Vause Gibbons, House-Wife and Teacher. Some how there is friendship existing between these old students which requires very little priming to reveal a relationship which is not easily excelled. I also took account of the fact that there were at least three students of the old Free Will Baptist Seminary present to bless the assembly with their wonderful spirits, wisdom and counsel. No wonder we found an unusual healthful atmosphere relative to our National Educational Program in this assembly.

My prophecy concerning the South Carolina State Association, which is now only one year old, is: Many of the older State Bodies will soon be seeking knowledge as to how these brethren maneuvered their affairs to make possible such achievements. May the richest of God's blessings be upon this fine group of Free Will Baptists as they bear fruits as true "Laborers together with God."

THE CHURCH TREASURER WHO GOT MAD

By A. E. Peterson

It is not a common thing for church treasurers, to get mad, but here is the story of one who did.

The occasion was the new pastor's sermon and it made such an impression on the treasurer that when it was over, refusing to shake hands with the preacher, he stamped out of church and went home to give vent to his feelings.

Now the sermon that morning was a straight-from-the-shoulder appeal for business-like methods of supporting the Church of Christ. The preacher called the Kingdom business "the biggest of big business." He pictured the need of the world and Christ's often-forgotten programme to save it. Then he pointed out that you can generally tell the genuineness of a man's interest in the Kingdom by the way he puts his money in. Then he told how some frequently used schemes of raising money were not only unbusinesslike, but were trifling with the great programme of salvation.

Finally the pastor came to the climax of his appeal, insisting with

great earnestness that a man should realize that he is a steward of God and that it is poor stewardship to pay to Christ's Church what one thinks he can afford after all other calls have been met. He said that the Lord wanted the "first fruits," that a man really ought to put Christianity first and he should plan to set aside regularly a definite percentage of his income for the support of the Church and Kingdom. That percentage ought to be at least one-tenth—for the old Jews did as well as that.

This was the point when the church treasurer's wrath reached the high spot. He could hardly wait to get into the house before he began:

"That preacher needn't think we don't know how to give. He needn't worry about his salary, either. We've always paid our minister, and we always will. He wants an increase; that's what's the matter with him! But he can't get it."

By this time the wife was making some meek protest, but he went on: "Why, last year I gave $70 when you figure it all up. The idea of suggesting that a man ought to give ten per cent of his salary! What will he have left for himself?"

Perhaps the Lord didn't have anything to do with it; but anyway when the treasurer's breath gave out and he sought relief in scanning a paper, his eyes fell full on somebody's philosophy:

"A kicking horse never pulls."

Now it happened that he had always prided himself in pulling his part of the load, and while the words, "A kicking horse never pulls," only served, at the moment, to increase his anger, they stayed with him all through the evening as he tarried at home while his wife sat in her usual place at church.

It was a hard week. The treasurer was fighting the battle of his life. Fortunately at heart he was a good and just man and one who feared God. Little by little the reasonableness of what the pastor had said on that Sunday became a conviction.

Finally he said to himself, "Yes, I'm willing to pray over it." Then he even got so far as to be willing to read the tract which in his wrath he had jammed down in his pocket on that Sunday morning. But it wasn't easy, nevertheless, to go to church when the Sabbath rolled around. Indeed it is an even chance that had he known before hand the content of the preacher's sermon, his would have been an empty place.

But he was there, and a second time came the pastor's appeal to mean business about Christ's big business.

"Christ claims first place in one's life and how can a man give first place in his pocketbook? These were vital principles under the old Jewish law of the tithe. The old Jews were commanded to pay the first tenth to God, because it helped them to recognize God's first tenth to God, because it helped them to recognize God's first claim on everything. Surely those of us who really will put Christianity first, and mean it, will not hesitate to covenant to pay Him at least the tenth and let it be the first tenth. It will serve as a pledge to Jesus Christ that we mean to keep Him and His Kingdom first."

If the church treasurer had not settled it, he certainly did settle it while the congregation was singing:

"I'll go where you want me to go,
dear Lord,
I'll do what you want me to do."

For when the pastor gave the invitation to those who meant business about Christ's big business to the place where they were ready to sign the covenant to tithe, to come forward and do so, the church treasurer was the first man on the spot.

Three lessons we can point out briefly from this story:

First: That Christ wants us to mean business about His big business of reconstructing the world. No getting around this: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God." Matt. 6: 24, 33.

Second: We can't really be sure we mean business about Christ's business until we are ready to "consecrate" our pocketbooks as a part of ourselves.

Third: You can't really be sure that your pocketbook is on the altar until you are ready regularly to pay to Christ's work at least the "first fruit" of your income to prove it. To pay a tithe is to say, "Lord Jesus, I consecrate my all to Thy big task, and here is my tenth to show Thee that I mean it."

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A SPLENDID REVIVAL

The Reverend M. F. Howell, assisted by the Reverend T. A. Williams, just closed a series of revival meetings with the church at Williams Hill, South Carolina. It was indeed a revival, even though there had not been any saved, for the church was greatly revived. There were, nevertheless, six conversions, and many hearts were stirred by the presence of the Spirit of God in the meeting. Some seemed to have been stirred, but did not yield to the wooings of the Spirit, but we hope they will turn to the Lord before it shall be too late.

Reverend Howell did the most of the preaching, and his messages were inspiring and greatly consoling under the power and revelation of the Lord. He certainly did his part as a minister of the gospel, and we do feel that God will not hold him responsible for the souls of those sinners who failed to yield to the Holy Spirit.

It seemed that our church had gotten into a negative state, and needed a great revival, and it was a timely revival indeed, and one that all of God's true Children did appreciate.

Brother Howell has been appointed by the Eastern Conference of South Carolina to do evangelistic work in the Conference, and as much outside the Conference as he can possibly handle. We feel that he is a real man of God, one who is called to preach the truth as it is Christ Jesus. Any church will do well to secure him for to hold meetings, should he have the time to serve them.

Yours in Jesus' name,

Mrs. H. C. Simmons

CHRISTMAS 1944

By G. Bromley Oxnam
(Bishop of the Methodist Church in the New York Area)

God Himself gave the first Christmas present.

When I was but a child, my mother taught me to repeat "For God so loved the world that He gave His . . . Son."

But I did not know what it meant to give a son. I know now. My sons are far away. I open each V-mail letter with joy, but my hand trembles when I receive a telegram. Little did I realize when I gripped his strong young hand that my younger son would see North Africa and Italy, that one Christmas would pass and now another before I might see him again.

It is not easy to give a son. I do not know its full meaning even now. There is no gold star in our service flag, but the stars are turning to gold in the homes of my friends. Their sons will not return. The college text-books they set aside for brave adventure will not be reopened. Outwardly, these friends will be brave, and cheer other people's sons who march home again. Inwardly, it is they who will have learned the true meaning of Christmas. Like God, they will have given a son.

Christmas this year must be more than mailing gifts and opening packages. More, even, than the gift of our sons. We must give ourselves. But to what? To whom?

Jesus taught that he who would become greatest must become the servant of all. At last I see that there can be no peace of permanence until I accept the truth that all men are of infinite worth, children of one Father, and therefore brothers. That is not impossible idealism.

The "practical" men, who have scorned the laws of God, that God's Son revealed, have led us down the road of self-interest to wars of class, and race, and nation. Truly practical men will obey the will of God, and be brothers one with another.

I am resolved, this Christmas, that my son's son shall not march a generation hence. I have taken a solemn vow that I will do all in my power to build a world of justice and of brotherhood. But of what avail is the vow unless I do something about it?

What can I do? Well I can give token gifts this Christmas and contribute the amount saved to China Relief. I can get ready to help the boys who will be returning. I can call in the lonely homes of service men. I can do dozens of things.

For my sons, therefore, I shall seek to give myself to others. That is my resolve for Christmas this war year. And in the giving I shall live more richly. That is God's law that he sent His son, on that first Christmas morning, to reveal.

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NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

As most all our subscribers know, we only issue fifty copies of the Free Will Baptist each year. We usually miss the weeks of July 4 and December 25. At this time we are much behind, due to greatly increased demand on the same number of workers, which number has been limited by government action. In order to get off some very important work as early as possible, we have decided to omit next week's issue and make it good within the week of December 25. Therefore, you need not expect and look for your Baptist next week.

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WHERE ART THOU?

By Rev. W. F. Clark

Thomasville, Georgia

In Genesis 3: 9 our text is found. This, I believe, was the first recorded direct question ever asked man. God had a just cause to ask Adam "where art thou?" No doubt He had made many visits to the Garden before and discussed many problems with the first man and lady of the land. God had made provision for their happiness for all time to come with the resources of Heaven behind what He had done. For the first time man transgressed God's law and was ashamed of his act so much that he resorted to flimsy fig leaves for cover and began making excuses. The serpent beguiled me; the woman you gave me caused me to eat.

The fig leaves were working very well for Adam and Eve, but when God made his appearance, they hid themselves and was condemned although God wasn't looking at the outward appearance but was concerned about the condition of the heart.

So the first man committed his first sin when he was first tempted, and this was God's first accusation to man. Yesterday Adam was enjoying spiritual freedom and was walking and talking with God daily; but today he is a spiritual criminal—a guilty sinner hiding from God. He had all his heart could wish for but wasn't satisfied—like it was with David; even though he had all the women he needed, he saw one more he wanted, and this same Adamic sin-nature caused him to have her husband killed so she could be added to his number.

Solomon had one thousand women at his command, but one day a queen, a painted-face flapper, came to see him and she feathered his eyes because of that same old Adamic nature, his weakness. She led him into idolatry.

Saul failed to obey. He saw some choice cows and old Adam steps up and suggests not to kill the choice cattle, but sell them and pocket the money; but the cows betrayed him.

The first Adam hid behind fig leaves, and he has tried many objects and places since that day as a shield from secret sin caused by the Adamic nature in man. Since Christ came, he is the only remedy for this sin-nature or Adamic sin. The people are resorting to flimsy excuses and substitutes for the new birth.

Now, as salvation is a personal matter, let me ask you, "What is your excuse?" Most people have a church house as their hiding place, by saying I have been a church member for years, I pay my debts, don't lie, steal, curse, etc. Brother Nicodemus was morally a good man, but

Jesus said, "Ye must be born again."

Christ, the Saviour and Redeemer, has come. He is not only with his people today but in them. While He was here in the person, He proved beyond a question that man, led by the Holy Spirit, was a sinless person. He also proved him a victorious person with powers. He promised he would come back in the person of the spirit and live in the hearts of Holy people and lead them in truth and righteousness. Under the Law God talked to and lived with his people, but under Grace he speaks through and lives in his people. He promised this while he was yet with his people.

God even repented and was grieved because he had made man, because he found a weakness in him. He was incomplete because he had yielded to temptation (Gen. 6: 6). Resisting power was lacking in the life of Adam. There was that sin-nature in him, and this grieved the Lord because he had made man. From that day he began planning some way for the eradication of this sin; and because he made man, he became our sin bearer by sacrificing his only Son that we might have a remedy for the complete eradication of this Adamic nature.

Dear hearts, we are wading out in deep water, but it cannot be denied because it is Bible. I am glad the true meaning of salvation is revealed to the twice-born everywhere. If the Lord taught anything, He taught common sense—Bible holiness. He made it so plain and simple the unlearned can understand it, as well as the educated. The Word is so plain that even a fool can understand it. Why? Because salvation is a reality and can be seen even with the natural eyes, and it carries with it a sense of feeling so forcefully that everyone knows there is a difference between the ways of the world and that of God.

Where art thou? What is your shield? Is baptism, your mother's prayers, church membership, or what is it? Brother, we believe in and practice feet washing, and really there is only one place it is clearly taught in the Bible. But holiness of heart and clean living are taught from Genesis to Revelation. Sinless living is clearly taught in hundreds of places in the same Bible feet washing is taught. Jesus said, "Take me as your example." He taught sinless living, baptism, communion, and feet washing, and he practiced what he taught. No place in this same Bible has he said that the blood cleanseth from part of your sins. No place he promised to save on the installment, but he promised a complete work or nothing. God doesn't split hairs with the devil. Ye are for me or against me; I am the way, nothing unclean can walk in it. Ye can not drink of the cup of God and that of the devil and remain a child of God.

We are saved or lost. Salvation means rescued. If we have been rescued from our sins and continue sinning, pray tell me, what meaneth the word? Has it lost its power?

In closing, I want to refer to my article published in the November 22 issue of the Baptist, **"Has It Been Recorded?"** by answering some questions asked me in an unsigned letter received from North Carolina, referring to the above mentioned article.

The first question was, "What will become of the unsaved church member? Is there a way out for him?" I will let Jesus answer these questions. Luke 13: 3-5. Read it. The second question, "To whom shall we confess beside God?" Confess your sin to God—the only one able to forgive sin. Then confess your faults one to another, love your enemies, pray for them which despitefully use you, do good for evil, overcome evil with good.

The third question, "Does God hear a sinner's prayer? The only prayer a sinner can pray and be heard by the Father is, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner." Please bear in mind there are only two classes of people: saint and sinner, saved and unsaved.

My dear brother, hear these words. A Christian is not a sinner; neither is a sinner a Christian. You may join every church in the world, be baptized in every stream in the universe. If that is all, your soul is doomed unless you repent and accept Christ as your personal Saviour.

Yes, your tithe can be recorded. Employ Jesus as your attorney; meet Bible conditions, then your sins will be blotted out and your name written on the Lambs Book of Life. Then you are an heir of God and a joint-heir with Jesus Christ to enjoy the Heavenly kingdom.

Ask yourself this question: "Where will I spend eternity?" God purposed for you to know. It is your privilege. Meet Bible conditions; plead for mercy. Turn loose the world, swing out on faith, then the all-wise and merciful God will speak peace to your soul. Then you can sing, "There is a new name written down in Glory, and it is mine."

FAITH

We read in St. Matthew 17: 20, "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

How small our faith must be! We can trust our fellow man with our property and our money, but we cannot trust God enough to believe all His wonderful promises. He has promised us joy and happiness here in this world, and then eternal life in the beyond. We miss many blessings simply because we do not have faith in Him. He has promised us very many good things if we will ask Him in faith, doubting nothing.

Jesus once said, "All things are possible to them that believeth." In St. John we read, "If ye ask anythink in my name, I will give it." And again He said, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." He has promised to send the Comforter who is the Holy Spirit. In St. John 15: 5 Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches." If we will abide in Him, and He in us, then we are a part of that vine.

Some of us, when we were little children, how we would swing out on the old grape vine. We had faith in that old vine, so we would raise our feet from the ground, and swing out. Why don't we raise our feet of fear and doubt, and swing out upon the wonderful promises of God?

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin

Prayer

We are told that "Prayer is a sincere desire of the heart; uttered or unuttered." Real prayer is asking God for that which cannot be obtained through natural powers. Many petitions are offered that are of no value. "Vain repetitions" are warned against by the Lord Jesus Christ. Yet, in vain, many of us pray for that which is not in keeping with God's will. We want things to "consume on our own lust" according to God's word.

But praise the Lord, God is still answering PRAYER. The words of Jesus are still in force, when He said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened" (Matt. 7: 78).

Conditions of Approach

"Without faith it is impossible to please God: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him" (Heb. 11: 6). There is no use to even try to pray without FAITH.

But what is faith? Paul said, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11: 1). So, after all, FAITH is BELIEVING WHAT GOD SAYS. Just taking God at His word. Abraham, "Went out not knowing whither he went" (Heb. 11: 8). God said to Abraham, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee" (Gen. 12: 1). Think about a man moving and not knowing where he is moving to. Think of a wife going out with her husband with no destination given, except "into a land that I will shew thee." That is the kind of a wife that every preacher needs. Yes, every real Christian needs a partner who is equally yoked up with Christ. Then he can do some going for Jesus. Well, Abraham and his wife took God at His word.

Not only must we "Believe in God the Father," but we must believe the Record that God has given concerning His Son. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself, he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son" (I John 5: 10). God has never answered a single prayer for any one since the crucifixion of Jesus Christ who did not ask that prayer in the "NAME OF JESUS." To offer a prayer in any other name is contrary to the teachings of the Lord Jesus Himself. "In his name shall the Gentiles trust" (Matt. 12: 21). "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it" (John 14: 13, 14). What business have I to ask any one to help Jesus? Jesus needs no help. Mary His mother cannot help us. Jesus is all we need.

In His Name Only

"THEN Peter filled with the Holy Ghost" (not partly filled, but "FILLED") (words in parenthesis are mine) said unto them, ye rulers of the people and elders of Israel, If we this day be examined of the good deed done to this impotent man, by what means he is made whole: Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole." . . . "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4: 8-12).

Since Jesus is the only "NAME WHEREBY WE MUST BE SAVED," He is the only one through and by whom we can approach God the Father. "For I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh to the Father but by me," said the Lord Jesus.

The Need of Prayer

Man is subject to think that he can get along without PRAYER unto GOD. We are prone to neglect prayer. Human beings are so inconsistent as "to think of themselves more highly than they ought to think" which is dangerous thinking. Paul warned against such deception. We should know of a truth that we are needy creatures. Well has the poet written, "I need Thee every hour." Only those who realize their need of God can pray in the Spirit which God will acknowledge. It was Peter who said, "Save me or I perish." All the disciples were asking Christ to save them when the storm was wrecking their ship. They said, "Lord save us or we perish" (Matt. 8: 25). Like these disciples we must really know that there is nothing we can do about it: when our extremity is reached, but just to look up to Jesus and say, "Lord save me or I perish." "Lord give me bread or I starve." "Lord heal me or I die." "Lord I am lost without Thee." "Lord, I can do nothing without Thee." Yes, when we feel that we need Christ, and that no one can be His proxy—it is Christ, or our miserable failure. It is Christ or eternal death. Then we are in a position to get to God. We can approach Him at a throne of GRACE with the blessed assurance that "He is not far from everyone of us." And that He will hear our cry and answer our prayer. The Psalmist said, "I love the Lord because he hath heard my supplications and answered my prayer."

The Trouble with Many

There are so many people who think that they need nothing. We are prone to pat ourselves on the back and say, "I'm not so bad. I'm as good as Mr. John Doe." Well did John write in Revelation, "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked" (Rev. 3: 17). It is sad to think that men will get so full of self that they feel that they do not need God, and therefore they never pray.

A lot of us human beings are like an egg. We get so full of self that you cannot put anything else into us.

You can break a small place in the shell and pour out the egg and then you can fill with other liquids. So, it is with us. God has to break through our shell and we have to empty out our pride, conceit, selfishness, jealousy, hatred and every other damnable wickedness therein, through the GRACE OF GOD before we can be filled with the SPIRIT OF PRAYER.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The time for the meeting of the Florida State Association has been changed from the first Friday in January, 1945, to Wednesday, December 20, of this year, 1944. The Reverend R. B. Crawford, Executive Secretary of the National Association, has said that he will be able to be present for this association at that time.

Each Free Will Baptist church in Florida, and those in the surrounding territory are urged to send representatives for this meeting.

Please remember the Time, December 20, 1944.

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Ernest Owen,

Chipley, Florida.

OBEDIENCE BRINGS BLESSING

"All the commandments which I command you this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers" (Deut. 8: 1).

Moses is telling the children of Israel that if they will keep the commandments which he had given them they would multiply and be able to go in and take the land. Obedience always brings blessings. The Scripture teaches that, if we will be willing and obedient, we shall eat the good of the land. Many of God's blessings go unclaimed because we are not obedient to His Holy Will. God led Israel forty years in the wilderness to accomplish four things.

I. He Sought to Humble Them

We should realize the heinousness of pride, for in the hearts and lives of Christians it will cause the blessings to be with-held. Even after the wilderness experiences were completed, God gave further warning through Moses: "Lest thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God." After the children of Israel were delivered from the Egyptian bondage their hearts were filled with pride, as though their own hands had gotten them the victory. Therefore God had to humble them. Many times we fail to give God due credit for victories won, therefore we miss the blessing. God cannot use a disobedient heart in His service. When we disobey Him we are sure to suffer for it.

II. He Sought to Prove Them

An untried servant cannot be trusted with important service. In Timothy, we are warned not to lay hands suddenly on any man. The deacons who are chosen must first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless. Even the men of the world will prove one another before they trust one anotoher. When Daniel spoke to Melzar he said, "Prove thy servant, I beseech thee, ten days." Paul in writing to the Corinthians said, "We have sent with them our brother, whom we have often times proved diligent in many things." When God proves us, and finds us faithful in that which is least, He can trust us with that which is much.

III. He Sought to Know What Was in Their Hearts

"Man looketh upon the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." God's eye searcheth all things. He knows what is in us but God knows all about them. And He is the one we are going to face at the judgment. Be not deceived, for God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. If we sow wheat we expect to reap wheat. If we live an ungodly life in this world we need not expect anything but the reward of the unrighteous.

IV. He Sought to Know if Israel Would Keep His Commandments

If the Commandments of God were evil, and hurtful, it would be different. But the commandments of God are not only right, but beneficial. God asks us to do only the things that are for our own good. Many times we are asked to do things we can not understand. We are asked to go places many times we wonder why we are asked to go, but God has a purpose in it. God had a purpose in causing Israel to hunger. He caused them to hunger that He might give them of His manna. Sometimes God lets us hunger that He may feed us.

The happy Christian is the obedient Christian in His work. May we as Christians seek to know God's will, then we have known His will, be willing to obey in everything He asks us to do. He has never asked us to do anything we were not able to do, neither has He asked us to do anything without furnishing us the tools. God's warning to Israel was, "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His Commandments, and His judgments.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Reverend R. W. Allman, of Kannapolis, North Carolina, has recently accepted the Hansley's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of Durham. He will succeed the Reverend Fred A. Rivenbark. Brother Allman is a young minister, and we wish for him the greatest of success in his new work.

Brother Allman has been a member of the Elwood Lane Church of Kannapolis for more than eight years. We recommend him to any of our brother ministers for revival work.

This announcement is written by his former pastor,

Rev. Paul Jenkins

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THANKSGIVING AND HOMECOMING AT JUNIPER CHAPEL

The church people at Juniper Chapel enjoyed a fine day, celebrating Thanksgiving and having a homecoming day on November 30, 1944. They had some splendid singing, and special music by different individuals during the day. The Reverend J. E. Wooten, of Ayden, North Carolina, brought the eleven o'clock message which was very good, and greatly enjoyed by all present. At the noon hour a bounteous dinner was spread by the good women of the church and community on the long table out on the grounds. Everyone enjoyed the good things to eat. It was, indeed, a great feast for all who attended the services.

In the afternoon, there was some more fine singing by the congregation. Rev. Marshal Joyner, the former pastor, delivered the afternoon message, which was greatly appreciated by a full house of people. It was a grand occasion all the way through the day. A fine offering of around sixty dollars was raised to be added to the Building Fund for the building of Sunday School rooms to the church. Great interest was shown in this work, and the sum total money raised to that date for this purpose was $252.85.

The pastor of the church, Rev. R. B. Spencer, called a business session of the church, and a Building Committee was elected to have charge of the building of the Sunday School rooms to the church, and a Treasurer of the funds too. The work will begin right away. Many of the local people have already pledged to give logs, which are to be sawed, for the frame work of the rooms. Others have agreed to give several days of labor, and other materials on the construction of the rooms. The Ladies Aid members are going to do their part in helping to furnish some of the rooms when they are completed. One young single lady is so interested in having the rooms built that she gave outright fifty dollars to this fund. Several others are planning to give substantial sums of money to see that the work will go on in a fine way and that the rooms will soon be built, and that they may be used for class room purposes in the very near future.

All the way from the least child in the Sunday School to the oldest man or woman in the community will be given a chance to contribute to this worthy cause. The people are very much aroused about the matter, and are expecting to make the church look much nicer when they have finished with all of the work. A better lighting arrangement will be installed, so that the entire church will give a soft, bright light throughout the building. We have a good community, and we want our church to be a progressive church in every way for the glory of God and for the betterment of those who live here. Our pastor is encouraging us and helping us to make improvements that are needed, in order to make it a progressive church.

We want to thank everyone who has thus far contributed to this Building Fund for the Sunday School rooms. We are going ahead right away, and want everyone who will in the community to do their part, and receive a blessing from God for having done what they thought they should do for this church.

Church Reporter

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"REMEMBER THY CREATOR"

My Dear Friends,

A little boy was told that the reason that David could kill the giant Goliath was because God was with him. When the little boy saw a picture of David approaching the giant Goliath, he said he saw no God in the picture. David had God in his heart, and no artist is or has been able to paint God in the heart. When we have God in our hearts, it shows on the face, it shows in the life, it shows in all that we do. Having God in the heart, so completely changes us, people can tell the difference. And then when the giants attack us we are well able to overcome because we have God with us in our hearts!

When people do not have God in their hearts and lives, their lives are a failure. A very wise man said, "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccl. 12: 1). To be without God is to be without His wisdom, His mercy, His love, and His comfort in our lives. We need all this, besides His power for our protection. The great army and the great men of the Children of Israel could not overcome the giant Goliath, and the reason for this was they did not have God with them. They were afraid. When David came along he knew he could conquer that enemy of Israel because God was with him. Let us read what he said to the giant: "Then said David to the Philistine. Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee" (I Sam. 17: 45, 46). David boasted in the Lord. He was but a lad, but God was with him. He loved God in his youth, and all the days of his life, he served God and made Him first in his life. How about you dear boy and girl? Have you made your choice for time and eternity? Does God live and rule in your heart?—L. L. K.

A WORD FROM SMYRNA

We are happy to report that we experienced a good revival meeting at Smyrna Church sometime past. Brother Duff Toler did the preaching, and he brought us some fine messages, both for the old and for the young that they might live better. He pointed out how they should serve the true and living God.

There were eleven additions to our church as a result of this meeting. We feel like the mothers and fathers, who have sons in the Armed forces, would like to know that they are living clean lives. If all would live right we would soon have peace over the world. We mothers should go each day into some secret place and pray to God every day, and ask him to take care of our boys who are having to fight in this horrible war.

Let me beg you dear women to start this very day to praying to the Lord for this war to cease. I for one have prayed every day since Pearl Harbor was bombed, and the Lord has, I feel, answered my prayers many, many times. I can feel his presence very strong sometimes with me. Dear friends, will you get busy, and pray to God earnestly for peace to come to the world. If there ever was a time we should pray it is now.

I have four sons serving in the Armed forces, and I am asking God every day to care for them wherever they go, and I feel that He will take care of them.

Brother Toler will be our pastor for another year. All of us do enjoy hearing his sermons very much. I am hoping that he will be able to draw many more to God before he leaves us as pastor. We are asking the Christian people to pray for our church that God may greatly bless us.

Mrs. R. C. Bell.



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CHRISTIAN LIVING AT ITS BEST

(Lesson for December 17)

Lesson: Galatians 5: 22—6: 10.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Gal. 5: 25).

Throughout the entire New Testament, the two words that stand in sharpest contrast and most complete opposition are the words "flesh" and "Spirit." The first word denotes all that is sinful and vile, and includes all the traits and wicked works which make the life of the sinner so abhorrant to God. The flesh stands for the condition and estate of lost mankind, and is given as the seat and source of his natural depravity. Out of it spring his vicious and degraded habits, and from it come the impulses to evil conduct. It is the reason for murder, adultery, fornication, and all the rest of the appalling catalogue of horrible deeds which make this world in its present natural state a continuous carnival of warfare and bloodshed. It is always spoken of as opposed to the grace of God and as being the chief bar to the progress of the Heavenly life in the daily walk of even those who are saved.

The second word is always presented with a capital S, and personifies all that is pleasing to God. In sharp and complete antithesis to the flesh, the Spirit is the source of all that is holy and good. From Him come all improvements in personal habits, and all advancement in spiritual understanding is the direct fruit of His instruction.

Neither the flesh nor the Spirit can possess an individual, however, without the consent of his own will, therefore they contend for his allegiance and obedience. And every man thus determines the measure of his present happiness and establishes his eternal destiny by the choice he makes when he yields sovereignty to either the flesh or the Spirit.

The result of this mental surrender to one of these forces is called in the Bible the daily "walk." If you are the victim of the flesh, you are said to "walk in the flesh," but if you live in the freedom of the Spirit of God you are then called one who "walks" in the Spirit.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. The fruit of the Spirit needs no spray except that of prayer.

2. It is impossible to substitute artificial fruit for the fruit of the Spirit in the long run.

3. A Christian's walk should give proof of the fact that the Holy Spirit is in him.

4. Being overtaken in a fault is not the same as overtaking a fault, or even taking over a fault.

5. Burden bearing is both fraternal and individual.

6. The kind of self-deception that underestimates one's own importance is very rare.

7. It costs nothing to receive the Word of Truth, but it costs something to maintain him who brings it.

8. There is no greater moral or spiritual truth than that a man is sure to reap what he sows.

9. "Let us not lose heart in doing what is right; for in due time we shall reap a harvest, if we do not faint" (Weymouth).

10. We owe a special duty of well-doing to fellow Christians who are in need.

—Selected

11. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another, verse 26. In this verse Paul warned the brethren at Galatia against Christians being vainglorious, envying others, and provoking anyone to wrath. He knew such dispositions and mental attitudes of the brethren would bring about strife and divisions in the church, and that it would destroy brotherly love among the members of the church. He urged them to live in the power of the Spirit and to be governed by the nine graces of the Spirit. By doing that they would be showing brotherly kindness one toward another, and by edifying the whole church for the cause of righteousness.—Advanced Quarterly (F. W. B.)

III. The Lesson Illustrated

Menace of the Unconsecrated Life

For long years it was the practice among farmers to keep what in Scotland was called "the goodman's croft." R. W. Chambers has told us that it was the custom up to nearly three hundred years ago, to keep a bit of the field uncultivated. It was an acknowledgement of the malign forces of the world, allowing them to have a bit of the land for themselves, so that they would not injure the growing crops, or tamper with the rest of the field. This particular superstition was discouraged by the synods of the church; they passed resolutions urging the farmers to depart from the practice. Ministers preached against it, but the custom continued through the long years. That little bit of uncultivated field became the seed-bed of wild thorns, briars, thistles, nettles and dandelions, and was a menace to the rest, the wind scattering the evil seed from this uncultivated plot.

It is possible for us to allow a reservation like this in our lives. One little bit of life unconsecrated will menace all the rest. It gives evil its chance. The only safety lies in being altogether Christ's. When He owns the whole life, and the whole of everything in the life, that is our best defense against life's unguarded hours.—John Macbeath.

Sin—Poison of

A lady caught a little creature which she thought was a chameleon, and attached it by a little chain to her collar, so that it could crawl about on her shoulder. The chameleon is a harmless little reptile, which changes its color from gray to green

or red, and is considered very beautiful by some people. Instead of a chameoleon, however, this lady caught a poisonous kind of lizard, and it bit her, causing her death. What a terrible mistake! And yet there are many who are taking the poison of sin into their lives, thinking that it is a beautiful, pleasant thing. But some day they may find that they have taken something worse than poison into their lives.—1001 Illustrations for Pulpit and Platform.

FIFTH EASTERN UNION REPORT

This union meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Conference convened with Macedonia Church in Craven County on Saturday, October 28, 1944. It was opened with singing and prayer was offered by Rev. L. H. Wetherington. Since the moderator was not present, Rev. J. R. Bennett acted in his stead. The different committees were appointed, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. There were six ministers present, and 26 churches represented at this time.

The Devotional Committee selected Rev. J. R. Forrest to open services today, and Rev. W. B. Everett to preach. Rev. Duffy Toler was selected to hold the Saturday night service. After the eleven o'clock sermon was delivered, the union was dismissed for lunch, which was spread on the church grounds.

The afternoon session was opened with the devotions being conducted by the Gospel Quartet. They rendered a special number, "He Bore It All." The Financial Committee then gave the following report:

On hand from last union	$ .41
Received today	135.50
Public Offering	67.50
Total on hand	$203.41

Disbursements

To L. H. Wetherington	$ 45.00
W. B. Wells	45.00
Orphanage	70.00
Finance Association	15.00
Anna Phillips Educational Loan Fund	10.00
Superannuation	10.00
To the clerk	7.50
Total paid out	$202.50
Balance in the treasury	$ .81

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Moderator, J. R. Bennett; secretary, Rom W. Mallard; representatives to the Press, E. M. Prescott and H. C. Mallard; representative for the Church Finance Association, Rev. Duffy Toler.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown to this union meeting. Rev. L. H. Wetherington thanked the people for everything that they have done for him during his illness, and asked them to keep praying for him that he may soon be able to work again full time for the Lord.

The union adjourned with song and prayer to meet the next time with Oak Grove Church in Craven County on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1944.

Rev. J. R. Bennett,
Moderator pro tem.
Rom W. Mallard, Clerk

FIRST UNION REPORT

The First Union meeting of the Western North Carolina Association held its regular quarterly session with the church at St. Mary's Church in Wilson County on October 28, 1944. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. R. Williams, the pastor of the local church. A cordial invitation was then extended by Brother Frank Watson to all present. The meeting was then declared in order by the president, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of ministers was called, and Brother E. G. Holland made a splendid report concerning the Orphanage.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant preached an interesting sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. The union was then adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Willie Renfrow. The list of churches was then called, and all responded except two. The clerk was asked to contact the churches at Wilson and Fremont, and to get them to represent in the next union. Rev. James A. Evans made a splendid talk on the Orphanage work.

The treasurer made the following report:

On hand from the last union	$ 16.34
Received today	93.00
Offering for Orphanage	18.08
Total	$127.42

Disbursements

To the Orphanage	$ 50.00
Superannuation	20.00
Christian education	15.00
Union expenses	12.00
Church Finance Asso.	6.25
Bank charges	.30
Total	$103.55

By motion the report was accepted. It was moved and carried that Rev. W. H. Ivey be placed on the roll of ministers of the union. Then a vote of thanks was extended to the church and community for the kind hospitality shown to this union meeting. The next union will be held with the Kenly Church. The union then closed with song and prayer. Rev. W. H. Ivey will preach tomorrow.

Rev. W. R. Williams,
Moderator,
W. F. Pittman,
Secretary-Treasurer

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Any one having friends or relatives 'of the Free Will Baptist belief' in or near Rome, or Shannon, Georgia, please send me their name, address and any additional information.

E. W. Mitchell

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

HOLLAND. On June 21, 1944, the soul of Brother Emmitt Holland was called home to live with God. Brother Holland was born on February 6, 1882, making his stay on earth 62 years, 4 months, and 15 days.

He was a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist church of Eldrige, Texas. The services which he rendered to God and to his fellow man were unselfish, he had courage to speak his convictions, and could be depended upon for pure and wholesome thinking. Such resulted in his good citizenship and his fine Christian character. As superintendent of his Sunday School for many years, he loved the people with whom he worked. He always had a good message for others by pointing out the way to God and salvation.

Brother Holland leaves to mourn their loss one son, Milton, one daughter, Edna Lee, one sister, Miss Dora Holland, and two brothers, Luther and George Holland, and a host of friends who love to think of him as being with the Christ whom he loved.

—Written by his pastor,
Rev. J. B. Lovering

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DAY. On September 28, 1944, God in His infinite wisdom called to His heavenly home my father, David John Day, age 79. He had been in poor health for sometime, and about three weeks before his death he had been confined to his bed.

Father was a member of Pilgrim's Rest Church at his home at Lola, North Carolina. He was the oldest member of this church, and one of those who helped to organize the church. We keenly feel our loss, but it was for his eternal gain.

The funeral services were conducted in the church by Rev. W. E. Anderson, and the interment was in the family cemetery. Early in life he married Miss Madora Styron who survives him along with the following children: Mrs. Sadie Lupton, Mr. Kenneth Day, Mr. Earl Day, Mr. Charles M. Day, Mr. Preston Day, and Mesdames Mattie and Millie Daniels. There were four children who preceded him to the grave a few years ago. He also leaves fifteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild, and a host of nephews and nieces.

Sleep on dear Father and take thy rest,
We hope to meet you some day;
In that bright and happy home
Which is in heaven so far away.

—Written by his daughter,
Mrs. Mattie Daniels

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SPEAR. This is written in loving memory of our beloved Sister, Mrs. Viola Morris Spear, who departed this life on November 9, 1943.

November brings sad memories
Of our loved one gone to rest;
You will never be forgotten
By the ones who loved you best.

One year has passed since that sad day,
When our dear Sister was called away.
We loved her then, we love her still,
We miss her now and always will.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. Joyner, her former pastor, and Rev. Grady of Vanceboro. A quartet rendered some beautiful hymns. The large crowd present at the funeral and the numerous floral designs showed the high esteem in which she was held.

A loving Mother and Sister,
So good and kind;
No friend on earth like her will find
For each of us she did her best
May God grant her eternal rest.

We often sit and think of you,
And of the way you died;
As your three little children
Stood by your bed and cried.

Surrounded by friends, we are lonely,
In the midst of pleasure, we're blue;
The smiles on your face are heartaches
Because we're always thinking of you.

We sit and think of you
When we are sad and alone;
For memory is the only thing
That grief can call its own.

—By her sisters:
Novella, Alnita, Ruth, Ethel and Clara

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NORFLEET. Mrs. Harrett Sadler Norfleet died on November 10, 1944, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Jarvis, Aurora, North Carolina. She was born in Hyde County, 1869. Her husband preceded her to the grave about two years ago.

Those who knew Mrs. Norfleet learned to love her, for she was a dear mother, and will be greatly missed in the home and community. Her health had been failing for some time before she died, but she bore her afflictions patiently. We feel that Jesus held her hand and took her home to be with Him.

She was a member of Bethany Methodist Church in Winsteadville, North Carolina. Her funeral was conducted on November 11, 1944, by Rev. Kermett Wheeler of Aurora, and assisted by Rev. Clinton Lupton of Bayboro. Interment was in the Linton Cemetery at Sidney.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. E. C. Jarvis and Mrs. C. W. Alexander. There are eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Mrs. W. B. Aldrich, Royal, N. C.

ATTENTION FREE WILL BAPTIST EVERYWHERE

The second annual session of the State Association of F. W. B. in Mississippi met November 16th and 17th, 1944, at Lee's Chapel near Laurel, Miss. Among resolutions offered and adopted, the two major resolutions we quote in part.

First. That the State Home Mission Board raise sufficient funds and employ a State Evangelist for at least six months of this associational year.

Second. That a building and repair fund be raised for the purpose of loaning to new churches that might be organized; also to old churches that might be in state of repair.

We as F. W. B. have a great opportunity to serve God and our fellow citizens in the State of Mississippi as F. W. B. is comparatively new in Miss. We only have about 3,000 F. W. B. in the State, compared to a state population in excess of 2,000,000. Last year our Home Mission Board sponsored an Evangelistic Campaign to the extent of about eight weeks, conducting Revivals in five different towns or cities in the state, at a cost of approximately $1,500.00. The results were splendid. There being two new churches organized, one at Amory, Miss., and one at Philadelphia, Miss. The Amory church is a beautiful brick structure well located in a fine town of something over 5,000 population. I believe the main auditorium is completed and services are being held each Sunday. Basement is unfinished. This building will cost approximately $15,000.00 when completed. The Philadelphia Church bids fair for a fine church. They have not started their building yet as we understand, but are looking forward to the building of this church in 1945.

From the Commercial Appeal,

Jackson, Miss. Bureau, I quote in part.

"Jackson, Miss., November 21st, Mississippi long considered the heart of the so-called Bible Belt has approximately 700,000 persons above 10 years of age who are not affiliated with any church. Total population is in excess of 2,000,000 in Miss. There are 150 churchless areas and 700,000 above 10 years of age not Christians."

This is a great opportunity for Christians everywhere to do their part in helping us to carry out such a great undertaking for so small a group of people. It will take several thousand dollars to carry this resolution out properly. We mean to do our best God being our helper to set up churches in some of the 150 churchless areas in Mississippi.

Your help is greatly needed to make this possible. We are making this appeal to our denomination as a whole, since we F. W. B. in Mississippi are too few in number to meet so great a responsibility, as seems to be ours. Many people are feeling stronger than ever that F. W. B. should take Jesus seriously when he said, "Go ye into all the world and preach to every Nation."

Any church or individual being led by the Spirit of Christ to help us in his kingdom work, please mail your offering to Mr. L. E. Duncan, P. O. Box 689, Tupelo, Miss., who is Secretary and Treasurer of Home Mission Board, and who will mail you receipt for same. Offerings for Building and Repair Fund would be mailed to Rev. J. M. Hass, Tupelo, Miss., who is our State Treasurer of this fund. Please pray much that God will bless in this undertaking, and will be handled only in accordance to his will.

Yours in his service,

C. R. Hollis, Chairman,
Home Mission Board

ANNOUNCEMENT

We hereby announce a called meeting of representatives of all Free Will Baptist Churches in the State of Florida, and like churches making up the group known as "South Alabama Free Will Baptist Churches" together with all ministers in the above territories, to convene at 10 o'clock A. M., December 20, with the Piny Grove Church, 7 miles south of Chipley, Florida, 3-4 of one mile off Panama City Highway.

The purpose of this meeting is for the perfecting of an organization which may be designated as "The Florida State Association," and all who are interested in such a project are cordially invited to this assembly.

Signed:

John M. Rich,
Ernest Owen

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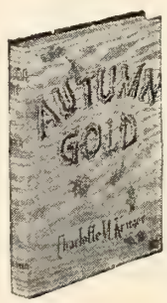


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Over all the country where Elijah lived the trees and grass were dry and brown. Mothers and fathers and children were hungry because food could not grow. The rivers were narrow and low, for it had not rained for a long time.

God loved Elijah and was caring for him. He asked him to hide near a little brook where he could get a drink of water when he was thirsty. Every day God sent ravens with bread and meat for him to eat. Many people were hungry, but Elijah had food to eat.

After awhile the little brook grew so narrow that there was no water in it, and God came to Elijah and said: "I want you to go to a city not far away. I want you to live there, and a good woman who lives there will care for you."

Elijah started at once for the city. After awhile he saw the high wall that surrounded it, and at last he reached the great gate that was always closed at night. There at the gate he saw a woman picking up sticks, and he called to her and said: "Please bring me a little water that I may have a drink."

As she turned to get it he called to her: "Please bring me just a little piece of bread."

The woman stopped. "But I have no bread," she said. "I have only a handful of meal in a jar and a very little oil in a bottle, and I am gathering sticks now to make a fire that I may bake a little cake for my son and myself. When we have eaten it we will die, for we have nothing more to eat."

Elijah said: "Do not be afraid. Make me a little cake first and bring it to me. After that make a cake for your son and yourself. The heavenly Father has said that you shall have meal in the jar and oil in the bottle until He sends rain."

She went home and baked a cake and carried it to Elijah. She also carried a drink of water to him.

Then she went home and looked in the jar. How strange it seemed that there was still meal in it and in the bottle was oil, and she made a cake for herself and her little boy.

Elijah went to live with the good woman and her little son, because this was the woman God meant should care for him. Every day she baked a cake for Elijah and her son and herself, and every day there was more meal in the jar and more oil in the bottle. They were never empty. God's promise was true, and the good woman was glad she had been kind to Elijah.—Bible Story.

ROCKY MOUNT REVIVAL

Our revival meeting began on October 22, and continued through to November 3, with Brother Bob Woolley, of Durhahm, doing the preaching. He certainly did preach some fine messages during the meeting. Every service was enjoyed by those who attended the meeting. There was a large crowd present each night for the services.

There were eight new converts, and four took membership with us by letter from other churches, thus making twelve in all who became members of our church.

Brother Woolley and our pastor, Brother D. A. Windham, were given opportunity to broadcast each morning over the radio at 8:15, through the whole time of our revival. These services were a blessing to many who heard them, and also helped our church here in Rocky Mount. There are many people, even of our own denomination, who do not know that we have a church in this city.

Our pastor, Rev. D. A. Windham, held also a Bible Institute at the City Mission Hall during the time of our revival. He brought lectures from the Books of Daniel and Revelation, and they were very instructive for all who heard them.

We have church services every second and fourth Sundays. Brother Windham preaches for us, on many of these Sundays, four sermons. He has a message for us at eleven o'clock, then he goes on the radio at 2:00 o'clock p. m., and at the City Mission Hall at 3:00, and 7:30 P. M. at the church with us for the evening services.

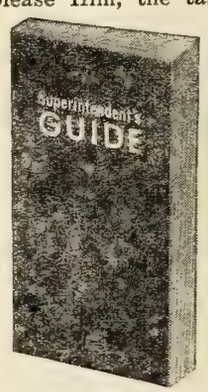
Before our revival we had less than 30 members, but since the revival we now have 40 members. We at Rocky Mount do know what it means to work hard to be able to carry on for the glory of God, and the Lord has blessed us. He has always made a way for us to carry on, and we know what it means to trust Him. We are asking the Christian people to pray for us that we may go forward in the Master's work.

Mrs. C. H. Denton,
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A Christmas Thought

Oh Christmas is coming again, you say,
And you long for the things he is bringing;
But the costliest gift may not gladden the day,
Nor help on the merry bells ringing
Some getting is losing, you understand,
Some hoarding is far from saving;
What you hold in your hand may slip from your hand,
There is something better than having;
We are richer for what we give;
And only by giving we live.

Your last year's presents are scattered and gone;
You have almost forgot who gave them;
But the loving thoughts you bestow live on
As long as you choose to have them.
Love, love is your riches, though ever so poor;
No money can buy that treasure;
Yours always, from robber and rust secure,
Your own, without stint or measure:
It is only love that we can give;
It is only by loving we live.

For who is it smiles through the Christmas morn,
The Light of the wide creation?
A dear little Child in a stable born,
Whose love is the world's salvation.
He was poor on earth, but He gave us all
That can make our life worth the living;
And happy the Christmas day we call
That is spent, for His sake, in giving:
He shows us the way to live,
Like Him, let us love and give!

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he" (Prov. 23: 7).

What do you think of Christ in the past? Was He just a man who startled the world with His moral teachings? Or do you think of Him as having been born in Bethlehem of Judea, and having there begun His eventful career?

We know that the Bible teaches that Christ was in the beginning, and the Creator of all things. He was before all things. Well, do you believe this? He is the One who came down from heaven to earth to us from the glory which He had with God before the earth was created.

Concerning Christ's birth, Do you accept the message from God's word that He was born of a Virgin, and begotten of the Holy Spirit? The prophets foretold of His coming. They said that He was to be a Son, the only begotten Son of God, and that He was to be born in Bethlehem of Judea. When He was born, all heaven burst forth with a magnificat of angels, and the skies were filled with the glory of God.

Jesus came purposely to die, yes, to bring those who believe to God. Do you believe that Christ was the manifestation of the Father? Do you believe that He spoke the words as One with the Father? Their wills were the same.

What do you think of Christ and His cross? What do you think He died for on the cross? Did He not suffer for the just as well as He did for the unjust? Of His own will and choice He purposefully gave himself as a sacrifice for our sins. You may say, "Yes, I do believe that the purpose of His death was to save sinners." Do you believe that He actually died for you? Do you believe on Him as your own Saviour?

Concerning His resurrection, He broke the bonds of death, and came forth with a glorified body. Do you think of Christ as alive for ever more? Do you think of Him as the One who ascended to the Father's right hand, and exalted to be the Head of the Church? Is your Christ watching over you, and concerned about everything in your life?

What do you think of Christ and His return to earth again? Are you happy in the thought of His coming again? He is coming as a bridegroom for His bride to go into the marriage supper together. He is coming to rapture the saints in the air, and to judge them according as to their words here in the world. Does the expectancy of His coming thrill you with joy?

Do you seek Christ as your Lord and Master? Is He master of everything in your life? Are you yielding to Him your body and soul, and are you working in all His will for His glory? You are to make sure of your own heart, and ask Him to make you what you should be. Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart. As you think in your heart, so are you. It matters much what we do believe.

Emma Moore,
3200 Sheridan Road,
Springfield, Illinois

EDITORIAL

REMEMBER THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

This Christmas season is a good time for everyone to remember the widows and the orphans with some worthwhile gift. There are those, in every church community in our country, who are in need of help from the people who are amply able to help them in a material way.

Substantial offerings should be made by the people in their churches and given to the widows and the orphans who are standing in need in their own communities. There are substantial citizens living in every community who are financially able to make gifts during the Christmas holidays to the poor and needy living about them. They can make such gifts in money and in other ways, and reap a blessing themselves for having shared with others some of their material wealth.

God has declared in his holy Word that it is the duty of the strong to help bear the infirmities of the weak. We learn also that we are to be our brother's keeper, and this is as true in rendering material assistance, as well as it is in giving moral and religious help to those who stand in the need of good advice and Christian instruction. Moreover, God has promised to greatly bless the cheerful giver of his possessions, as well as of his good teachings and splendid examples of Christian living before those with whom he labors and associates daily. No one loses anything by befriending in a cheerful and a liberal way those who are appreciative of the gifts made to them because of their need of the necessities of life.

Then there is the joy which comes to the hearts of those who are able, and who do give cheerfully during the Christmas season to an individual or a family destitute of the comforts of life. This joy which the giver receives is inexpressible, overflowing, and causes a gladness to come to the heart because of the kindly deed done in the name of Christ and righteousness for a friend, neighbor or stranger. Thus, the giver is well paid by the heavenly Father in the great satisfaction to know that he or she has been a blessing to some one this Christmas. Let us hope that there will be many who will not forget some widow or orphan, an aged or feeble person this Christmas season.

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MANIFEST CHRISTIAN JOY

It is considered that Christmas is the time of the greatest joy by most people in all Christendom. Both saint and sinner look forward to Christmas with delight, and great expectancy of witnessing what is known as a joyous season. But there are too many Christians, not to mention the sinners, who spend too much time looking for material pleasures or joys, and not enough meditating and rejoicing over the spiritual blessings which God has given to them. Christmas should be held sacred and holy by them, and considered a time of Bible reading, prayer and worship unto the Lord. Their supreme joy should be realized keenly by God's great gift to the world, and what Christ has meant to them through their new birth.

The Christian's joy should be like that of the angels and the shepherds. When the angel appeared to these shepherds at night watching their sheep, he announced the joy of the birth of the Saviour in Bethlehem. The heavenly host appeared also and sang the joyous anthem, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The shepherds went to see the Christ child lying in the manger, and they rejoiced in telling the glad tidings to all they saw in the town. The old priest Simeon rejoiced to see Mary bringing the babe Jesus in the Temple to him for the sacred ceremony according to the law of God. And the prophetess Anna, when she saw the Christ child brought into the Temple where she was, greatly rejoiced, and gave thanks unto the Lord for His advent into the world, and "spake of him to all that looked for redemption in Jerusalem." Yes, the Wise Men, from afar, went to the place where the child Jesus was born, and worshipped Him, rejoicing to see the supreme Gift from heaven, and gave Him gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS

There is an old saying that the Christmas-tide is the time for people to count their many blessings which they enjoyed during the past year. While this is figurative, for no one could name every blessing which God gave him during the year, yet it is an excellent idea for anyone to be thoughtful and appreciative unto God for every blessing received from His bountiful hand.

The poet has well said:

"Count your blessings,
Name them one by one;
Count your blessings,
See what God has done."

Time should be taken by everyone to meditate during this Christmas season upon God's goodness, the blessings received and the opportunity of service, for every good thing which a person is able to enjoy comes from the great heavenly Father. He provides and sustains everyone with the essential things of life. His loving care is limitless, and therefore, it is the duty of both the old and the young to think of their blessings, and to turn to God in prayer and thanksgiving, not forgetting what He has done for them. Moments of meditation by the family fireside, at service in the church on Christmas Eve, December 24, or in some secret place, upon the graciousness of the loving heavenly Father, and over what wonderful blessings you have enjoyed, should be entered into with a deep sense of reverence and devotions unto the Lord.

Our Bible College and Missions

By Miss Laura Belle Barnard
Instructor
Free Will Baptist Bible College

The normal function of a Bible training school is tied up inseparably with worldwide missions as its first and ultimate goal. "For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles (nations), that thou mayest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." Acts 13: 47. Young people from obscure and widely separated points, hearing this call, need an institution to which they may turn for a training equal to the call. They need to have the call confirmed and nourished, and this is done as students mingle together in a dormitory and scholastic life that is necessarily systematic and tedious. Since character is as essential as doctrine, those looking to a full-time Christian service must have opportunity to learn to adjust themselves harmoniously in adverse circumstances, to live self-forgetfully in unfavorable surroundings, and to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Then, there must be the knowledge acquired from books, knowledge doctrinal, historical, and general, that will make the student an intelligent and fruitful worker. To serve this need is the chief purpose of a Bible school.

Hard and toilsome going in our own missionary enterprise is the direct result of our having had no Bible training school in the past. It is significant that three-fifths of the missionaries who have served under our Foreign Mission Board in recent years were actually produced by some other denomination. And all of our missionaries, including those who came originally from Free Will Baptists, were necessarily trained in some other than a Free Will Baptist school. This is not against the quality of the missionaries, for we are convinced that our present missionaries are of superior quality and that they present to our School a worthy goal. But it does mean that the number of workers is appallingly few, that our work begun on two fields is suffering for want of workers, and that if we had not been able to look to other ranks than our own for workers, our missionary outreach would still be smal lindeed. The task of actually producing qualified missionaries is long and tedious. Four years ago the first heartcries of a returned missionary from India began to be heard among us, and still there is not a person who is actually ready to set out for India in response to that persistent call. This is the "dry season" indeed. Human plants in world-wide fields are withering with thirst while no laborers go forth with life-giving Word. And the drought must continue until a sufficient number of young people are graduated and sent out from our own Bible School to meet the need.

The actual, present relation of the Free Will Baptist Bible College to worldwide missions is one that challenges our entire Denomination. One married couple who graduated last spring are now pursuing their training in a higher institution, and they hope to be ready for the field within 18 months or less. Several still enrolled as students here are definitely purposing to go to the field. They will doubtless require some further training also. Other students have caught the missionary vision and are offering themselves subject to the will of the Lord.

It seems safe to say that all our students are actively interested in missions. This is manifest, first, by their prayers. Through the Missionary Prayer Band (of which many through our Denomination are members) our students are discharging a real service to missions in regular, systematic prayer. They also make a considerable financial contribution to our mission treasury. And a definite, missionary influence is wielded through the missionary prayer letter which goes out monthly to all members and gives news of Free Will Baptist missionary work. (Please write for Prayer Band Membership card and for sample copy of prayer letter.) These ministries are of course additional to oral testimony which all students would naturally bear wherever they are.

One prayer and aim of the Free Will Baptist Bible College is clearly defined, that of a definite missionary outreach to definite groups of people. Cuba calls for missionaries. Our Bible College hears that call and realizes the need workers must come from among us. India writes in anguish and oppression, and the doors opened peculiarly for us must be entered by those trained in our School. From within our own country comes a call from the Piute Indians in Utah. This need has been presented to our Home Mission Board Chairman, and the College is waiting upon the Lord in prayer for the person of His choice to lead out in that work under our Home Board. The need of a Free Will Baptist mission for negroes is very keenly felt, and opportune time, place, and circumstances are now being sought out for beginning such a work. Indeed, the relation of our Bible College to our work of missions lies in the fact that the whole future of missions depends upon the Bible College.

The future must assure our missionary enterprise of missionaries adequate in number and quality for the task. These missionaries will come from the School, but they must not only bear the financial responsibility but they must actually send to the School the young people who are to become missionaries. So, just as missions depends upon the School, so the School in turn depends upon the home churches that will send students for training. May we call upon our people to pray that our College will minutely fulfil its normal function and in mighty power give out the Gospel light in missionary witness to the nations of earth.

THE HAVEN OF REST

By Mrs. Vera Elliott,
Nashville, Tennessee

"Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven" (Ps. 107: 28-30).

These days of trouble and distresses—storms of all kinds—make us better able to understand the song, "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wistful eye to Canaan's fair and happy land where my possessions lie." We find ourselves saying over and over again, "How much longer can we stand?" I pray, Oh, God, that we who are followers of the Lord Jesus may hold out in faith to the end. The way does seem hard and we may become impatient on the way. We may feel that we are not appreciated by the people, and that our efforts may seem to have failed altogether, but when we feel despondend it is then that we need to let our hearts go out in humble prayer to God. It is then that we should cry unto the Lord in our trouble, for He will bring us out of our distresses.

Christ Jesus makes the storm to be calm so that the waves are still. In other words, He causes us to see that if we are living as close to Him as we should, and are willing to bear the cross. He will calm our disturbed souls. We will not then grow tired on the way. We will not be expecting people to appreciate us, for we will not have anyone before our eyes but Jesus who will be sufficient for us. He is the One who has promised us eternal life, and we need not be troubled about what others think of us.

When the waves of sickness, death, or persecution, and misunderstandings confront us, it is then that we are glad we can trust in Jesus, for He can bring us to the desired haven of rest. May the Lord grant that all nations will turn to Him and bring this war to a speedy close. I am very glad that salvation is free to everyone who will accept it. The gateway to prayer is always open for all who want to go into the presence of the Lord. But the most of all I am glad that beyond this life there is a lasting rest where Satan can not go. I am glad that there will be no more storms of any kind, but a perfect haven of rest in heaven above.

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, is looking forward to God doing a great work through its members in the future. We are so thankful of the way He has so richly blessed us in the past that we feel sure He shall be able to do great things in the future for His glory. We will soon have our church building paid for by the help of the Lord.

The attendance is good, both in Sunday School and League, considering the bad weather and so very many sick. I myself missed many of the meetings because of my illness in my home. We have new members coming into our church from time to time, and new prospects for others to come later.

This is a jolly season of the year for everyone who is looking forward to the Christmas program, and to the Christmas tree, for most of us grown people are still children around Christmas times. I should like to ask that all consecrated Christian people pray for Trinity Church. Ask God to give us just what we need to have in the way of a great soul-saving station that those who are not Christians may be saved.

SUMMARY OF NEWS FROM GEORGIA

By E. C. Morris

Well, here we are almost at the close of another year. All our activities for the year will soon just be a matter of history. There are many things we would like to have done or seen done, but, alas! it is too late now. We will just have to think in future terms and begin to plan for greater things ahead. We might, however, take a retrospective view and consider the few accomplishments, probably it will encourage us for the tasks that await us. Most all the churches of this state have reported good revivals during the year. According to the statistics, there have been near five hundred additions to the membership of all the churches in the state. This means a slight increase for most all the churches. The manner in which all phases of the work has been supported financially is very commendable and altogether it reveals a trend toward real progress.

There are eight district associations in Georgia and all report splendid sessions held this year. It has been the writer's privilege to visit each district in the state sometime during the year and the fellowship everywhere was very gratifying.

Our State Association, which convened with Oak Grove Church near Colquitt in November, was considered the best session of its history so far. One feature, which was considered an accomplishment, was that every district association was represented for the first time since the present body was organized eight years ago. We are glad to report that Georgia has a well organized State Association and fully covers the territory.

All the boards made favorable reports and the recommendations offered revealed high aims for the ensuing year, which we hope to reach. By the time this article reaches you, there will have been a joint session of all the State Boards held with the Midway Church near Moultrie, Ga., and, no doubt, all the details of plans will be ready for execution. We are looking forward to a most wonderful year in all the church activities down in Georgia. Will you please remember us at the throne of grace.

A CORRECTION

We beg apology for the error which occurred in the name of Dr. Ernie M. Jarvis under the article entitled, "In Knowledge There Is Power," in the issue of the 29th of November. Instead of it being Dr. Ernie M. Davis, it should have been Dr. Ernie M. Jarvis.

NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary
North Carolina State Association

Make Your Offering Unto God

Our giving has been largely of necessity, and often, grudgingly among many of us, which is condemned by the apostle Paul. There are those who give to objects, and never see any further than the object. But I find many who are giving much thought to their giving. They want to GLORIFY the LORD JESUS with their gifts rather than to get a name for themselves.

Tithes and Offerings

Everywhere we go now to work for the Lord in revival meetings or any other church work we find those who have joined that great number of Free Will Baptists who are TITHERS. They have found that the BIBLE teaches TITHING and that it is presented in the TREATISE of the FAITH and PRACTICE of the FREE WILL BAPTIST DENOMINATION. Where it is being preached and taught by leaders, the young and old are taking hold with great zeal and things are really taking place. There is no doubt but what TITHES AND OFFERINGS are GOD'S plan for the church. God never purposed that the CHURCH of the LORD JESUS should be a "begging outfit." He does not expect the world to run the CHURCH. Gambling was never designed by the LORD. Games of chance to run the CHURCH belongs to gambling, therefore, is out of the realm of GODLY OFFERINGS.

The Orphanage Call

God is calling upon the Free Will Baptist of North Carolina to make HIM an OFFERING during this and next month in the matter of a SPECIAL GIFT. This offering should not be made to the ORPHANAGE, but to the LORD JESUS to be used for the ORPHANAGE. I read in some paper some time back where some one said in making their gift, "Here is a gift from the Lord to the Lord. That is, God gave to me, and I am giving back to God." This makes giving a pleasure. It really brings happiness. To worship the LORD with our substance creates, or attends to greater SPIRITUALITY. The most SPIRITUAL CHRISTIANS, whom it is my privilege to meet, are those who are the greatest givers, according to their wealth.

So, if you want to make the greatest gift, that brings the greatest blessing, just get in the habit of worshipping the Lord with your offering, instead of giving a measly sum to keep some institution from going on the rocks, or keep your church from being stigmatized, and criticized for not being able to pay its debts. Just change the giving to GOD'S PLAN and see the difference.

A Christmas Gift

JEHOVAH - JIRETH. (this compound name of Almighty God, means "God will provide.") So, God provided us with a SAVIOUR who came to this earth in the form of an infant about 1944 years ago. This coming of CHRIST gives to us a day that is called CHRISTMAS. Even sinners, who know not God, try to make others happy on this occasion. Gifts are exchanged. We love to surprise those whom we love, by visits and gifts. We sent beautiful cards to let our friends know that we remember them. This is all well. But, we often make CHRISTMAS a day of sinful indulgences. I touched on this kind of celebrating last week, and shall not deal with that now but little. But I am sure that we would be much happier if we would make our CHRISTMAS giving to the CHURCH founded by our LORD to help evangelize the lost souls of this world, and to enlarge orphanages and BIBLE Colleges which belong to our CHRIST. So, let us one and all make a special OFFERING for the glory of the LORD JESUS, to make HIS church reach more lives.

My Trip to Sandy Plains

I was permitted to go down into Duplin County, N. C., for a few days, just a week, and preach each night. Three nights were rainy and cold, but the people assembled well for the weather. God blessed our going. Goodly numbers assembled at the altar for prayer. Five confessed Christ during the meeting. We had to leave, but the pastor, Rev. R. C. Kennedy was to baptize the converts, the afternoon that we left in the morning of the day. The whole community was very nice to us.

What I Found at Sandy Plain

I found that the church is raising money to build class rooms to the church, as early as possible. This church is one that gives liberally. Brother Kennedy preaches TITHING and OFFERINGS in big letters. He has trained his own family to give unto the LORD, and he has a large family of givers. I expect to hear that the work has actually started some of these days, if, the Lord Jesus tarries, and I keep living for a few more months. Brother Kennedy believes in progress. He works to get others to work. He leads his people in GIVING UNTO THE LORD. A great many say "Cousin Robert," if they do not call him "Papa" or "Grandpa," and they are ready to follow his advice. It is largely a family church. I believe four preachers have gone out of that church, all named Kennedy, and Rev. Rashie Kennedy, now in the Bible College, at Nashville, Tennessee, is a son of the pastor, Rev. R. C. Kennedy. Rev. G. W. Kennedy, deceased, was a member of Sandy Plain, and also his son, who is now an ordained minister doing a good work. Well, I could tell much more, but will not now. But I will say I found many happy CHRISTIANS. A large number of TITHERS.

A Good Time to Begin

CHRISTMAS is a good time to begin to TITHE. Just figure how much you have made on your farm this year Brother Farmer. Get right down to Christian figuring with the Lord Jesus and see what a pleasure it is to do business with the Lord Jesus. I am sure that you will get more out of your farming and a great deal more out of your giving. If, you are an employee and make fifty dollars a week, clear of your expense of travel to your work, Five dollars of that Fifty belong to God. Now, don't ar-

gue with me about the matter, just read what God says about it. I will start you with Malachi, 3: 8-10. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." Get your Bible right now and finish the chapter.

Mr. Business man, make God your partner by being honest with God in your Tithes and Offerings. Mr. Professional man, who are you in partnership with? Why not take God as your Partner? And to all Why Not Begin at This Christmas?

The Piedmont Association

Through its Clerk, Rev. Sherman H. Oakes, the Piedmont Association of North Carolina, is the first that I have heard from in our request for minutes. We have just received the 1944 minute, which is one of the best arranged; in tabulations and addresses of its ministers. Even the Auxiliaries are tabulated so that every president can be reached by mail. We thank you Brother Oakes for your quick responses. So, your Association is the first to get the Five-Point Program for North Carolina churches.

Brother Clerks, just as early as you can, get me a minute of your association. If you cannot send me a 1944 right away, send a 1943.

UNION MEETING AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Union meeting and the Sunday School convention of the Eastern Conference of North Carolina will convene at Oak Grove Church on the last Saturday and Sunday in December, 1944, which will be the 30th and 31st. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these two meetings.

We are looking for a nice time both during the Union which convenes on Saturday, and also during the Sunday School convention on Sunday. Please come with hearts prepared to receive the good sermons which will be delivered at these gatherings. We are hoping to have many pastors present for these two services. We are hoping also to do some good things for the Lord's cause.

Mrs. Sallie Fornes,
Vanceboro, North Carolina

(P. S.—This is Oak Grove Church near Vanceboro.)

WAR RELIEF IN EUROPE

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8.—Plans are progressing for war relief. Christians are urged to do good "unto all men especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6: 10).

Why Has There Been A Delay?

Ever General Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill expected that the war would be over this year. But the war is still on. That's the reason for the delay. That delay is making the problem more urgent than when first announced.

Progress

The National Association of Evangelicals has appointed a War Relief Commission to expedite this venture. Mr. Frank D. Lombar, Philadelphia insurance executive, has given up his insurance work to devote full time to organizing this relief.

A warehouse is being secured — the address for forwarding clothes will be announced very soon. Arrangements have been made for the Belgian Gospel Mission to act as distributing agents in Belgium. Other Christian organizations will cooperate with us in handling the distribution in other countries.

THE PRESENT URGENT NEED is for cash to provide for the warehousing, baling, shipping and the purchase of wholesale quantities of items that are non-existent in Europe, such as needles, thread, soap, buttons.

Will you send your check or money order or cash at once to J. William Smith, Jr., Treasurer, NAE War Relief Commission, 2124 Lincoln Liberty Building, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania.

A receipt will be issued promptly for your income tax records.

MACEDONIA CHURCH

Craven County, N. C.

On the night of November 30th at seven-thirty o'clock, the members of Macedonia Church and other good folks of the community met at the church for the purpose of holding our Thanksgiving service. Our good pastor, Rev. J. R. Bennett, of Bridgeton, N. C., brought us a very beautiful Thanksgiving message after which we joined in a series of prayers, and poured out our hearts to God in thankfulness and gratitude for His many wonderful blessings throughout the year. Many joined in these expressions of thanks and the Spirit of God predominated throughout the entire service. As a further expression of our thanks we took an offering for our Orphanage, which totaled $176.00, and also a considerable amount of commodities.

We were very happy that God had blessed us in such a way that we were able to make this contribution to so worthy a cause. Also we are happy to report that our church and community has been miraculously blessed this year, both spiritually and materially. We really are on fire for God and going forward in His cause.

The unity and harmony which we are enjoying in our church is a wonderful thing to experience. Our Sunday School, League and other auxiliaries are doing a wonderful work, and are all working harmoniously. We also have prayer service each Wednesday night, which to attend is enough to thrill the heart of any Christian. We are giving over the greater part of these services at this time in prayer for our service men and women and for victory and peace.

We conclude this article by asking all who read this to join us in these prayers.

Yours for greater service to God,
Board of Deacons,
Macedonia Church

Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of? Isa. 2: 22.

REPORT OF THE ASSEMBLY GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

The North Carolina Assembly Grounds Committee met in the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Thursday, December 14, 1944, for the purpose of considering an Assembly Ground site for sale at Bayview on the North side of Pamlico River.

Together with two proxies, there were nine of the twelve committee members present for the meeting. The chairman stated, in the beginning of the meeting, the purpose of either considering buying or not to buy the site for the Assembly grounds. After some descriptions of the place, and some discussions concerning it as a camp site, the vote was taken. It was a UNANIMOUS VOTE not to buy the property. The reasons given were as follows: (1) Our appraiser of the property valued it at $2400, and the owner is asking $3800; (2) Several thousand feet of the best timber has just recently been cut off the land; (3) There are several very low and boggy places in the grove, which would make the site unsuitable for buildings and play grounds; (4) The mosquitoes are frequent pests there at Bayview in the summer.

The Assembly Grounds Committee,

R. B. Spencer, Chairman

ANNOUNCEMENT

All persons who have money for the Home Mission Board of the North Carolina Central Conference are requested to send the same to Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Winterville, North Carolina, as she is the secretary and treasurer of this Board. As we are getting calls for help, we would like to know what to do about it. She has only the amount which was raised at the Central Conference on hand.

This request is by the Chairman of the Board.

J. H. Harris

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MONTHLY REPORT OF NATIONAL FOREIGN MISSION TREASURER

Receipts for the month of November, 1944

Edge Church of Edge, Texas	$ 2.68
Claud E. Sawyer, Ware Shoals, South Carolina	2.00
Loyal Chapel, Columbia, Tennessee	21.00
Offering taken at Alabama State Convention	114.16
Offering taken at Bear Point Church in Illinois	125.02
Offering taken at Webb's Prairie Church in Illinois	35.00
Offering taken at Ina Church, Ina, Illinois	100.89
Offering taken at Mt. Zion Church in Illinois	46.80
Offering taken at Bakerville Church in Illinois	26.29
Offering taken at Waltonville Church in Illinois	31.00
Miss Dolores Hale, Bonnie, Illinois	15.00
Luella Whittington, Whittington, Illinois	5.00
St. Mark's Church, Phenix City, Alabama	5.00
S. P. Easley, Portales, New Mexico	10.00
Saline Association of Arkansas	25.05
F. W. B. Church of Estil, Kentucky	30.00
South Carolina Auxiliary Convention	18.00
Union Meeting of South Carolina Conference	50.00
Mrs. E. F. Traut, Iola, Texas	10.00
Rev. George Waggoner, Columbia, South Carolina	5.00
Jack McCoury, Johnson City, Tennessee	1.00
State of Oklahoma	148.00
Missouri State Association	245.00

Winford Davis, Treasurer

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

By J. R. Davidson, Treasurer

We are glad to report the fact that we have made another successful month's history in our Educational Program as relates to the Free Will Baptist Bible College. The following is an itemized statement by states of both endowment and ordinary gifts, as well as gifts for the Expansion Program.

Source	Endowment	Gift	Total
Alabama	$ 15.00	$	$ 15.00
Florida	7.50		7.50
Georgia	40.50	37.50	78.00
Illinois	19.50	5.00	24.00
Kansas	3.00		3.00
Kentucky	20.00		20.00
Michigan	17.00		17.00
Mississippi	22.50	2.00	24.50

Missouri	50.50	35.00	85.50
North Carolina	77.50	92.75	170.25
Ohio	25.00		25.00
Oklahoma	29.50	15.00	44.50
Tennessee	79.00	1.00	80.00
Texas	44.00		44.00
South Carolina	11.00	187.01	198.01
Virginia	10.50		10.50
Expansion Program (Tenn.)			211.00
Value of Pounding, (Tenn.)			45.50
Students for Room, Board, etc.			642.42
Miscellaneous Receipts			74.55
Total	$472.00	$375.26	$1,820.73

Disbursements as follows:

Room Rent	$ 136.50
Grocery and Kitchen Supplies	341.74
Heat, Lights, Water, etc.	57.20
Telephone and Telegraph	15.09
School Supplies	19.30
Traveling Expenses	120.50
Maintenance	196.76
Salaries	390.47
Labor	126.69
Promotional Services National Executive Secretary	200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	41.87
Books	59.90
Total	$1,706.02

I wish to call attention to the margin this month between the amount received in normal gifts and endowment. We received most one hundred dollars in endowment in excess of the amount received in ordinary gifts. Hnce, the emphasis of the worth and success of our Annual Endowment Plan in the support of the College. May we further call your attention to the fact that we had a margin of most seventy dollars income above disbursements in view of the fact that we were compelled to spend most two hundred dollars for maintenance and two hundred dollars for promotional services through the National Executive Secretary notwithstanding our monthly allocation was not received from the National Unified Program Fund.

We wish to use this method in expressing our thanksgiving to our people who are so faithfully supporting this Cause. May the Lord bless you richly according to the Spirit in which you have joined as laborers together in the support of our Educational Program.

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MY FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE BIBLE COLLEGE

By Rev. J. P. Barrow, Dean

After hearing and reading for two years, with intense interest and delight, the many reports of our Bible College and its splendid progress, I arrived here at dark November 21, where I found a group of twenty-eight happy students, some of whom being in the reception room to greet and welcome me. Almost simultaneously the president, Rev. L. R. Ennis, in his stately, dignified manner emerged from his neat, well-arranged office to conduct me through and around the buildings, and furnish me with much desired information. Miss Herring, the household supervisor, whose name to me is the very personification of efficiency, cleanliness, and order, met me with a cheerful, "How are you?" In the College she finds herself with congenial surroundings. A picturesque landscape of trees, shrubbery, and lawn serve as a background to the college building, which is a majestic, grey stone structure, the interior of which reveals good taste on the part of both architect and decorator. The color scheme and lighting system are arranged to produce a magnificent harmony.

The following morning, when I entered the school building, I met the other members of the business and educational staff—Rev. J. R. Davidson, business manager and treasurer; Mrs. J. L. Welch, secretary; Miss Laura Belle Barnard, returned missionary, who is now professor of Evangelism and Missions; Mrs. Elizabeth Sawyer, director of the music department and Mrs. Homer Willis, instructor in English—all of whom greeted me warmly.

At Brother Ennis' suggestion, I attended one each of his, Mrs. Sawyer's and Miss Barnard's classes. While I sat through these class sessions, my gratitude and praise to my dear heavenly Father overflowed. My dreams for years, of a Free Will Baptist School in which the Word of God, in its simplicity and power, is taught to an eager group of sincere, submissive, born again students, have come true. These students are getting in the classroom what I covet for many more young men and women who are earnestly working and praying in a limited way, limited because they lack this type of training. I am sure no Christian student can attend these classes of Miss Barnard's, Mrs. Sawyer's, and Brother Ennis' without a great blessing and appreciation for the College.

I wish our brethren and sisters in Christ who have made this wonderful institution possible by their liberal gifts could visit us and enter into this wonderful fellowship with the students and attend the prayer band and classes. No doubt, this would inspire faith and satisfaction in the worthiness of the cause to which they have so generously contributed of their means.

The Women's Auxiliary Department

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STATE-LINE LEAGUE CONVENTION REPORT

The State-Line League convention met in its annual session with New Harmony Church near Cottonwood, Alabama, on November 24, 1944. The meeting was called to order by the president, G. H. Jordan. After the devotional services were over, the Reverend Rufus Hyman delivered a timely lecture on the subject, "The Moral Need of Youth." The Reverend G. H. Jordan preached an inspiring sermon at the eleven o'clock hour. The lunch, which was spread on the church lawn, was both delicious and bountiful.

In the afternoon the people re-convened in the church and opened the afternoon session by singing a song, "Onward Christian Soldiers." After the devotions, which were led by Mary E. Brown, Rev. G. W. Nobles delivered an address on the subject, "The Training of Youth." Following this there was a general discussion of conditions and means of improving the Leagues, etc. Plans were set up for a Training Center, and some definite steps were taken to this end. Reverends Rufus Hyman, George Nobles, and Miss Miranda Ditty were appointed as a committee to work in cooperation with a like committee from the State-Line Association in the selection of a site for the training center.

There was a motion carried for the selection of delegates from the young people of the churches to be officially designated to attend the Training Center, and that a cordial invitation is to be extended to all who may be able to attend. An offering of twenty-one dollars was taken to be used in helping to establish the Training Center. Howard's Grove, Hickory Grove and Prospect churches each pledged fifty dollars on the Building Fund for the Training Center. New Harmony Church also pledged to support the project, but did not state the amount.

After the reading and adopting the minutes of the last meeting, the officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Rev. Rufus Hyman, president; Rev. G. H. Jordan, vice-president; Mary Edna Brown, secretary-treasurer. Reverends D. F. Pelt, Rufus Hyman, and Miss Miranda Ditty were selected to arrange a program for the next session of the convention, which will convene, by invitation, with Prospect Church in Dothan, Alabama, on the last Friday in November, 1945.

After a rising vote of thanks to the New Harmony Church and community for the kind hospitality shown this convention, the meeting adjourned.

Rev. Rufus Hyman, President,
Mary Edua Brown,
Secretary-Treasurer

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A PECULIAR PEOPLE

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (I Pet. 2: 9).

The word "peculiar" here in this verse is one among the outstanding words used to eulogize God's people. So very many times we think of the word "peculiar" to point out some hideous object, or person, but it is not so in this case. Here it is used to point out a separated people who have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus. Titus, in chapter 2: 14, gives a beautiful picture of a peculiar people. Note these words, "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

I visited a church in one of the Eastern States a short time ago, and seeing how they carried out every phase of our program, I said to them "This is a peculiar people; the kind we read about in the Bible." One of the members said to me, "Did you know that we have a Foreign Missionary group that has a membership of over ninety members, and that we meet every third Sunday night, and take an offering for Foreign Missions?" I replied, "No, but how long have you been going?" She said, "Since we heard Sister Laura Belle Barnard give her lecture just before she sailed to India in 1935." Well, I had to say to this good woman, "Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow!"

Then, I spoke up and declared to her, "This church has a peculiar pastor who has led you people into the entire program of the denomination." The church to which I have reference is not a wealthy church. Most of the dear men fish for their living. They carry out our Sunday School program, and every one, from the smallest child to the eldest adult brings an offering to the Sunday School. After the school is over, all march into the auditorium, and take their places. The Card Class and teacher occupy the first row of seats. Then, on and on they come until every class is in the auditorium, and seated in their proper places. When the time comes to take the offering, every child along with the grown people places his envelope in the offering plate. Following this the figures are written on a small blackboard for everyone to read for himself just what the offering amounted to. The Sunday I was there, the offering amounted to $223, and some cents. I had to praise the Lord for the business side of these people's religion.

That Sunday night the church gave $21.40 for missions, and when the Co-Labor Band was presented, 63 persons joined and paid $37, and the church then gave $50 for my services. This church has one treasury, and the business is transacted by checks. Now, why couldn't all of our churches fall in line with this one? Their pastor could not be there with us, but the thing which I want everyone to notice is the fact that the pastor has them so lined up that they carry on the great work, though he could not be present.

This church is also a spiritual church, and the members are present

when the church doors are open for services. God comes first and business second with them, and these are a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Can you guess what church this is?

Yours for Jesus,

Lizzie McAdams

HIGHLIGHTS OF STATE MEETING IN ALABAMA

The State Association held its annual meeting in Cordova, Alabama, November 9-11, 1944. This was known to be the greatest State Meeting in the history of Free Will Baptists of Alabama. Twelve Associations were represented at this meeting. There are only five others in the state that are not members of the State Association. Plans are being made to encourage these to come in next session.

The meeting was well attended. The fine church people in Cordova and their good pastor, Rev. K. V. Shutes, did a splendid job in caring for the State Meeting.

I should like to mention just a few things that took place. First, we think one of the greatest was that our beautiful site at Eldridge, Alabama, which was purchased less than two years ago for our State Orphanage, is completely paid out of debt, and is almost ready to be opened and begin operation. I hold a receipt just received that it is paid up in full. Many of our Free Will Baptist people claim that this orphanage is worth more than one hundred thousand dollars. This was purchased by the Free Will Baptist of Alabama for the sum of seven thousand dollars. In addition to this, more than two thousand dollars in repairs have been paid.

Second, I would like to briefly mention that our people are becoming more missionary minded. The pictures and lecture by Bro. Winford Davis had weight as never before in Alabama, especially for foreign missions.

Third, the Unified Program perhaps has been misunderstood by many of our churches and ministers. It was clearly explained and certainly Alabama will be heard from about Unified Program in the future.

Fourth, we want to thank Sister Lizzie McAdams for her devotion to the Ladies Auxiliary Work which is spreading fast. The need of the Auxiliaries is being realized more each day, and our churches are awakening to that fact.

Bro. J. J. Staab has been re-elected as moderator, and the next session of the State Association will meet at Brilliant Boston Church, Brilliant, Alabama, on November 8-10, 1945.

W. H. Ryland,

Secretary-Treasurer

LEAGUE REPORT

The Albemarle League union met with Corinth Church on October 28, 1944. The meeting was opened with those present singing hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The theme for the day was: "Whatsoever Things Learned in His Word." A solo entitled "One Day" was rendered by Mrs. W. A. Rhem.

A talk was made on the subject, "The Power of Prayer," by Billy Early. Another talk was given by Mary Frances Fowler on the subject, "Faith, our Means of Victory." Mr. Alonzo Reynolds talked on the subject, "Soul Winning, Our Duty."

Mrs. W. A. Rhem and Mr. Alonzo Reynolds were appointed to serve on the Digest Committee. At this time the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The list of churches was called, and the following responded:

Sound Side—

W. A. Hales, Adult	$ .50
J. C. Griffin, Senior	.50
Rose Bowen, Intermediate	.50
Barbara Willey, Junior	.50

St. Paul—

Intermediate	.50
Adult	.50

Free Union—

St. Paul, Adult	.50
Everready, Senior	.50
Clarence Mowen, Inter.	.50
Duffy Toler, Junior	.25

Malachi Chapel—

Adult	$ 2.00
Senior	.50

Hickory Chapel—

Adult	1.00
Intermediate	1.00
Junior	.50

Gum Neck—

Senior	1.00
Intermediate	1.00
Total	$11.75

The president made a few remarks concerning a field worker.

The treasurer made her report and it was accepted.

A motion was made and accepted that we give $15.00 for superannuation.

The Digest Committee gave their report and they found the Everready Senior League of Free Union won the banner.

The meeting closed to meet with Free Union Church December 30, 1944.

Mrs. Archie Willoughby, Pres.,
Miss Alice Webster, Secy.

P. S.—We would like to urge that all the leagues of the Albemarle League Union represent at the next union.—A. W.

ALBEMARLE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION PROGRAM

Following is the program for the Albemarle Sunday School Convention to be held with Free Union Fifth Sunday.

10:00—Devotions conducted by Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark
10:15—President's remarks
10:20—Recognition of ministers
10:25—Business
11:10—Special music by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
11:15—Sermon by Rev. James A. Evans
12:00—Lunch
1:00—Devotions by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
1:20—Business resumed
—Election of officers
2:00—Adjournment

Alonzo L. Reynolds

St. Claire Bible Class
Prepared and Arranged by
M. B. Hutchinson,
McArthur, Ohio

THE BASIS OF COURAGE FOR THE FUTURE

(Lesson for December 31)
Lesson: Matthew 16: 13-20; 2 Peter 3: 14-18; I John 3: 1-3.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" (I Cor. 15: 58).

There are certain common words in man's vocabulary which are of far greater significance than their brief nature would suggest. Little words like "and," "but," "if," "perhaps," and especially our opening word, "Therefore." Like a guidepost along a highway this word points our thoughts to the back trail, and in this instance "Therefore" condenses the preceding fifty-seven verses of the 15th chapter of I Corinthians into its small sphere.

What a grand chapter that is! It begins with a clear enunciation of the Gospel which saves us from sin, and divides that Gospel into two equally important sections. One-half of the saving revelation consists of the fact that Christ died for our sins, the rest consists of the equally-important matter of His resurrection. Having established the historical certainty of Jesus' resurrection, the chapter then assures us that our own immortality is based upon this fact. When we accept Christ as our Saviour, our sins are forgiven because of Calvary, and we get a new life which redeems and regenerates the soul and spirit from the instant of that acceptance. Then we have the promise that because Jesus rose, our bodies also shall become the object of the operation of salvation, as they also shall live again. Thus two historical certainties are possessed by the Christian: (1) The resurrection of Christ, and (2) His own resurrection from the dead.

II. Heart of the Lesson

1. The Church

17, 18. and Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in Heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. — If Peter's confession had not been true, Jesus would, at once, have emphatically repudiated it, judged by the frankness of His dealing with His disciples in every instance on record; on the contrary, He not only accepted it in all the wide import of its meaning, but declared it to be a truth of direct heavenly origin, and special revelation. Jesus first announced the blessedness of Peter. He was blessed of God because he knew the Lord Jesus in reality and confessed Him. The Lord is always pleased when His people confess Him (Mat. 10: 32, 33). Every sinner who thus believes on the Lord Jesus Christ and confesses Him, is Divinely blessed in that he is saved (Rom. 10: 8-10). Jesus addressed Peter by the name Simon Bar-jona (Bar-jona, A. S. V.), which means a "son of a dove." The dove is the emblem of the Holy Spirit, and so here, the Lord Jesus gave Peter to know that he was born of the Holy Spirit. His knowledge and his faith were not merely historical and traditional, they were Divinely bestowed as the result of a Divine revelation to his soul. His knowledge and faith were personal and vital; he was taught by a Divine energy in the soul. No one really can know Jesus as the Son of God and the Messiah of Israel unless God reveals Him thus by the Word through the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 2: 14; 12: 3). Simon Bar-jona was given a new name. The name Peter formerly had been announced in the name Cephas, meaning A stone (John 1: 42). Cephas is the Aramic for Peter. In the passage before us the name Peter is now formally conferred upon Simon Bar-jona; and its significance is explained. With the inward change wrought by the inpartation of a new and Divine nature, there came also a change of name (Gen. 17: 1-5; 32: 28). Simon was now called Peter, from the Greek Petros, which means a "stone," or part of a rock that is a stone. Simon knew the Lord Jesus and confessed Him to be "the Christ, the Son of the living God," and was now become a "living stone" in the new and spiritual Building which the Lord was soon to build (I Pet. 2: 4-6). In this same connection Jesus made announcement concerning His Church, saying, "And upon this Rock I will build My Church." In these words the Lord Jesus made announcement of a purpose which was entirely new to His disciples. While Israel, as a nation, abides in unbelief, the Lord Jesus Christ will build His Church.

When the Lord says upon what He is going to build His Church, He no longer speaks of Petros, a stone, but uses the word Petra which means a rock out of which the Petros, the stone, is hewn. The word Petra, rock, the Lord used for the first time in Matt. 7: 24, 25. The house there is built upon a Petra, a rock, and cannot fall because the Rock is the Lord Jesus Himself. This Rock upon which the Church is built, is "Christ, the Son of the Living God" as confessed by Peter. But why, it may be inquired, this peculiar use of Petros and Peter, a part of a rock, and Petra the rock? Peter answers this question in I Pet. 2: 4-6. Here we see the same relation to stone and stones, and Peter himself settles the question of the stone, that it is not he himself, but Christ, and Peter, like every other believer on the Lord Jesus Christ, is but a living stone built upon the Lord Jesus Christ. If our Lord meant that His Church would be built upon Peter, He would undoubtedly have said, "I will build My Church upon thee," instead of saying, "upon this rock I will build My Church."

The truth about the Church was not known in Christ's day and time. He Himself in this instance spoke of it for the first time and announced it as still future—"I will build," and not "I have built" nor "I am building."

The Church did not yet exist in Christ's day and time. He Himself in this instance spoke of it for the first time and announced it as still future—"I will build," and not "I have built" nor "I am building." The Church did not yet exist in Christ's day and time, neither was the truth about it revealed and known. The Church came into being on the Day of Pentecost, and the revelation concerning the Church was given through Paul by the Holy Spirit some time later.

The Lord Jesus Himself is the Builder of the Church. He Himself said, "I will build My Church." The Church is His very own, and He Himself is the Builder of it (Acts 2: 47).

WILL YE ALSO GO AWAY?

(John 6: 67)

By Rufus Hyman

In the context, the story is told of the teachings of Jesus concerning His flesh and blood being the means of our salvation. Jesus said, "Except ye eat my flesh and drink my blood, ye have no life." Back in the wilderness journey, the Hebrews ate the manna sent from heaven, and they were now dead. But whosoever trusts in His death as atonement for his sins shall live forever.

Trouble in Christ's Group

When Jesus made the statement that it was necessary to eat His flesh and drink His blood, many of His disciples went back, and walked with Jesus no more. Their names had been written in heaven on the Book of Life. It is thought by some commentators that these were the "70 disciples" sent by Jesus on their first missionary tour. They returned with joy over their success, for they said, "Devils were subject unto us." Their misunderstanding of His teaching of His sacrificial death as means of their salvation caused them to err; but, because there is trouble and confusion in the company of those who are called out to serve Christ, it is no reason why we should turn away from Christ.

There is confusion in the churches today. Misunderstanding, unbelief and sin are on every hand. Many whom we once trusted as true Christians may not now be trusted. Jesus said, "Have I not chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" Jesus said to them, "Will ye also go away?"

Christians May Turn Back

When a sinner is saved, it is because he desires to be saved. He is a free moral agent. He can come to Christ and be saved, or he can reject Christ as His Saviour and be lost. In Israel during Old Testament times, when a refugee had fled for safety into the cities of refuge, he was given protection providing he would remain in the city until the death of his high priest. When his high priest died, he could return to his family and country from whence he had fled, and the "avenger of blood" could not touch him because he had complied with God's laws. But if he went before his high priest died, his avenger could slay him, and his blood was on his own head. No one could go in that city and kill him because the gates of the cities of refuge were guarded by day and night.

Jesus is our high priest, and He lives forever. As long as Christ lives, just that long must the Christian abide in Christ until death. A Christian is a free moral agent, and that same "will" which consented to come to Christ can also consent to turn away into sin.

Christ Has Words of Life

Eternal life is in Christ (I Jon. 5: 11-13). He that has Christ has life and shall not come into condemnation. Peter said, "Thou hast the words of eternal life, and to whom shall we go?" Having once been lost, condemned, without God and without hope, but now we have God as our Father, Jesus as our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit as our Comforter and Guide. We have tasted of the good word, come and receive the divine nature, and are now declared to be Sons of God, and joint heirs with Christ; how can we turn back? Our greatest future is yet to come, and we are told that "all who persevere in holiness unto the end will be saved, and those who do not shall be lost." Christ is able to keep us, for He ever lives to make intercession for us. All heaven is for us, and now let us be true unto death.

(Note: This is contributed through our South Alabama representative, D. W. Poole.)

PROGRAM

The Cape Fear Union meeting will convene with Tee's Chapel on December 30, 1944.

The Theme: Work of the Holy Spirit.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions led by Rev. W. K. Jordan
10:15—Enrollment and church reports
11:05—Intermission
11:10—Song service
11:20—Sermon by Rev. T. E. Beaman

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by Rev. R. H. Jackson
1:20—Special music by the Woodall Quartette
1:30—Report of the Sunday School Board
1:40—Educational report
2:00—Report of Mission Board
2:30—Report of Finance and Allocation Committee
—Report of Program Committee
—Treasurer's report
—Petitions for the next union
—Miscellaneous business
3:30—Closing song and benediction

by Rev. C. R. Biggs
Mrs. Lenna Bass,
Mrs. Ruby S. Stewart,
Committee

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OBITUARIES

Obituaries, 150 words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be enclosed in Postage Stamps in the letter with the obituary.

WOOD.—In the early morning of June 23, 1944, Mrs. Julia E. Wood sweetly fell asleep to rest from her earthly labors until the resurrection morn. She was the wife of H. Council Wood and was married December 26, 1909. She was reared and spent her entire life in the vicinity of Cove City, N. C. At an early age she became a Christian and was a member of Winter Green Free Will Baptist church.

Her life was one of beauty and sincere devotion. She seemed to have accepted her every responsibility with becoming grace and dignity. The secret of her gentle and sacrificial life was her faith in God and her high sense of regard for the sacred duties of life. In her home and at her many posts of duty she was always to be found moving in that quiet and retiring manner which was characteristic of her saintly life.

In her passing she left to mourn their loss, her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Franklin Civils, and Mrs. Edward Matthews; one son, Raymond Wood, and four grand-children. Her funeral was conducted from the home by her pastor, Rev. Duffy Toler, Reverends J. A. Evans, and M. E. Tyson.

—Written by a friend

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WOOD.—On November 4, 1944, God brought to a close the consistent and serviceable life of H. Council Wood, of Cove City, N. C. He was born January 28, 1883. In the year of 1909, he was married to Miss Julia E. Wetherington, and to this union were born three daughters and one son. Two daughters, Mrs. Franklin Civils, and Mrs. Edward Matthews, and the son, Raymond, survive.

Brother Wood was one of the most faithful members of Winter Green church. In his active years he served in many important positions, in his county, church, and denomination. At the time of his passing he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, at Middlesex, N. C. For more than ten years he served in such capacity. The Orphanage never had a more loyal friend than was Brother Wood. His life here was endowed with many Christian graces and one of the most visible was that of Christ-like humility. In the wisdom of God he was allowed to suffer over a period of several months, but to those who observed him, it must be said he was indeed a patient sufferer. He truly loved the Lord and with fond anticipation looked forward to the final consummation of the will of God for his life.

In his home-going, Craven County lost one among its most highly esteemed citizens, his church a great pillar of strength, and his denomination one of its greatest supporters. His funeral was conducted in the midst of a throng of sympathetic friends by his pastor, Rev. Duffy Toler, assisted by Reverends J. A. Evans, and M. E. Tyson. His body was laid to rest beside that of his wife in the family burial plot beneath a lovely blanket of floral beauty.

—Written by a friend

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STUBBS.—On June 11, 1944, our Lord in His infinite wisdom called my Mother, Mrs. Mary Susan Stubbs, to exchange her cross for a crown, to lay aside the cares and troubles of this earthly life, and to receive her well earned reward.

She was born on May 18, 1868, making her stay on earth 76 years and 24 days. She was a member of Smyrna Church, and was a faithful and dutiful member as long as her health permitted. She leaves four daughters, two sons, 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Her funeral services were conducted at the home by Rev. Clinton Lupton, and assisted by the Reverend Kermit Wheeler, in the presence of many relatives and friends. Her body was laid to rest in the family cemetery beneath a beautiful mound of flowers.

We miss you from our home, Mother,
We miss you from your place;
A shadow o'er our life is cast
That cannot be replaced.

We miss the kind and loving hands
That nourished us with tender care;
Our home is dark without you
For we miss you everywhere.

You are gone but not forgotten,
Never will your memory fade;
Sweetest thoughts will ever linger
'Round the grave where you're laid.

—Written by her loving daughter,
Mrs. Mable Rowe

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, God, in His infinite wisdom, has called to her heavenly reward, our faithful member and co-worker, Mrs. Willie Jane Askew, be it resolved:

First, That we, the members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, bow in humble submission to His holy will. We shall miss her, but we know that our loss is her eternal gain. Her loving Christian character will ever be an inspiration to us;

Second, That we extend to her family our sincere sympathy and commend them to the God of mercy who is able to comfort them in a time of sorrow; and

Third, That a copy be sent to the Baptist paper for publication, and a copy to be recorded in the minutes of the Auxiliary of the Kenly Free Will Baptist Church, and a copy be sent to the family.

By the Committee:
Mrs. H. G. Watson,
Mrs. W. H. Pierce,
Mrs. Julius Corbett

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COBB.—It is with a sad heart that I write the account of the death of my mother-in-law, Mrs. Pennie Cobb. She was 71 years old when she died. She was a faithful member of Friendship F. W. B. Church in Greene County.

Those who knew her learned to love her, for she was a dear mother, and will be greatly missed in the home and in her community. Her health had been failing her for sometime before she died, but she bore her sufferings patiently. We feel that Jesus was with her, and He took her home to be with Him.

Her funeral was conducted by Rev. W. L. Hart, and M. E. Tyson. She had been a subscriber of the Baptist paper for over fifty-one years.

—Written by Mrs. J. C. Cobb

PROGRAM

The Sunday School convention of the Second Union meeting of the Central Conference will convene with Gum Swamp Church on Sunday, December 31, 1944. It will convene at ten o'clock.

Morning Session

10:00—Sunday School as usual
11:00—Business session
11:15—Song service
11:30—Sermon by Rev. J. D. Vernelson
12:00—Lunch hour

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions by the local Sunday School
1:15—Business period
2:00—Round-table Discussions on S. S. Problems
2:30—Adjournment

The Committee

ALBEMARLE LEAGUE UNION PROGRAM

Saturday Night

7:30—Opening song: Free Will Baptist Leaguers
—Prayer
—Devotions conducted by Mrs. Henry Hardison
—Song: "Give of Your Best to the Master"
—Remarks by the president
—Business and minutes of last meeting
—List of Leagues called
—Other business
Election of Officers
—Special music by young people of Free Union
—Program by League of Free Union
Closing song and benediction

Mrs. H. I. Fowler

PROGRAM

The following is the program for the Albemarle Union Meeting to be held with Free Union Church, December 30, 1944.

Morning Session

10:30—Devotions conducted by Bro. Henry Webster
10:45—Remarks by the Moderator, Rev. W. A. Hales
10:50—Business period
—Enrollment of ministers
—Minutes read of last meeting
—List of churches called
11:20—Special music by the Orphanage girls Quartet
11:25—Sermon by Rev. J. R. Bennett
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions conducted by Bro. Robert W. Gradeless
1:15—Special music by local church
1:20—News from the Orphanage by Mrs. L. E. Ballard
1:40—Miscellaneous business
2:15—Closing hymn and benediction

Mrs. Archie Willoughby

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PROGRAM

The Fourth Union Auxiliary convention will convene on December 31, 1944, with LaGrange Church, LaGrange, North Carolina.

Morning Session

Sunday School as usual.
11:00—Devotions led by Tyson Creech
—Welcome address by Mrs. N. H. Williams
—Response by Mrs. Paul Thigpen
11:30—Sermon by Rev. P. C. Wiggs
12:15—Offering for the Orphanage
12:30—Appointment of committees
2:45—Lunch

Afternoon Session

2:00—Devotions led by Rev. C. D. Hamilton
2:15—A talk by Mrs. Carrie Speight
2:45—Business period
—Program by the LaGrange Church
3:30—Adjournment

Mrs. Oscar Pelletier,
A. L. Summerlin,
Mrs. L. R. Belle,
Committee

PROGRAM

The Second Union meeting of the Central Conference of North Carolina will convene with Cum Swamp Church on Saturday, December 30, 1944.

Morning Session

10:00—Devotions led by Brother Levi Hill
10:15—Business period
10:45—Message: "Making Church Worship More Meaningful," by Rev. J. Albert Harris
11:15—Song service led by the moderator
11:30—Sermon, "Living in Harmony with Christ," by Rev. J. C. Moye
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Devotions led by L. A. Fulford
1:15—Business period
1:45—Message: "Making the Sunday School a Working Center of the Church," by Rev. D. W. Alexander
2:25—Message: "The Ladies Auxiliary in Harmony with the Church," by Mrs. T. W. Drake
2:45—Business period
3:00—Adjournment

By the Committee

A WORD OF THANKS

We want to take this opportunity to express our thanks to the good people who sent flowers, letters and cards to me while I was in Duke Hospital in Durham. They were greatly appreciated, and we thought they were very nice, everyone of them.

We want also to thank the people for their visits, and all that they have done for me since I returned from the hospital. We want them to continue to come to see us, as I am now at home.

We are asking the good Christian people to pray to God that I might get well again, and be restored to my wanted health, if it can be His holy will.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Forrest

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform my friends that I am now living in Sherron Acres, Durham, North Carolina. Anyone desiring to communicate with me, may do so by writing me at the following address.

Rev. R. W. Allman,
Route 5, Box 337-A
Durham, North Carolina

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. Psa. 121: 8.

Boys and Girls Corner

A TRUE FRIEND

King Saul promised that he would not hurt David, and for a long time he was kind to him, but one day, when David came home from a great victory, the people roundabout praised him for his strength and said he was very brave.

King Saul heard the songs of praise, and he was again jealous of David. David noticed the king felt unkindly toward him, and, taking up his harp, he began to play some sweet music, hoping he could make King Saul see that he was good and kind.

The king was still angry, and at last David said to Jonathan: "What have I done that the king, thy father, is still angry with me? To-morrow he will give a feast, and I should go to it, but I am afraid that he will hurt me."

Jonathan answered: "Surely my father does not mean to hurt you, for you know he said a long time ago that he was sorry he had been unkind, and promised that you were not to be hurt."

David answered: "I think your father knows how much you love me, and he has not told you because he knows you will grieve, but I feel sure that I may be killed at any moment."

Jonathan said: "David, I love you, and I will do whatever you wish."

David thought for a moment, then he said: "If you will excuse me, I will not go to the dinner to-morrow. If your father misses me, will you say that I asked to be excused to go to my father's house in Bethlehem? If your father is angry because I am not there, then I shall know he means to hurt me; but, if he is not, then I shall return to the palace. But how shall I know whether your father is angry or not?"

Jonathan knew that God would protect David, for he had been good and faithful and true. Jonathan loved David dearly and wanted to help him. He said: "Perhaps I can not talk to you to tell you what my father says, for you must not let my father see you, but you hide behind that big rock, and I will come out to shoot arrows, and bring a little boy with me. I will shoot three arrows. If I say to the little boy, when he runs to pick them up, 'The arrows are on this side of you,' then you will know that it is safe for you to return to the palace; but if I say, 'The arrows are beyond you,' then you must go away."

David hid himself in the fields and Jonathan had to go to the king's feast without him. In the middle of the feast the king, who had been wondering why David's place was not filled, asked Jonathan where David was. Jonathan told the king he had gone away. The king was very angry and cried in a loud voice: "Go and find David and bring him to me at once."

Jonathan knew the king meant to hurt David. He tried to speak kindly of David, but the king was too angry to hear. Jonathan felt very sad; all day he thought about David, and could scarcely eat, he felt so sad.

The next morning Jonathan took his bow and arrows and went with a little boy out into the field. He shot the arrows, and as the boy ran to pick them up, Jonathan called in a loud voice: "The arrows are beyond you."

Poor David, hiding, knew, as he heard Jonathan call, that he must go away, for King Saul really meant to kill him.

Jonathan gave his bow and arrows to the little boy to carry home, and, when the boy was out of sight, Jonathan called to David to come. Jonathan put his arms around David and they kissed each other. Just a moment or two they were together, and then Jonathan said: "Go in peace, and God will take care of both of us."

So David went away to hide from King Saul, and Jonathan went sadly and slowly back to the palace.

—Bible Story

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A REQUEST FOR PRAYER

Mrs. O. A. Simons has been in the Thomasville Hospital in Georgia for some time very ill. We are praying unto the Lord for this, our dear Mother. We are asking the Christian people to pray for her to be restored to her health again, if it can be the Lord's will.

Mrs. Simons is a member of the Free Will Baptist church at Perry, Florida.

Mamie Davis,
Perry, Florida

PROGRAM

The Second Union meeting of the Western Association will convene with Mt. Zion Church in Nash County on December 30, 1944, E. S. T.

Morning Session

10:00—Opening song by the congregation
—Devotions led by Rev. J. C. Varnell
—Appointment of committees
—Welcome address by W. E. Matthews
—Response by Rev. J. B. Ferrell
—Reading of minutes of the last meeting
—Roll call of ministers
11:00—Sermon by Rev. J. Frank Parrish
12:00—Lunch

Afternoon Session

1:00—Song by the congregation
—Devotion led by Rev. Dee Bissett
—Business session
—Roll call of churches
—Report of the treasurer
—Petitions for the next union
—Report of committees and officers
—Election of officers for 1945
—Adjournment

Mrs. Nade E. Strickland,
Z. C. Bissett, Comm.

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Satisfied

The shadow falls, the path I cannot trace;
Fear not, my heart, if only faith abide;
If faith abide, thou conquerest time and place;
Some day, somewhere, thou shalt behold His face;
O yearning heart, thou shalt be satisfied.

The shadow falls, the shadow cannot stay;
Hope on, pray on, thou wilt not be denied:
Over the burnt-out embers of today
The golden morrow rises, and alway
The promise stands—thou shalt be satisfied.

I cannot say to what far land I go,
When I embark upon the foamless tide;
Or if I'll find the things I yearn for so,
Ever at all, O heart, I do not know:
I only know thou shalt be satisfied.

I follow, moving toward the deep and vast,
I follow hope, my star and faithful guide;
I shall rejoice in trails overpast,
And see that face, O heart of mine, at last,
In whose dear look thou shalt be satisfied.

—Sam V. Cole

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Make It So Plain that I Can Get Hold of It

On the sixteenth day after the battle of Gettysburg, I entered the room where a young wounded Colonel was apparently near to death. As I entered he was aroused from his stupor and beckoned me to his bedside, and threw his feeble arms about my neck.

"Oh, my father, how glad I am to see you! I was afraid you would not come 'til it was too late. I am too feeble to say much, although I had a great many things to say to you; you must do all the talking; tell me all about dear mother and sister."

I soon perceived by the appearance of those in the house that there was no hope of his recovery. But as I could not longer bear the agony of suspense, I at last inquired of the doctor, "Doctor, how long do you think he can live?" "Not more than four days. He may drop away at any hour."

"Have you, or has any one told him of his real condition?"

"No; we left the painful duty for you to do, as we have been expecting your arrival for several days.

As I entered the room with the dreaded message of death pressing on my heart, the eyes of my son fastened upon me."

"Come, sit by my side, father. Have you been talking with the doctor about me?"

"Yes."

"What did he tell you? Does he think I shall recover?"

There was a painful hesitation for a moment.

"Don't be afraid to tell me just what he said."

"He told me you must die."

"How long does he think I can live?"

"Not to exceed four days, and you may drop away any hour."

With great agitation he exclaimed, "Father, is that so? Then I must die! I can not, I must not die! Oh! I am not prepared to die now. Do tell me how I can get ready! Make it so plain that I can get hold of it. Tell me in a few words, if you can, so that I can see it plainly. I know you can, father, for I used to hear you explain it to others."

It was no time for tears, but for calmness and light, by which to lead the soul to Christ, and both were given.

"My son, I see you are afraid to die." "Yes, I am." "Well, I suppose you feel guilty." "Yes, that is it. I have been a wicked young man. You know how it is in the army." "You want to be forgiven, don't you?"

"Oh, yes! That is what I want. Can I be, father?" "Certainly."

"Can I know it before I die?"
"Certainly."

"Well now, father, make it so plain that I can get hold of it."

At once an incident which occurred during the school days of my son came to my mind. I had not thought of it before for several years. Now, it came to me, fresh with interest, and just what was wanted to guide the agitated heart of this young inquirer to Jesus.

"Do you remember while at school in _____, you came home one day, and, I having occasion to rebuke you, you became very angry and abused me with harsh language?"

"Yes, father, I was just thinking it all over a few days ago, as I thought of your coming to see me, and felt so bad about it that I wanted to see you and once more ask you to forgive me."

"Do you remember how, after the paroxysm of your anger had subsided, you came in and threw your arms about my neck and said, 'My dear father, I am sorry I abused you so. It was not your loving son that did it. I was very angry. Won't you forgive me?' "

"Yes, I remember it very distinctly."

"Do you remember what I said to you as you wept upon my neck?"

"Very well. You said, 'I forgive you with all my heart,' and kissed me. I shall never forget those words."

"Did you believe me?"

"Certainly. I never doubted your word."

"Did you then feel happy again?"

"Yes, perfectly; and since that time I have always loved you better than ever before. I shall never forget how it relieved me when you looked upon me so kindly, and said, 'I forgive you with all my heart.' "

"Well, now, this is just the way to come to Jesus. 'Tell Him, I am so sorry, just as you told me, and ten thousand times quicker than a father's love forgave you, will He forgive you.' He says He will. Then you must take His word for it just as you did mine."

"Why, father, is this the way to become a Christian?"

"I don't know of any other."

"Why, father, I can get hold of this. I am so glad you have come to tell me how."

He turned his head upon his pillow for rest. I sank into my chair and wept freely, for my heart could no longer suppress its emotions. I had done my work and committed the case to Christ. He, too, I was soon assured had done His. The broken heart had made its confession, had heard what it longed for, "I forgive you," and believed it.

I soon felt the nervous hand on my head and heard the word "father" in such a tone of tenderness and joy that I knew the change had come.

"Father, my dear father, I don't want you to weep any more; you need not; I am perfectly happy now, Jesus has forgiven me. I know He has, for

He says so, and I take His word for it, just as I did yours."

The doctor soon came in and found him cheerful and happy, looked at him, felt his pulse, which he had been watching with intense anxiety, and said, "Why, Colonel, you look better."

"I am better, doctor; I am going to get well. My father has told me how to become a Christian, and I am very happy. I believe I shall recover, for God has heard my prayer. Doctor, I want you to become a Christian, too. My father can tell you how to get hold of it."

The Colonel still lives, a member of the Church of Christ.

I was made a better man and a better evangelist by that scene, where this dear son, struggling with his guilt and fear of death, was led to Jesus and found the pardon of his sins. I there resolved never to forget the charge he made me in his extremity, "Make it so plain that I can get hold of it."

—Selected

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE MOVIES?

Seventy-seven million people in U. S. attend the movies each week: 28 million are adolescent young people; 11 million are under 14 years old.

The emotional reaction of children to moving-pictures is from 2 to 8 times greater than that of adults. Minds repeatedly shocked, thrilled, horrified, and excited by scenes of murder, war, rape, crime, monsters, nudity, are not normal minds.

Movies impair health, produce nervousness, fear, hysterics, insomnia, suicide, insanity, miscarriage, high blood pressure, heart failure, inability to concentrate constructively, susceptibility to disease, and disinterest and deficiency in work. Perhaps this explains why the present generation is so restless, hasty, nervous, dissatisfied, uncontrollable and changeable.

Movies destroy self-control, thus producing drunkards, dope fiends, spend-thrifts, adulterers, fornicators, murderers, thieves, liars and what not. In an analysis of 40 films, in which 57 criminals committed 62 crimes, only 7 of the criminals were punished by the law. On the average, less than one-fifth of criminals in the movies receive legal punishment. Part are punished by extra-legal methods and many go scott-free.

About 50 per cent of the boys and girls, men and women in jails, reformities, and penitentiaries hold the movies partly responsible for their criminal and immoral conduct.

Moving pictures deal principally with sex, crime, and impure love themes: rape, adultery, fornication, divorce, promiscuous flirting and love-making, nudity, murder, robbery, war, gambling, fighting, drinking, smoking, lying, stealing, vile witticism, etc.

The overwhelming majority of "movie stars" are immoral and lascivious. "Film-producing cities are communities full of grossest vice and degeneracy—modern Sodoms. Hell couldn't concoct more degeneracy than is prevalent in these places: men lying with men, and women with women or both sexes clinging together in every conceivable arrangement of nude bodily contact.

The movie teaches revolt against all constituted authority and neglect of responsibility: would destroy the home by teaching children disrespect for parents, parents, neglect of children, wives, disobedience to husbands, and husbands, unfaithfulness to wives: it would destroy the government, by teaching disrespect for law, and for officers of the law, and by encouraging crime, riot, violence and anarchy. Its philosophy is 100 per cent anti-American and anti-Christian. It would dethrone God and right, and enthrone Satan and evil. Hate should reign, love should be exterminated; "Self" should be the supreme motive, "others" should be the least. It magnifies sin, minimizes its punishment, robs death of its seriousness, and forgets that the resurrection shall place all men before the judgment bar of God Almighty, where they shall be rewarded according to their works.

According to the movies, the Bible is all wrong, sinners are all right—they don't need saving; Christ's death for all men was in vain—but be not deceived.

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord."—Rom. 6: 23.

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"IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS"

By K. Cameron Ward

1 Thessalonians 5: 18

Praise God for every twinge of pain;
Praise God for loneliness and sorrow;
For buried griefs that rise again;
For haunting Past and dread Tomorrow.
Must we give thanks? Can it be true?
"This is God's will concerning you."

Thank God for all the little stings;
The angry scowl, the spiteful letter;
Thank God for all frustrated things—
The love resigned, the hopeless fetter
To Thee for these all praise is due.
"This is God's will concerning you."

We know that we must patient be,
And bear the cross without repining,
But this is hard—too hard—and we
Shrink, sore afraid, from such refining.
O Christ, this thing we cannot do!
"This is God's will concerning you."

Dear Father, this is Thy command.
We will obey. 'Tis Thine appointing.
It is not ours to understand
This test supreme, this high anointing.
Hear, sons of God, this message new,
"This is God's will concerning you."

—In S. S. Times

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"TO ALL CONCERNED"

I never had occasion to write a testimony before in the twenty-five years of my life, until I traveled down South to a camp where my husband was. I was worried and afraid, and very depressed when I reached there.

I could not find a room anywhere, and I was so tired, but still the good Lord had not failed me. He led me to a family whom I shall never forget. They not only found me a room, but led me to find Christ.

The change came over me sometime after I returned home back up North. My only way to express what my Saviour has done is by this poem which is all true. I pray God that, if some lost soul will read this, that he or she, too, will accept the Lord as his or her personal Saviour, and be happy in Him as I am.

As I remain a servant of God, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Judith Caro

P. S.—The poem follows.

"Sweet Contrast"

Oh, How they did surround me!
Those dull, grey, dingy flurries,
Like a knot in a rope they bound me;
Those small, but sickening worries.

Is my husband in service all right?
How can I meet my bills?
Will he pull thru this awful fight?
How my heart with sadness fills!

Are my clothes and house in style?
Do my friends talk behind my back?
Oh, Why can't I have peace for awhile?
I can almost feel my mind crack.

Will I sleep good tonight?
Or will I again have that fear?
How I pray with all my might
I won't have another nightmare.

Praise God, those small sickening worries
Are now a thing of the past;
Not dull, or grey, but glistening flurries
Have come to me at last!

You may wonder what I did
To accomplish such a chore;
I did what "My Saviour" bid,
And let Him in my heart's door.

I know He guides the ones I love,
My house is now a home;
He has sent His blessings from above,
And all my fears are gone.

To many of you who have not yet found
The peace and joy in this world;
Don't let worries YOUR heart bound
Just take them to the Lord.

By Judy Caro,
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I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. Rom. 12: 3.

EDITORIAL

MONEY LOST IN THE MAILS

Some, who have been sending cash to us in the recent mails, have complained because we did not get the letters in which the money was enclosed, together with the orders and the subscriptions to the Baptist paper.

We regret that these letters and the money contained therein have never reached us at the Press. Some of the complaints have come from different sections of the country, and from distances from Ayden, North Carolina. But there is nothing that we can do about the cases, because we are not responsible for letters being lost or robbed, for that matter, while in transit from the sender in the mails to Ayden, North Carolina. Each piece of mail passes through several hands before it arrives to the Press, and can very well be lost or robbed of its contents before reaching us.

No company or business establishment can afford to make good each item or sum of money lost in the mails, for they are not responsible for what takes place, or may take place, to the letters containing cash while in transit to them. It has long since been the request of the Business Manager of the Press for everyone to send check or money orders, and not cash in letters, when they wish to send payment for subscriptions to the Baptist paper, or to purchase anything from the Press. We cannot afford to make good the cash which was lost in the mails, and never reached our hands.

We advise everyone, sending money to the Press, to send by check or money order, and thus avoid the chance of losing the money in the mails. Certainly the sender does not want to lose the money, whether it was his or handed to him by someone else for subscriptions for the Baptist paper. To play safe, therefore, please cease sending cash in your letters, and make all of your payments in the future either by checks or money orders.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS CLOSING DOWN FOR THE WINTER . . . ?

Whoever heard of that? Well, it is still the fact in some instances in some sections of the country. Yes, just the other day "ye" editor heard one Sunday School superintendent expressing the fact that his school would close during the winter season for January and February. Well, why? The answer was "because of the cold weather, and the children dropping off from attendance." We asked, "Why don't they cease from going to the public schools during January and February because of the cold weather?" His reply was "They have good buses to ride to school in, and a warm room when they get to school." We reminded him, "Don't they have good cars to ride to church in, and a warm church on Sunday when they get there?" He said, "Not that way in our community." "Everybody's business to build the Sunday School fire, turns out to be usually nobody's business."

Probably there is the trouble with a very great many church schools. No one takes the responsibility to have the church warmed up for the people, when they get to church. No wonder some of them stay home on Sunday, when it is bitter cold, for they know that if they go it will be too cold to be comfortable in the church during the Sunday School hour. This situation applies chiefly to country churches.

What is the remedy? It is simply this: Elect a responsible person in the church or Sunday School to have the church comfortably warm each Sunday in the winter season, and pay him for the job. Hold him responsible for the church being warm and comfortable each Sunday when the children get there. This will help to eliminate much of the winter-closing of Sunday Schools in many of the country churches where the habit has been to close the Sunday School because the weather has become cold.

Moreover, think what the children lose by dropping out of Sunday School during the cold winter season. They lose the connection of many of the lessons, and lose interest in the Sunday School work as a whole. The Sunday School leaders are responsible for this situation, wherever it exists, and God will hold them responsible for their negligence, too.

—ooOoo—

THE ZEST OF LIFE

Let me but live from year to year,
With forward face and unreluctant soul.
Not hastening to, nor turning from the goal;
Not mourning for the things that disappear
In the dim past, nor holding back in fear
From what the future veils; but with a whole
And happy heart, that pays its toll
To youth and age, and travels on with cheer.
So let the way wind up the hill or down,
Through rough or smooth, the journey will be joy;
Still seeking what I sought when but a boy,
New friendship, high adventure, and a crown,
I shall grow old, but never lose life's zest,
Because the road's last turn will be the best.

—Henry Van Dyke

—ooOoo—

WAS IT YOU?

Some one started the whole day wrong—was it you?
Some one robbed the day of its song—was it you?
Early this morning some one frowned;
Some one sulked until others scowled,
And soon harsh words were passed around—was it you?

Some one started the day aright—was it you?
Some one made it happy and bright—was it you?
Early this morning, we are told,
Some one smiled, and all through the day
This smile encouraged young and old—was it you?

—Stewart I. Long

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HOME MISSIONS

Aims and Purposes of the National Board of Home Missions

By Jas. F. Miller, Chairman

The board of Home Missions offer their service to any community, needing the help of such an organization. The board purposes to go as far as our funds will allow. While at the National Association at Flat River, Mo., the attention of the board was called to certain communities where there had been or, are now Free Will Baptist Churches, that have gone down, and are in need of help. Some need pastors and others need evangelists. In some of the communities, the work could be revived. It is not the purpose of the Home Mission Board to try to go into all of these needy fields, and do the work needed. It is our aim to work through the help and cooperation of the State Home Mission Boards. In cases should there be such, where there is no Home Missionary Organization in the state, the National Home Mission Board hopes to help organize a Home Mission Board, and let the State Board supervise Home Mission in each state. The National Home Mission Board serving with the State Boards in any way possible for the successful promotion of the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist Denomination. Already there has come calls like the Macedonian call. People saying, "Come over and help us." For example over at Kansas City, Mo., there is a possibility of organizing a good Free Will Baptist Church, if a suitable place can be secured. We have a number of our own people living in Kansas City, who, if they had a little help, would soon become a church that would be supporting every phase of our work. This is just one; there are many. We are informed that there are possibilities in Ohio, Michigan, Texas, and other states. To carry out such a program of Home Missions, the board is in need of such information as: who is available to do work of this type. If ministers will write to us, and give us information about yourself and your ministry, then when people write to us, we will be able to help them, and you.

The National Association, upon the recommendation of Home Mission Board, adopted the following financial plan for the present time. The recommendation was; that each active church in the connection of the National Association, take a special offering for Home Missions quarterly. Said offering to be divided between the State Home Mission Board and the National Home Mission Board as follows: 75 per cent to be kept in the state where it is given and used at the discretion of the State Board, and 25 per cent sent on to the National Board for the promotion of the activities of the National Program of Home Missions. Those offerings are to be taken in the months of October, January, April, and July. The State Board and the National Board can only progress as the local church makes it possible, so do not fail us. We know of one association, that has advertised for an evangelist, and we will be most happy to help some one get in touch with the officials of that association and arrange for some revival meetings.

The members of the Board of Home Missions wish to be your servants, and may we all be laborers together with God.

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NOTES AND QUOTES

By J. C. Griffin, Field Secretary, North Carolina State Association

Posters

The Five-Point Program posters are being mailed out. Conditions are not so good for the getting out of such a work. But we are doing the best that we can, in order to keep down the expense, and at the same time give the best service possible. We do not have cardboard this year, but we do have a good grade of white paper. These posters are folded, placed in an envelope and sent through the mails. Be sure to get these posters up as early as possible. We are still working on the **Orphanage "Point,"** so read that part good, and govern your activities accordingly.

National Minutes

As your Field Secretary, I am endeavoring to get a minute of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to every Preacher in the State of North Carolina. But I am sorry that I do not have the proper address of each one. I am greatly handicapped due to the fact that I do not have minutes of all the state bodies. So, please, Brother Clerk, or Sister Clerk, will you see that I get a minute of your local Annual meeting, whether it be a Conference or an Association.

With some of the minutes that I do have, I do not find a complete directory of the ministers and church clerks with their addresses. We, as a denomination, have been lacking to our shame in not keeping records and historical documents as should have been kept. For this reason when other denominations are given certain publicity, and privileges, we are left out—completely ignored.

"Gas No Gas"

We say "gas" when we mean gasoline. So here are some the "Gas" with "No gas." Gas to have beer and whiskey—no gas to conduct evangelistic meetings. Gas for sports—no gas for visiting the sick, by the pastor of any congregation. Hauling beer and whiskey is "es-

sentialal," according to our laws. The salvation of lost sinners is not necessary.

I wonder if the devil is not jubilant over the ruling of the OPA that says "gas" for beer and whiskey, and "No Gas" for evangelistic service? We are told that we are fighting for religious freedom, but we are very much in bondage at the present, religiously speaking.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psa. 33: 12).

Palestine

God gave the country to Abraham and Isaac, and Jacob. They will inhabit it as their own in the fulness of God's time. Thousands have gone back to their home during the past twenty years. Persecution has driven a great number back. Thousands have gone out of their own choice. They will be at home to receive their King when He comes. Now, President Roosevelt is talking, "Palistine for the Jews. This is one of the questions that will come up, no doubt, at the "Peace table," when such an hour arrives.

The Passing of Lupe Velez

Recently, the daily press gave account of the death of one of Hollywood's great entertainers. The account said, that one of her notes to Harold Raymond, the man who was the father of her un-borne baby, according to her statement, "I prefer to take my life away and my baby's before I bring him with shame or kill him," and then she went on to say, "How could you, Harold, fake such great love for me and our baby when all the time you didn't want us." Well, Hollywood is the breading place of filth and sin. But I can thank the Lord that I never helped "Lupe Velez" to take her own life by supporting her in her "Dozens of Real Life Romances."

Her death was caused by her life. I never helped her to live. Did you Mr. Church member? All the divorces, and the crimes of Hollywood, which is a routine of marriage and divorce, are all the vile results of the world, the flesh and the Devil.

"Be Strong"

1. "Be strong" in the power of his might.—Ephe. 6: 10.
2. "Be strong" in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.—2 Tim. 2: 1.
3. "Be strong" in obedience and conquest.—Deut. 11: 8.
4. "Be strong" in prayer.—Dan. 11: 32.
5. "Be strong" in the WORK of the Lord.—1 Chron. 28: 20.
6. "Be strong" for the sake of others.—Isa. 35: 3, 4.
7. "Be strong" for your reward.—2 Chron. 15: 7.
8. "Be strong" so as to never fail.—1 Cor. 16: 13; 1 Tim. 6: 11-14.

—By M. E. H. In Western Voice.

Why not "Be Strong?"

"All power in heaven and earth is given to me," said Jesus the Christ. Then Christ says, "Abide in me." So, if "all power in heaven and earth" is given to Jesus, and if we abide in Him, **Why not Be Strong?** Why not **Believe** what **Jesus** says about it? "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you" (John 15: 7).

How Near Are We?

A friend said unto me one day, "Preacher you are as near to me as your telephone; call me when you want me." As I think of this message, I realize of a truth that we are as near to God as our **Prayer Life.** We live as we pray, and we should pray as we live. If our praying and our living are both in Christ Jesus, then our conversation is in heaven from whence we look for the coming of the Lord Jesus.

New Year's Resolutions

New Year's resolutions are made often to be broken. Such resolutions are often self-reformation, which is worthless, so far as salvation is concerned. But, if you want to make a resolution that means something in reality, just **Resolve to Be a Child of God By His Grace.** Accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Give your life to Him. He will "Keep that which is committed unto Him."

EFFICIENT AND DEFICIENT CHURCH MEMBERS

Eld. A. J. Jenkins, D. D.,
McArthur, Ohio

In considering this timely subject, let us ask ourselves the question, "What kind of a church would my church be, if every member was just like me?"

1. In consecration: Have I made a complete consecration to my God, my church, and the needed work, for the best there is in me?
2. Regarding church attendance: How many of the regular services have I attended that I should, when I could?
3. Obligated financial church support: Do I regularly and systematically support weekly the church as God prospers me, never failing to pay less than my tithe?
4. The church needs loyal boosters: Do I talk with, and ask people to come to my church as I should?
5. The church needs soul winners: Have I really and truly ever engaged my life service to God, as a soul winner? (Dan. 12: 3).
6. The church needs persons given to prayer: Have I ever prayed until Holy Ghost power fell, and conviction seized sinners, and souls began to weep their way to God and forgiveness?
7. The church needs members that will give time to the study of God's word: Do I study God's word to qualify myself for leadership so that I am useful in any department of church work?
8. The church needs members who will co-operate better for more accomplishment: Have I been co-operating with the Pastor, the leaders, and the Sabbath School officials in the church work as I said I would, when the pastor and church received me into membership?

If you can answer all of these questions so that God knows you have done them, and are telling the truth you are in greater demand for God and the church, and the needy sinful world than ever before, and opportunities have multiplied for you while you read this article. Try all of these. God bless all.

OBITUARIES

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RESOLUTIONS

Realizing that war with all of its horrors is no respecter of persons, but that it mows down, without conscience, or care, and takes tragic toll of the young life of any nation, communities, homes and churches, and that however sad or heart-breaking to those most deeply affected, we must bow in humble acknowledgement, that sacrifices and heart-aches, however great, must be borne as bravely as possible, remembering that our heavenly Father is still on His throne, and will speak peace and comfort to them who mourn, Therefore be it Resolved:

First—Inasmuch, as our young friend and brother in Christ, Charles Percy Mason, has made the supreme sacrifice in this present war, in the giving of his life, for the cause of liberty, and in the protection of American homes, religious freedom and righteous living, that we acknowledge a debt of gratitude for his noble sacrifice, and hereby express our sorrow and regret at the cause which brought about his untimely death;

Second—That in the giving of his life for our physical and material welfare, we may understand more fully, what it cost heaven in the giving its most precious jewel, the Son of God, to die for mankind, to redeem them from the curse of sin, and to insure eternal life to all who accept His sacrifice and follow Him;

Third—That we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved mother, and the family, assuring them that, though we may not understand why Charles had to go this way, we shall number him among the Nation's heroes, and remember him in tenderness and gratitude for his noble and heroic sacrifice, and that our prayers be that God will sustain and comfort the mother and other bereaved ones;

Fourth—That we show our gratitude and appreciation for what Charles has helped to make possible for us, and for the millions of others who have made, and will make the supreme sacrifice, that the American way of life may go on, by giving more earnest heed to our Service boys and girls in every possible way—in so doing, we will be able to keep alive our interest, and eulogize the memory of our young friend and brother, Charles Percy Mason; and

Fifth—That a copy of these resolutions be given to the stricken family, a copy sent to the Free Will Baptist Paper, one to the New Bern Sun-Journal, and a copy be placed upon the Church Minutes.

Respectfully,

Committee:

Mrs. Alice E. Lupton,
E. L. Mallard,
U. W. Daugherty,
Church Clerk.

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A WORD OF THANKS FROM ELDER J. H. WORLEY

As I have been sick for about two months, and am not able to write, I want to use this means to express my thanks and gratitude to the good people who have been so nice to me,

(Continued on next page third column)

Character Building Fiction

Till the Day Dawn

By G. Franklin Allee



Six months to live—that was Chaplain Daniel Harte's future. The past haunted him. Dying and wounded soldiers had begged him to show them the Way of Life, but he could not, for he had never found it. Chaplain Harte was wounded in the Philippines, and came home to die; but God sent him home to live—abundantly—for he found Christ as his Saviour. Friendship, love, marriage—all came to him in the peaceful mountains where he had gone to wait for death. At the end of six months he was ready to go once more into battle; he was eager to tell of the Christ who had saved him and given him a message for men about to die.

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By Ken Anderson



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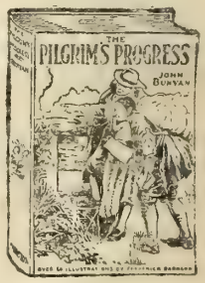


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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The Sunday School convention convened with St. John's Church, Scranton, South Carolina, and was called to order by the superintendent, J. G. Williams. The choir sang the opening song, "Onward Christian Soldiers." The Scripture lesson was taken from the Nineteenth Psalm, and prayer was offered by Rev. M. F. Howell. The Reverend T. A. Williams welcomed the visitors, and the response was made by the Reverend M. F. Howell.

In the business session, the Sunday Schools represented were registered, and the judges and committees were appointed. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the Field Worker, Brother J. G. Williams, made his report, which was splendid, and the various Sunday Schools represented exemplified the good work done. There were large contributions made toward the Orphanage work by the Sunday Schools.

St. John's Sunday School rendered a nice program which all enjoyed very much. Following this Rev. M. H. Mellette, from the South Carolina Conference, delivered a very inspiring sermon on the subject, "Living Water." The convention then adjourned for dinner.

In the afternoon, the convention was opened with singing and prayer. The Declamation Contest followed, with four Sunday Schools taking part. All four speakers did well. Splendid reports were given by several of the Sunday School superintendents.

In the final business period, the decision of the judges was made, with the first prize going to the speaker from Greelyville, the second to St. John. The prizes were awarded and the winners were commended by the secretary. The Finance Committee brought in their report as follows:

Total raised in cash that day	$522.20
Amount left over from last convention	58.04
Amount in War Bonds at maturity	275.00
Total	$855.24
Expenses	5.40
Grand Total	$849.84

The secretary was authorized to place the money in the bank for safe keeping. Thanks were returned to St. John's Church and community for their generous hospitality shown this convention. In conclusion, the congregation sang the National Hymn, "The Star Spangled Banner," and the benediction was offered by Rev. Walter Carter of Rockingham. The conventoin will meet next time on Saturday before the first Sunday in April, 1945, with New Prospect Church near Hyman, South Carolina.

Mrs. H. C. Simmons,
Secretary-Treasurer

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform my friends that I am now living in Sherron Acres, Durham, North Carolina. Anyone desiring to communicate with me, may do so by writing me at the following address.

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Cash sales, farm, dairy, etc.	30.96
Field Representative receipts	1,561.62
Total Receipts	$13,805.94

GRACE AND GLORY

By Natalie D. Wurts
Psalm 84: 11

Grace and glory doth our God bestow,—
Grace to conquer every lurking foe,
Glory on the pathway here below;

Grace to follow in the Master's way,
Grace to bear His cross from day to day,
Glory as our toil He doth repay;

Grace to self and all its ways to die,
Grace to presevere without a sigh,
Glory flashing from the throne on high!

Thus, at last, when ends life's earthly story,
By His grace to enter into glory.

A WORD OF THANKS FROM ELDER J. H. WORLEY

(Continued from page fourteen)

and who have also sent to me many beautiful Christmas cards. I want to assure everyone that I am appreciative of every expression of kindness and consideration by my many good friends.

I am hoping that everyone will have a very good Christmas, and a happy New Year. With the best of regards, I remain,

Your friend and brother in
Christ Jesus,

Elder J. H. Worley

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THE WORLD INTO WHICH JESUS CAME

(Lesson for January 7)

Lesson: Matthew 2: 13-23.

I. Golden Text Illuminated

"And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest" (Gen. 28: 15).

This is an ageless promise. It does not apply to one certain dispensation, nor was it made to the Children of Israel alone. It is a continuing principle even more than it is a promise, as every missionary can testify. We have all heard their thrilling accounts of how they left their homes and their native land, to go out to some bleak and desolate country where men sat in gross spiritual darkness. Knowing the depth of the squalor and filth they would have to contend with, many of these great heroes have gone very reluctantly, after counting the full cost of their surrender to what they believed was their call. They have been strengthened to this tremendous sacrifice by the promise of our text today. There is no geographical exception to this broad and sweeping assertion—"I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest." So some have gone to Africa and some to India, while others have gone to China or the islands whose very names are strange to most of us. Those who have returned walk as men and women who have been set apart by their great experience; they constitute a special fraternity which is open only to such members as have proved God in courageous testing of His promises. Their labors have transformed races, and for this they should have full credit, but if they had not been borne up by the assurance of this great text they would never have dared to adventure forth in the first place.

"O happy day that fixed my choice
On Thee, my Saviour and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
And tell its raptures all abroad.

II. Sentence Sermons

1. What Herod sought to do with Christ, the devil still seeks to do with all children (Matt. 2: 13).

2. Prompt obedience to God sometimes demands that we bestir ourselves by night (vs. 14).

3. No prophecy, however obscure it may seem, will be overlooked or forgotten by the Lord (vs. 15).

4. Man's sinfulness has brought untold suffering and even death upon countless innocent children (vs. 16).

5. Prophecy reveals coming events of sorrow as well as of joy (vs. 17).

6. Is any earthly sorrow comparable to that of a mother whose innocent babe has been brutally murdered by orders from the government? (vs. 18).

7. The angel of the Lord could find Joseph in Egypt as well as in Bethlehem, because he had sent him there (vs. 19).

8. God may take His time, but He knows best when to remove a wicked man from this world (vs. 20).

9. The Child's safety was Joseph's chief concern in all the moves he made (vs. 21).

10. God guides His children not only in danger, but also when the danger is past (vs. 22).

11. The lowly Nazarene was none other than the Lion of Judah (vs. 23).

12. These Sentence Sermons treated fully in our **Advanced** and **Senior** Quarterlies and their use will increase our knowledge of God's word. It is an insult to our God to neglect His Word.

III. Practical Lessons

"Playing God is as old as history. Caesar tried it and ended up on the Ides of March with a score of daggers in his body. Alexander the Great had a fair run in the same ambitious role, but his own sword put an end to the delusion. Napoleon thought himself a brilliant star for the part, but a barren rock ultimately limited his kingdom. The Kaiser had some daydreams along the same line but became instead the 'wood chopper of Doorn.'

"No man can play God and succeed. This is the great lesson of the ages, demonstrated over and over again, and it should enable us all to be quietly confident in the faith that, however sorely we are tried, there can be only one final result—right will win.

"No man is big enough to play God. Only small men try it."

"Playing God is a losing game." Herod thought that he could put over his own program and thwart the purposes of God. Goaded by jealousy, this monster of cruelty and craftiness, sought to safeguard his future on a grand scale by defeating the Divine Revelation. In hell he should be a bosom friend of that Pharoah who sought the destruction of the chosen seed and so wrote his own death warrant.

"Conquering still and still to conquer rideth a King in His might." The person who would plot to take that life is more foolish than, say, some inventor who would seek to perfect a device for stopping the sun in mid-heaven. Mighty as is the sun, it is but a tiny thing amongst things created. Infinitely greater is the Son, the ominpotent Creater in whose presence all Pharaohs and Herods are but a chaff in the summer cyclone.

Herod was an antichrist, and the world into which Christ came was anti-christian. The attempt made upon the life of the Divine Child failed, but the attempt upon the life of the Divine Man succeeded. And Herod and his world are only a segment of human history. The "word that knows not God" is a constant quantity. Always it may be said, "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not" (II Cor. 4: 4).

—Selected

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SUPERANNUATION REPORT

The following is the Report of the Chairman-Treasurer of the Board of Superannuation of the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Association for November, 1944.

Receipts

Nov. 1, 1944, Balance on hand	$ 763.69
Receipts for Nov, 1944	720.54
Total to account for	$1,484.23

Disbursements

November 30, To Retired Ministers	$ 130.00
November, Board Members Travel expenses	18.48
Nov. Office expenses	35.00
Nov. 30, To Nat. Board	166.76
Total paid out in November	$ 350.24
Balance on Hand Dec. 1	$1,113.99

Receipts Itemized

Friendship Auxiliary, (Johnston County)	$ 5.00
Union Chapel	2.00
Pearsalls Chapel	10.00
Smith's New Home	12.00
Gum Swamp	10.00
Sarecta L. A. S.	5.00
Cape Fear Union Meeting	38.00
Grimsley Church	1.00
Bethel (Pamlico County)	11.00
Elwood Lane	5.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	25.00
Howell Swamp L. A. S.	4.30
Friendship (Greene Co.)	20.00
Fourth Central Union Meeting	10.00
Tippett's Chapel	18.77
Branch's Chapel	20.00
Sweet Gum Grove	5.00
South Norfolk L. A. S.	10.00
South Norfolk S. S.	10.00
South Norfolk Church	5.00
Rooty Branch L. A. S.	2.00
Reedy Branch S. S.	5.00
Entwistle	8.25
Marsh Swamp	20.00
St. Delight S. S.	2.30
Stony Creek	20.00
Orientay L. A. S.	10.00
Powhotan	25.00
Hull Road L. A. S.	2.00
Fifth Eastern Union Meeting	10.00
Johnston Union	30.00
Grimsley Church	15.72
Prospect	7.00
Dawson's Grove	6.45
Shady Grove	34.00
Little Rock L. A. S.	5.00
Little Rock	25.00
Fourth Central Auxiliary Convention	5.00
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Fifth Eastern S. S. Conv.	37.00
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Eastern Conference	100.00
First Western Union Meeting	20.00
St. Delight (Eastern Conf.)	6.10

M. L. Johnson,
Chairman-Treasurer

BAPTISM

When a person is regenerated or born of the Spirit, he is a child of God, and is a fit subject for baptism. Baptism is not the washing away of the filth of the flesh. It represents the death, burial and the resurrection of Christ. If we will read the sixth chapter of Romans, we shall see that it is up to us to apply our lives to baptism, by reckoning ourselves dead unto sin, but alive unto God.

John the Baptist said that Christ would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire. This fire must have been something like the refiner's fire. Christ told the disciples, who wanted to be assigned special places, that these places were not His to give. He asked them if they were able to be baptized with the baptism that He was baptized with, and they said that they were able.

Was it not the long suffering of God, while the Ark was being constructed, that caused the saving of the eight souls from the flood, to be like a figure to baptism now saving us?

The children of Israel were all baptized in the cloud, for Moses told them to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. The Lord then spoke to Moses and commanded them to go forward. Do we always go forward in the way that salvation of the Lord has opened for us? We are to remember that this was their baptism. Paul said that he exercised himself to always have a conscience void of offense toward God and toward men. Our conscience tells us to do right, and we can study God's Word to understand what right or righteousness is, and then if we are led by the Holy Spirit, through our conscience, we have the baptism, spoken of by Christ, that saves. It is the "answer of a good conscience toward God."

J. H. K. Jones,
Tifton, Georgia

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM AT OAK GROVE

The Ladies auxiliary of Oak Grove Church, Sampson County, North Carolina, gave a Thanksgiving program on Thanksgiving night at the church. The devotional was conducted by Mesdames Annie McPhail and Carl Warren. The opening song was "Joy to the World." Misses Rachel and Iris Lee rendered some special music on the piano, and Professor J. L. Deans made a talk on Thanksgiving.

Misses Mary Sue Warren and Alta White Lee sang a duet. Then an offering was taken for the Orphanage, which amounted to $13.22. The benediction was given in a song by little Miss Ida Ray Warren, accompanied by Miss Sue Warren.

The attendance at this Thanksgiving meeting was small, due to the fact that the "Masons" gave an oyster supper in the community on the same night.

Mrs. Annie McPhail, President,
Miss Thelma Lee, Secretary

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for morning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Isa. 61: 2, 3.

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ST. JOHN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Ladies Aid of St. John's Church, Florence County, South Carolina, met at the church on Thursday, November 30, 1944. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. Lee Poston. The members present joined in singing the opening hymn, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Neta Wise. After the Scripture lesson was read, which was taken from John 1: 1-17, Mrs. Jessie Powell offered a word of prayer.

The lesson topic was on the subject: "The Bible and Missions." Several members took part in the discussion of the lesson. A very interesting Bible quiz was entered into and everyone seemed to have enjoyed it very much.

Activities for the Month

Members present ----------14
Dues paid in ----------$5.40
Charity money paid in ----------75c
New members added to the list ---4
Visitors ----------5

A Thanksgiving box was then given to a widowed woman who has three small children. The amount of the offering was $16.00 in groceries and other things which she could use. Ten dollars were also given her in cash. It was also moved and carried to give at our next meeting a Christmas present to someone. The meeting closed in a word of prayer by the vice-president, Mrs. Belle Hayes.

We do want to thank our pastor and the good women from Williams Hill Church for coming to our church, and organizing our Ladies Aid for us. May the Lord greatly bless them.

Mrs. Lishie Powell, Secretary

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SOUND SIDE AUXILIARY REPORT

Our auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Neva Brickhouse on December 7, 1944. The program was taken from the Year Book of Programs. Everyone present enjoyed the program which was rendered by different members of the organization.

After the program was over, the business was entered into with the reading of the last minutes, the calling of the roll, and the collecting of the dues. The officers for the coming year were elected for each distinct phase of the work.

There were several visitors present for this meeting. They were welcomed to have seats with us in the meeting. One new member was added to our list of members. We feel that she will be a great help to us in our auxiliary.

Activities for the Month

Sick visits made ----------15
Cards sent ----------2
Bible chapters read ----------100
Trays taken to the sick ---------3

The business being over, and after the benediction, the hostess served delicious refreshments, which were enjoyed very much by everyone present.

Mrs. J. R. Swain, Cor.-Secy.

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STONY CREEK AUXILIARY REPORT

Our society met in the home of Mrs. Benjamin Lancaster on Thursday night, November 30, 1944. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs Lucille Lancaster, and Mrs. Kenneth Smith gave a very interesting talk The meeting was directed by the president, Mrs. Claxton Sasser. Then several items of business were entered into for the good of the society.

There were twenty-six members present, and we were glad to have a new member added to the list. Everyone expressed themselves as having enjoyed the meeting very much. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Lucile Lancaster in December. The hostess served delicious refreshments, after the meeting closed, and everyone seemed to have enjoyed them very much.

Activities for the Month

Dues paid in	$ 7.35
Money received from tobacco grading	$53.90
Chapters read in the Bible	41
Trays to the sick	3
Flowers taken to the sick	3
Visits to the sick	82
Cards	8
Gallons of milk given to the needy	9

Mrs. Clement Sullivan,
Cor.-Secy.

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AUXILIARY REPORT, HOUSTON, TEXAS

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, was organized in March, 1944. We are glad to report that your church and every branch of the work is progressing under the leadership of our capable pastor, Rev. H. Ray Berry. We are proud of the church building which is about completed.

The auxiliary of the church is doing some fine work. The new officers for the ensuing year were recently elected. Our society is taking part in the 50,000 Co-Labor Band, and also in the Unified Program of the National Association. God is wonderfully blessing our work, and we are planning to do greater things in the future. We want to do our part in trying to bring about an everlasting peace, and in bringing many souls to Christ.

Our group is praying that God will greatly bless each church, and all of the workers everywhere. Let everyone resolve that we will all work and pray more than ever before.

Yours for the Master,

Mrs. J. L. Payne

CHRISTIAN CHAPEL AUXILIARY REPORT

The auxiliary of Christian Chapel met in its regular monthly meeting on December 2, 1944. It was opened with the members present singing a hymn, which was followed by prayer by the pastor, Rev. S. A. Smith. Then Mrs. Clarence Howard discussed the first part of the program. Following the singing of another hymn, Rev. S. A. Smith discussed the remainder of the lesson. At the close of the lesson, a duet was rendered by Mrs. Jennie Tyndall, and Mrs. Randolph Heath. There were fifteen members present for this meeting.

Activities for the Month

Dues collected	$9.10
Bible chapters read	147
Milk given away (quarts)	14
Sick visits made to the sick	161
Trays sent	6

The officers for the ensuing year were elected. Then the meeting closed with song and prayer.

Mrs. R. C. Gresham

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GOSHEN AUXILIARY REPORT

The Goshen Auxiliary of the Goshen F. W. B. Church met in the home of Mrs. Fannie Webb on Saturday, November 11, 1944, with the vice-president, Mrs. Webb, in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Loyd Wiggins opened the meeting with prayer, and the Scripture lesson was read by Mrs. Ran Propst.

A very interesting and progressive business session was held, and the following reports were turned in to the society:

Trays taken to the sick	31
Flowers sent	6
Visits made to the sick	13
Chapters read in the Bible	110
Dues collected	$ 1.50
Collection for Orphanage	$40.00

We are conducting a drive for towels to be sent to the Orphanage at Middlesex, and will greatly appreciate it if any will help in this matter. Give towels or money for the Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina.

After the business session was over, the hostess served delicious refreshments, and a good time in the Lord was enjoyed by everyone present.

Miss Edith Propst, Secretary

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The inter-denominational Thanksgiving Sing convened with Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church in Sampson County, Dunn, North Carolina, on Thursday, November 30, 1944.

The services began with a congregational song, and the devotional was conducted by Rev. Neill Kirby. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Bettie Blackman. The welcome address was given by J. M. Godwin, after which the "Sing Rally" began. There were several songs sung by different classes, and a quartet, a trio, and a duet.

At the noon hour, a bounteous lunch was spread on the church yard. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the good things to eat on the long table. After the lunch hour was over, the singers and the congregation re-assembled in the church for an afternoon of real gospel singing. Each group sang several selections. Several congregational songs were also sung by the congregation. The Reverend W. H. Lancaster, of Smithfield, made an interesting talk on the Sunday School, but also to take them to Sunday School.

This being time for the election of officers, Brother N. B. Godwin, the very efficient moderator for the past several years, was re-elected, and Mrs. J. H. Elmore was elected as the secretary. In order for each person to be able to take a part in the Sing next year, it was moved and carried that our next Sing meet on the date set by our Government for Thanksgiving Day. It was voted to meet with Lee's Chapel next November, 1945.

The meeting closed by all joining in singing, "God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again," and the benediction.

N. B. Godwin, Moderator,
Mrs. J. H. Elmore, Secretary

Boys and Girls Corner

THE STORY OF DAVID AND JONATHAN

Once, in the long-ago time of the Bible, there were two very dear friends, a prince and a shepherd boy.

The prince was the king's son, and the shepherd boy was David, who long before had cared for the woolly lambs and the sheep, and had killed the giant.

After David killed the great giant the king was so pleased that he asked him to live with him in his own home. The king's son, Prince Jonathan, heard his father ask David to come to live in their home; his eyes shone and sparkled, for he was proud of David because he was strong and brave. And as David and Jonathan looked into each other's eyes they felt a great love for each other.

Each day they were together and they loved each other dearly. One day they promised they would be friends always. They went together to fight the king's enemies, and often they talked and sang and listened to sweet music from David's harp. Wherever the king asked David to go he went, and tried very hard to please King Saul. King Saul was proud of the great things David did, and he made him captain over the soldiers.

Soon all the people began to love David. They tried to tell King Saul how fine and good and strong David was. It made the king angry, because he thought the people liked David more than they liked him. He became so angry with David that he called Jonathan and all his servants to him and said: "Do you not see that the people are loving David more than they are loving me? I do not like David, and I want him killed."

This made Jonathan sad, for he loved David. They were friends, and it hurt Jonathan to have his father speak of harming him.

He begged his father not to hurt him, and he said: "Please be kind to David; he has been good to you. He has fought your battles. He is a great, fine man, and he has done nothing for which he should be punished. He is pure and true."

Saul listened. How very, very sorry he felt that he had thought and spoken unkindly of David.

He bowed his head in thought, and after a few moments he said: "Jonathan, I am glad you have made me see how good David is. In your heart is a great love, and David shall not be harmed.

Quickly Jonathan called David and told him his father felt kindly toward him, and that he would not hurt him.

He took David to King Saul, and the king told David he was sorry he had been unkind. David was happy to know that King Saul was again his friend, and David and Jonathan were very glad.

—Bible Story

GIVE HIM ALL THE PRAISE

What can be done with a broken heart? Much, if it is placed in the proper hands. Everywhere about us today there are hearts shattered by unkindness, injustice, marital unfaithfulness, the prolonged illness of loved ones, and the mighty evils of war. It is not always easy to detect a broken heart, for many are hidden by conventionality, pride, natural reserve, shyness, or a brave determination to carry on. How few of us really know what agonizing thoughts trouble the minds of our friends, neighbors, fellow workers, and even our own loved ones in the hours of loneliness! "**The heart knoweth his** own bitterness" (Prov. 14: 10), and there are times when it cannot even be explained to another. But there is One who understands, for He came "to heal the broken-hearted . . . . to set at liberty them that are bruised," and He died of a broken heart. But He is the only one who can heal others, and in His pierced hands a broken heart is worth much more than a hard heart. In a recent book from England, "The Unknown God," by One Who Loves Him, is this striking sentence: "**God can do anything with a broken heart, provided He has all the pieces.**" There is the secret of healing. So a broken heart need not be the end of all, but the fallow ground of a blessed new beginning. Yes, He promises to give a new heart to those who believe on Him, but He cannot do that until He has the old one. When a man comes to the end of himself, sees his plans and hopes shattered, and squarely faces the awful potentialities of sin in his own heart, and turns in utter helplessness to God, then He can do something with him. For He has said, "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isa. 57: 15). And when the Lord Jesus read the Scripture in the synagogue at Nazareth, telling the people that He had come to heal the brokenhearted, He read from that passage in Isaiah where He promises to give unto them that mourn "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

—In S. S. Times

THY HAND

Oh Lord, I need a trusty hand,
To hold mine day by day;
A hand like thine, tender and strong
To lead me all the way.

I dare not trust myself alone,
For surely I could not stand;
To walk through the snares of this life
Without a loving, trusty hand.

Lead me, Lord, where'er thou wilt,
I do not know thy plan;
But thou cans't lead me all the way
With thy love and a trusty hand.

Often I need—consolation
When my burden too heavy has grown;
Then wilt thou send a trusty hand
To lead me through the gloom?

I need thee Lord—every day
And the clasp of a trusty hand;
To comfort, guide and lead me on
To the happy Promised Land.

Mrs. Delsie I. Waters,
Pinetown, N. C.